Scholarship, Research and Creative Activities Growth Grants (SGGs)

Description

A $100,000 fund has been established by the Provost for the purpose of further supporting Scholarship, Research and Creative Activities (SRCA) at Sheridan. As in 2017/18, the 2018/19 fund provides for ten grants of up to $5,000 each, and a further five grants of up to $10,000 each. The process for overseeing the grants is the responsibility of an established subcommittee of the SRCA Senate Standing Committee.

The Scholarship, Research and Creative Activities Growth Grants (SGGs) provide awards which are granted on a competitive basis for projects involving scholarship, research or creative activities. Scholarly activities include but are not limited to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. The awards are intended to expand the scope of SRCA at Sheridan, providing opportunities for more Professors to pursue their scholarly, research and creative passions. Sheridan is committed to cultivating and supporting a differentiated SRCA culture, one which is inclusive, broad, and student-centric.

Eligibility

Sheridan professors (full time) and librarians (full time) may apply for SGGs through the submission of a proposal. Professors submitting multiple proposals and/or serving as a partner in multiple proposals must demonstrate differentiation and novelty between proposals. Professors without existing funded-research grants will receive priority consideration for funding in this pilot, as the goal is to encourage broad SRCA participation.

Guidelines for Funds

The Funds are intended to be used to support the activities in the manner that best suits the SRCA project. The funds could be used, for example, to cover the cost of a student to assist in the research; to cover the cost of specialized assistance (e.g. data analysis or survey design); to purchase equipment or software licenses, or to fund an exhibit. Sheridan is committed to supporting SRCA in many ways. The recipients and their Associate Deans are encouraged to discuss the scholarship, research and creative work that is to be undertaken, and to work together to find creative solutions for balancing SRCA over the course of the year.

New this year: Funds *may* now be used to cover travel directly related to the SRCA proposal.

Expenses related to travel for the purpose of dissemination of SRCA project outcomes (e.g. attending a conference) and preparing formal grant applications for externally-funded research are ineligible expenses. The funds are to be used for the SRCA activities themselves.

Proposal Guidelines

Proposals should be a maximum of 4 pages in length (single spaced, 12 point font, 1" margins) and include the following information:

1. **Project Description** (approximately 3 pages) including:

   - **Project Synopsis:** This should be a concise description of the project in a paragraph. Please note that this paragraph may be used in communication to the wider Sheridan community.

   - **Background Information:** Why is the work important? How is it innovative? What will the findings contribute to your field? Relate your project to the current state of knowledge in your discipline, and if appropriate, to any work currently in progress.

   - **Work Description:** What do you intend to do? State clearly what work you plan to undertake, including the objectives, their expected significance and their relation to longer term goals.

- **Methods:** How are you going to do the work? Outline your design and the methods to be used for data collection, analysis, and interpretation. For projects focused on creative activity please explain the specifics of the how the project will be carried out. Are there any internal or external partners in the SRCA activity?

- **Potential Impact:** What benefits would be gained by your research and/or creative activities?

- **Student Benefit:** Provide a clear statement of the direct, and/or indirect, benefit(s) that students will receive from your project.

- **References / Citations:** These should be included in the two page limit.

- **Existing Funded Research:** List the title and source of any existing funded research grants you currently hold.

2. **Budget:** (approximately 1/2 page) Funding will be available beginning in the Spring/Summer 2018 semester. Please ask for funds to the maximum value of the award you are applying for ($5,000 or $10,000), and provide a summary of how funds are to be used. *NOTE: Funds may not be carried forward to the next budget year.*

3. **Project Timeline:** (approximately 1/2 page) *NOTE: If your project involves human participants, please include appropriate time for submission to, and review by, the Sheridan Research Ethics Board (SREB) in your timeline.*

Review / Selection Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by the Sheridan SGG Review Panel (see below). Applicants should be aware that reviewers may not have detailed subject matter expertise. Final decisions will be made based on a review and ranking of the Proposal Guidelines above, and on the alignment of the proposal with the SCRA principles expressed herein.

The Review Panel will be looking to select a balanced set of scholarly, research and creative activities across a spectrum of areas ranging from disciplinary innovation, to the scholarship of teaching and learning, to interdisciplinary pursuits.

Reporting Requirement

Successful principal applicants will be asked to provide a 2 page report at the conclusion of the funded project. Successful applicants will be asked to participate in a symposium to share their work with the Sheridan community.

SGG Review Panel

The proposal Review Panel will consist of 5 Professors, the Special Advisor, SRCA, the Dean, Innovation and Engagement, the Dean, Undergraduate Research and the Director, Creative Campus Planning.

Timing

Proposals must be submitted electronically to srca@sheridancollege.ca by *January 24, 2018 at 5:00pm*. All applicants will be notified by February 26, 2018 and all grant recipients will be publicly announced March 1, 2018.

Workshop/Q&A Sessions

For those who would like further guidance on submitting a proposal drop in sessions will be held: *Thursday, December 14, 2017*, 10:00am to 11:30am, Institute for Creativity Boardroom, B220 **HMC,** and 2:00pm to 3:30pm, Scholars and Creators Hub, C104, Library, **Trafalgar**; *Friday, December 15, 2017*, 10:00am to 11:30am, H153, **Davis**.

SRCA Growth Grant information can be found on the Sheridan Journey site: http://jourSRCA Engagement meeting with CTLney.sheridancollege.ca/