

SSHRC Explore Grants

Description

Through our SSHRC Institutional Grant, Sheridan receives annual block funding to support research activities with modest budget requirements by faculty and students in the social sciences and humanities. SSHRC provides these funds to help Canadian postsecondary institutions strengthen research excellence in the social sciences and humanities, and starting in 2018/19, Sheridan will use these funds to offer SSHRC Explore Grants. There will be between one and three SSHRC Explore Grants of \$5,000 each available.

The application and adjudication process for SSHRC Explore Grants will run in parallel to the SRCA Growth Grant (SGG) process. SSHRC Explore Grants will have the same proposal guidelines and will be reviewed by the same established subcommittee of the SRCA Senate Standing Committee. **Eligible social science and humanities applicants will have their application considered in BOTH competitions and may receive funding from either funding pool, depending on the availability of funds. Applicants do NOT have to submit separate proposals.**

Eligibility

Full-time faculty are eligible to apply for a SSHRC Explore Grant provided the subject matter of the project is consistent with SSHRC's [mandate](#). Applicants submitting multiple proposals and/or serving as a partner in multiple proposals must demonstrate differentiation and novelty between proposals. Applicants without current research funding will receive priority consideration.

Guidelines for Funds

The funds are intended to be used to support the activities in the manner that best suits the 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); or to purchase equipment or software licenses. Funds may be used to cover travel directly related to the research activities. Expenses related to travel for the purpose of dissemination (e.g. attending a conference) and preparing external grant applications are ineligible. The recipients and their Associate Deans are encouraged to discuss the project and to work together to find creative solutions for balancing project activities over the course of the year.

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. **PLEASE INDICATE CLEARLY HOW THE SUBJECT MATTER OF YOUR APPLICATION IS CONSISTENT WITH SSHRC'S MANDATE.**
 - **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 three-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 prepare a budget for the full grant value of \$5,000 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) If your project involves human participants, please factor in adequate time for protocol development, review and approval.

Review / Selection Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by the Sheridan SGG Review Panel, which consists of five Professors, the Special Advisor, SRCA; Dean, Innovation and Engagement; Dean, Undergraduate Research; and the Director, Creative Campus Planning. 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, as well as the subject matter's alignment with the SSHRC mandate.

Reporting Requirements

As external research funds, SSHRC Explore Grants will be administered through the Sheridan Undergraduate Research Office. For projects involving human participants, funds will only be made available after REB approval is in place.

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

Timing

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