SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant Competition: Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories

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Program

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Description

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has launched a Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity to assess the state of research knowledge on the topic of "Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories" under SSHRC's Imagining Canada's Future initiative. SSHRC has partnered with Canadian Heritage, Genome Canada and UK Research and Innovation's Arts and Humanities Research Council to fund up to $1.2 million to synthesize knowledge on this theme.

The aim is to support research that will foster a deeper understanding of the state of knowledge about the global challenge of Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories. Successful applicants may explore topics such as loss of minority languages, traditions and historical narratives in an increasingly homogenized world.

This international funding opportunity will include two streams:

- Steam 1 will be reserved for applications submitted by an applicant or project director affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution.
- Stream 2 will be reserved for applications jointly submitted by two applicants or project directors, one based in Canada and the other in the UK, who are affiliated with eligible institutions in their respective countries.

The resulting syntheses will identify roles that the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors could play in promoting more inclusive and equitable societies and can inform the development of effective tools and technologies, robust policies and sustainable practices required to support the path toward a diverse and inclusive future for all.

Knowledge Synthesis Grants

Knowledge Synthesis Grants support researchers in producing knowledge synthesis reports and evidence briefs that:

- support the use of evidence in decision-making and the application of best practices; and
- assist in developing future research agendas.

Applicants must address the following three objectives in their proposals:

1. State of knowledge, strengths and gaps
   - critically assess the state of knowledge of the future challenge theme under consideration from a variety of sources, as appropriate;
   - identify knowledge strengths and gaps within the theme; and
   - acknowledge Indigenous knowledge systems and research methodologies when appropriate; and,
   - identify the most promising policies and practices related to the theme.
2. Research data
   - assess the quality, accuracy and rigor (i.e., methodological approaches) of current work in the field; and
   - identify strengths and gaps in the quantitative and qualitative data available.
3. Knowledge mobilization
   - engage cross-sectoral stakeholders (academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors) and/or First Nations, Inuit and Métis rights holders throughout the project to mobilize knowledge related to promising policies and practices; and
   - use effective knowledge mobilization methods to facilitate the sharing of research findings with cross-sectoral stakeholders and Indigenous rights holders.

Researchers can include international comparisons and case studies in their proposal but must show how the research has the potential to inform policy issues in Canada (Stream 1) or Canada and/or the UK (Stream 2).

This Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity is guided by the following questions:

1. Drawing on domestic, international and/or cross-sectoral evidence, what can researchers tell us about these issues?
2. How might the findings guide public policy, practice and research agendas for Canada (Stream 1) or Canada and/or the UK (Stream 2) in the immediate and long term?

Eligibility

Review eligibility criteria [2] related to subject matter, applicants and institutions.

Funding Availability

Stream 1: Up to 20 grants of up to C$30,000 per project may be awarded. Up to four grants may be funded by Genome Canada, and up to 16 by Canadian Heritage and SSHRC. For Genome Canada-funded awards, institutional collaboration with Genome Canada will be crucial to ensure a timely transfer of funds to the institution and award-holders.

Stream 2: Up to 20 grants may be awarded, of up to C$30,000 in total per project (~£17,528, subject to the Bank of Canada's exchange rate). Applicants should consult the current exchange rate before submitting their team's application. For projects selected for funding, each country's applicant or team will receive a grant from their respective country's funder for their portion of the project.

The international teams should include balanced budget requests for both portions of the project with their application, directed to SSHRC and UKRI-AHRC, respectively. Budgets cannot exceed a maximum 60/40-% split across the two agencies (e.g., C$18,000/£10,517 or £7,011/C$12,000).

The Canadian researchers' portion of the project will be funded by SSHRC based on the funding request they submitted through the itemized budget.

The UK researchers' portion of the project will be funded by UKRI-AHRC based on the funding request submitted through the itemized budget. Please note that all UK costs will be funded at 80% of the full economic cost (fEC). For further details on eligible costs, refer to the [AHRC Research Funding Guide](#) [3].

Maximum Project Value

Knowledge Synthesis Grants are valued at $30,000 for one year.

Indirect Costs

0%

Project Duration

One year.

Knowledge mobilization activities (i.e., conference presentations and outreach activities) can take place throughout the year. All synthesis reports and evidence briefs must be completed before the virtual forum.

Special Notes

By applying for this funding opportunity, successful applicants consent to SSHRC and its partners sharing the resulting synthesis reports and evidence briefs with other interested organizations and individuals. This does not in any way limit how researchers may otherwise

publish or use the results of their research.

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 4:30pm	PI to submit a signed OR-5 form along with a copy of the full application to: research.services@uoguelph.ca [4] Please select 'submit' on the SSHRC Portal on or before the internal deadline.
External Deadline	Thursday, December 14, 2023 - 8:00pm	Application will be submitted to SSHRC electronically by the Research Services Office through the SSHRC Portal.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the application form [5] in accordance with the accompanying instructions [6].

Information For Co-applicants

If you need to meet a deadline set by the lead institution for this opportunity, please ensure that you provide the Research Services Office with at least five days in advance of the lead institution's deadline to review the application, or your proposed component of the project. Please be in touch with the Research Services Office (research.services@uoguelph.ca) ahead of the deadline if it looks like it will be difficult for you to submit all the required documentation on time (i.e. budget, proposal, OR-5 Form).
For Questions, please contact
Contacting the Sponsor

Stream 1 and Stream 2—Canadian applicants

Email: KSG-SSC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca [7]
Toll-free: 1-855-275-2861

Stream 2—UK applicants
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