



Possible Options for Matching Cash Contributions for Connection Grants

[Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Connection Grant](#) (SSHRC CG) applications require demonstrating a minimum of **50% confirmed matching contributions** of the funds requested from SSHRC, which can be in the form of cash, in-kind, or both. Depending on the purpose of your project, here are some possible options to explore for matching cash contributions:

Check with your **Department Chair** (if relevant) and your **Faculty ADR/VDR** respectively to see if there is funding available in the department and/or faculty that can be used as cash matching contributions.

Check with relevant [research centres and institutes](#) within the university to see if they have funding available that can be used as cash matching contributions.

General Research Fund (Value: Up to \$5000, Deadline: Currently closed; Please check back in Fall 2025 for possible updates): Unspent SSHRC grants that can be used as bridge or matching funding. Applicants should work with their respective Associate/Vice Dean of Research (ADR/VDR) to submit a request to the Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation (OVPRI). See [Guidelines](#) and [Funding Principles](#). For questions, contact Leslie Parsad: parsad@ualberta.ca.

[Indigenous Engaged Research Grant Program](#) (Value: \$2000-\$6000; Deadlines: March 15/October 15): Funds may be requested for relationship building or for knowledge mobilization activities with Indigenous community partners. For questions, contact Leslie Parsad: parsad@ualberta.ca.

Killam Research Connection Grant Application (Value: Up to \$10,000; Deadline: Usually ongoing but currently closed; Expected to reopen April 2025): To bring together leading national and international scholars for the purposes of hosting an event to initiate a new research collaboration or further an existing one. See [program guidelines](#) and the [application form](#). For questions, contact Leslie Parsad: parsad@ualberta.ca.

[Kule Collaborative Outreach Grant](#) (Value: Up to \$5000, Deadline: June 1/October 1/February 1): To support knowledge mobilization activities at the University of Alberta that are connected with communities / organizations both at the university and beyond.

[Kule Dialogue Grants](#) (Value: Up to \$2,500, Deadline: Ongoing): To support knowledge mobilization activities that have the potential to build research capacity at the University of Alberta.

[Strategic Research Initiatives Fund](#) (SRIF) (Value: Up to \$1,000,000 of matching funding (Pool A), Deadlines: Jan 10, 2025/April 28, 2025/September 8, 2025): To support projects that align with [Forward with Purpose: A Strategic Plan for Research and Innovation 2023-2028](#) and enable researchers and the institution to engage with diverse external partners and communities. SRIF Pool A is for applications that leverage and/or match SRIF funding toward a new external grant application that requires a cash commitment from another source or where a cash commitment would make the external application more competitive. **There is no minimum SRIF ask for matching funds to the SRIF Pool A.** For questions, please contact Dr. Rachel Hirsch: rhirsch@ualberta.ca.

[Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund \(TLEF\) Innovation Projects](#) (Value: Up to \$25,000; Deadline: mid October): To support projects that focus on introducing and implementing new teaching and learning practices for U of A students, whether in-person, online, or through tools. To introduce new teaching methods and pedagogies to enhance learning. For more questions contact: excellence.awards@ualberta.ca

Cash contributions may also come from **sponsoring organizations beyond University of Alberta** such as the affiliated organizations of co-applicants, collaborators, or informal partners.