# SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants COVID-19 Special Initiative

Updated Information
The 'Eligibility' section has been updated with NEW information.

## Sponsor

Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

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## Description

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges globally. While much needed focus to date has been on developing and testing effective countermeasures to control the spread of the virus, examining the longer-term impacts of the pandemic—and the ensuing economic slowdown—on individuals, businesses and communities is just as important.

Social sciences and humanities research, including Indigenous research, both in disciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches, can help shed light on the nature of these impacts. It can also build knowledge on the potential strategies for managing recovery efforts, addressing inequalities in our societies, and building resilience to handle later waves of the pandemic as well as other emergencies.

Working in partnership with government, industry and not-for-profit organizations, researchers from across the social sciences and humanities can help provide the data, insight and evidence to guide action in the months and years to come.

There are a wide range of ways social sciences and humanities researchers can contribute: from highlighting the lessons of history, to probing individual and group behaviour, to exploring possible responses in policy and practice in all sectors.

SSHRC encourages projects in, but not limited to, the following themes:

- Understanding the differentiated social impacts of a pandemic, like COVID-19, using gender-based analysis, or by analyzing its political and economic effects at a regional, national or global scale.
- Designing and implementing effective and equitable recovery measures, such as fiscal

and monetary policies, supply chain management measures, and social protection and employment creation initiatives.
- Building longer-term resilience and disaster preparedness, for instance, by learning from Indigenous knowledge systems, developing new emergency, public communication and work environment plans, or by rethinking communal and pedagogical approaches, artistic models and rituals.

Through Partnership Engage Grants (PEG), the PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative provides short-term and timely support for small-scale, stakeholder-driven partnerships. It will allow researchers and their partners to address urgent and specific needs, challenges or opportunities through collaborations. It will also provide a unique opportunity to foster a knowledge exchange on COVID-19 crisis related issues, challenges and impacts between postsecondary researchers and different sectors of society, including graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel.

# Eligibility

PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative applications are subject to the general PEG eligibility requirements [2].

Due to the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, the following exceptions apply:

- organizations or associations that provide services to postsecondary institutions may be involved as a partner;
- researchers who have already submitted a PEG application in the current calendar year are eligible to apply for a PEG COVID-19 grant; and
- researchers can hold one PEG grant and multiple PEG COVID-19 grants simultaneously.

Researchers may only submit one application to either PEG or the PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative in the same competition (e.g., June 2020).

# Funding Availability

$7,000 to $25,000

Note: Salary research allowance - Co-applicants from eligible not-for-profit organizations may request a salary research allowance [3] to release them from duties to their organization.

# Indirect Costs

0%

# Project Duration

One year

# Special Notes

All applicants for SSHRC funding should consult the following guidelines while preparing their applications:

- For guidance on connecting with research users to create impact, see SSHRC's definition of knowledge mobilization [4] and Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization [5].
- Applicants should consult the Guidelines for Effective Research Training [6]. These guidelines may also be useful to reviewers, postsecondary institutions and partner organizations.
- SSHRC, in alignment with its Aboriginal Research Statement of Principles [7], welcomes applications involving Aboriginal research [8]. It also provides Guidelines for the Merit Review of Aboriginal Research [9].
- Applicants may include up to $7,000 of funding for research and research-related tools in any SSHRC grant application without specifically needing to refer to SSHRC's Guidelines for Support of Tools for Research and Related Activities [10]. Funding beyond $7,000 for research or research-related tools is not an eligible expense for the Partnership Engage Grants.

Please refer to the Office of Research COVID 19 web-page [11] for directives related to research activities at the University of Guelph.

# Deadlines

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

| Type | Date | Notes |
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| **Internal Deadline** | Monday, June 8, 2020 - 4:30pm | PI to submit OR-5 form along with a copy of the full application to: research.services@uoguelph.ca [12]<br><br>Please hit 'submit' on the SSHRC Portal on or before the internal deadline. |
| **External Deadline** | Monday, June 15, 2020 - | |

| Type | Date | Notes |
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| | 8:00pm | Application will be submitted to SSHRC electronically by the Office of Research Services. |
| **Internal Deadline** | Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - 4:30pm | PI to submit OR-5 form along with a copy of the full application to: research.services@uoguelph.ca [12] |
| | | Please hit 'submit' on the SSHRC Portal on or before the internal deadline. |
| **External Deadline** | Tuesday, September 15, 2020 - 8:00pm | Application will be submitted to SSHRC electronically by the Office of Research Services. |

## How to Apply

Applicants must complete the PEG application form, and follow the accompanying instructions, as outlined in the PEG funding opportunity description [13].

SSHRC will accept applications for the PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative for two deadlines (June and September). See the Deadlines for the internal and external due dates.

Special instructions for the application form:

- Insert the prefix "COVID-19" in the application title;
- under Keywords, include "COVID-19;" and
- under the "Goal and project description" section of the application, demonstrate that the proposed project pertains to related issues, challenges or impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

PEG COVID-19 Special Initiative applications are subject to the PEG evaluation criteria [14].

# 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 Office of Research 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 Office of Research at research.services@uoguelph.ca [12] 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
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