Presentation on Research, Partnership & Connection Grants

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Presentation Overview

- Key Characteristics of Partnership Grants (PG) & Partnership Development Grants (PDG)
- Overview of Insight Grants (IG)
- Overview of Insight Development Grants (IDG)
- Overview of Connection Grants (CG)
- Questions
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Partnership Grants

- Institution is the applicant
- Duration of 4 to 7 years
- Valued up to $2.5M
- Minimum 35% cash and in-kind contribution required from other sources (i.e., institution and partners)
- Two-stage application process
- PG LOI deadline is February 15

Partnership Development Grants

- Project Director is the applicant
- Duration of 1 to 3 years
- Valued between $75K and $200K
- No minimum contribution required from other sources
- One-stage application process
- PDG deadline is November 30
Key Characteristics

❖ Administering organization can be a Canadian university, college or non-profit organization.

❖ Requires a formal partnership.

❖ Partnerships may be academic-only or multisectoral.

❖ At least one post-secondary institution must be involved.
Key Characteristics

- **Individuals**: the project director, co-applicants or collaborators.

- **Organizations**: the applicant (PG-only) and as partners or supporting organizations.
Key Characteristics

Partnership Approaches:

- Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships
- Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding
- Networks for research and/or related activities
- Partnered knowledge mobilization
  - **PG Only**: Partnered research centres; Partnered Chairs; Partnered Research Training Initiatives
Key Characteristics

- SSHRC is committed to supporting and promoting research by and with Aboriginal Peoples: [Aboriginal Research Statement of Principles](#)

- A revised definition clarifies [Aboriginal Research](#)

- SSHRC has developed [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research](#)

- Research-creation proposals are eligible, and involve a slightly modified application form.

- [Salary Research Allowances](#) are available for Canadian not-for-profit organizations with a project director or co-applicant on the proposal.
Key Characteristics

- Multidisciplinary selection committees include expertise from the academic community, and from the public, private and non-profit sectors.

- Evaluation criteria include Challenge, Feasibility, and Capability.
## Competition Cycle

### Partnership Development Grants
- **August:** Application available
- **November 30th:** Application deadline
- **March:** Results announced
- Internal eligibility review conducted; Selection Committee(s) are formed; and Proposals are evaluated

### Partnership Grants (LOI)
- **August:** Application available
- **February 15th:** Application deadline
- **June:** Results announced

### Partnership Grants (Formal)
- **July:** Application available
- **November 1st:** Application deadline
- **April:** Results announced
Special Initiatives

- Some special initiatives that are offered through PG and PDG include the [Mitacs-Accelerate Internship program](#).
- CFI’s [John R. Evans Leaders Fund](#) is only offered through PG.
Insight Grants (IG) & Insight Development Grants (IDG)
Insight Grants - Objectives

- supports research
- provides opportunities for training future researchers
- contributes to advancement of theory / methodology
- supports disciplinary and multidisciplinary research activities
- promotes knowledge mobilization
Insight Grants - Features

- **Applicant:** Principal Investigator and / or a team
- **Duration:** 3 - 5 years
- **Value:** $7,000 - $400,000 (max $100,000 per year)
- **Funding:** No separate envelope for Emerging Scholars
- **One-stage application process**

**October 2017 at 8PM (ET)** Formal Application (check internal deadlines)
Multiple Applications

Applicants may NOT apply - as Principal Investigator - for an Insight Grant AND an Insight Development Grant within the same calendar year.

This means:

- A researcher who applied for an Insight Development Grant in February 2016 may not apply for an Insight Grant in October 2016.

- A researcher who applies for an Insight Grant in October 2016, may apply for an Insight Development Grant in February 2017, provided that the objectives of the research are significantly different.
Multiple Applications (cont’d)

Grant Retention:

- No limit to the number of applications on which a researcher may be listed as a co-applicant or collaborator.
- Only one grant of a particular type at a time as PI.

Re-application:

- If you have a grant, you may re-apply to the same funding opportunity in its final year (or in the extension year).

Please refer to SSHRC’s Regulations Regarding Multiple Applications for more information.
Subject Matter Eligibility

- SSHRC does **not** support research that is primarily health-related.

- For eligibility-related advice, applicants may send a summary (including the proposed objectives) to the IG mailbox.

For further information, see the Subject Matter Eligibility Guidelines.
# Committee Structure

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Committee Membership

- Expertise drawn primarily from the academic community, as well as the public, private, and/or not-for-profit sectors, as appropriate.

- Number of committee members is a function of number of applications received.
  - Members assigned an equitable and reasonable distribution of work.

- Representation in terms of:
  - university size
  - language
  - geographical region
  - gender
Adjudication Components

- **External Assessors**
  - 2 assessments per application, where possible
  - Suggested Assessors
  - Provide additional information to committee
  - Committee factors in their opinions as they judge appropriate

- **Committees**
  - 2 - 3 Readers
Evaluation Criteria & Scoring

**Challenge** (40%): Aim and importance of the endeavour

**Feasibility** (20%): The plan to achieve excellence

**Capability** (40%): The expertise to succeed
Insight Development Grants (IDG)

- Supports research in its initial stages by emerging and established scholars
- Enables development of new research questions, experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches, and ideas
- Established Scholars: Must clearly demonstrate how proposed research differs from previous research
- Does not support ongoing research by established scholars
IDG: Features

- **Co-applicants**: post-secondary scholars (can be international)
- **Duration**: 1 to 2 years
- **Value**: Up to $75,000
- **Funding**: Separate budgetary envelope for Emerging Scholars (minimum 50% of overall envelope)
- **Application process**: One-stage application
IDG: What’s new?

- Changes to the definition of Emerging Scholar
- Elimination of CCV for collaborators
- Disciplinary Committees
IDG Evaluation Criteria

**Challenge:**
The aim and importance of the endeavour (50%)

**Feasibility:**
The plan to achieve excellence (20%)

**Capability:**
The expertise to succeed (30%)
Multiple Applications and Re-applications

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- No limit to the number of applications as a co-applicant or collaborator.

- Grant holders may re-apply to the same funding opportunity in the final year of funding.

- Automatic one-year extension for all grants.
Connection Grants (CG)
Key Characteristics

- Support short term KM activities
- Maximum one year
- Two streams: Events and Outreach Activities
- 50% matching funds: Eligibility requirement
  - Cash or in-kind contribution
  - Letters of support
Events vs. Outreach Activities

- **Events**: $7,000 to $25,000
  - Short term activity (i.e. conference, workshop)
  - Completed within a week
  - Outcome of event

- **Outreach**: $7,000 to $50,000:
  - Longer in duration
  - Engage larger public
  - Speaker series, travelling exhibition, etc.
When to apply?

- Offered 4 times a year
- February 1st deadline: March 31st results
- May 1st deadline: June 30 results
- August 1st deadline: September 30th results
- November 1st deadline: January 8th results

- Dates and results impact your application and activities
Special Initiative

- Connecting for Canada’s 150\textsuperscript{th}
  - Outreach scholarly activities related to Canada’s 150\textsuperscript{th} anniversary
  - How project marks/celebrates Canada’s 150th
  - Potential benefits/outcomes related to this anniversary
  - Applications by February 1\textsuperscript{st} deadline
Useful Links

Guidelines
Open Access
Subject Matter Eligibility
Definition of Terms
Tools for Research
Regulations Regarding Multiple Applications

Insight Grants
Insight Development Grants
Partnership Development Grants
Partnership Grants
Connection Grants
Research Creation
Aboriginal Research
- Statement of Principles
- Guidelines for Merit Review

Joint Initiatives
Sports Participation Research Initiative
Genome Canada
Canadian Foundation for Innovation

Competition Statistics
Tri-Agency Financial Admin Guide

NOTE: To access the webpage, right-click and click ‘Open hyperlink’
Questions