Welcome

SSHRC Workshop Series: Connections & Partnership Engage Grant

Fall 2021
AGENDA for Connections

Introductory Remarks: Carina Lang, CSAHS
Program Overview: Kristin Gibson, ORS
Panel: Marion Joppe, Lang School
Mervyn Horgan, CSAHS
Christina Smylitopoulos, COA
Q&A: Diane Dobbins & Sandra Sabatini (moderators)
Wrap Up
AGENDA for PEG

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   Belinda Leach, CSAHS
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SSHRC Connection Grants

Presented by Kristin Gibson

Office of Research Services
## Connection Grants: Events & Outreach

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Challenge: The aim and importance of the endeavor

Feasibility: The plan to achieve excellence

Capability: The expertise to succeed
## Evaluation Criteria Weighting by Opportunity (%)

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Challenge (40%) – The Aim & Importance of the Endeavour

- relevance of the proposal to the objectives of the Connection program;
- expected contribution to the preservation of, access to and/or mobilization of research knowledge;
- quality of the proposed project and appropriateness of the approach;
- quality and significance of the research being mobilized;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
- potential for the project results to have influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.
Feasibility (20%) – The Plan to Achieve Success

- Appropriateness of the proposed timeline and probability that the objectives will be met;
- Appropriateness of the requested budget and justification of proposed costs; and
- Indications of other planned resources including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from other sources.
Capability (40%) – The Expertise to Succeed

✓ quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published and/or creative outputs of the applicant / project director and any co-applicants relative to their roles in the event or activity and to the stage of their career;
✓ evidence of past knowledge mobilization activities (e.g., films, performances, commissioned reports, knowledge syntheses, experience in collaboration / other interactions with stakeholders, contributions to public debate and the media) and of impacts on professional practice, social services and policies, etc.; and
✓ quality and quantity of past contributions to the training and mentoring of students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel.
Application Checklist

- Event presenters – list up to 15 key presenters (if applicable)
- Letters of support from sponsoring organizations (mandatory)
- Summary of proposal (mandatory) — 1 page
- List of references or bibliography (mandatory) — 10 pages
- Expected outcomes (mandatory)
- Description of Connection project (mandatory) — 5 pages
- Training and mentoring (mandatory) — 1 page
- Research-creation support material (if applicable)
- Funds requested from SSHRC (mandatory)
- Budget justification (mandatory) — 2 pages
- Funds from other sources
- Impact assessment – Appendix A (if applicable)
- Exclusion of potential reviewers (if applicable)
- Research contributions and relevant experience (mandatory) — 5 pages
- Full SSHRC CV (mandatory)
Budget – Quick Tips for Success

- Clearly show how amounts were calculated
- Strongly relate to methodology in proposal
- Specifically outline support from other sources
- Justify the need for all cash requests
Committees may consider failing a project on the Feasibility criterion if they determine that 30% or more of the overall budget request is insufficiently justified and/or not appropriate to the proposed objectives or outcomes of the project.

**Things to Consider:**
- Align justification with budget categories
- HQP: hourly rates include benefits + vacation pay
- Training-related expenses should be >60% of budget

**Things to Avoid:**
- Ineligible costs
- Don’t pad or inflate costs
- Overhead or general administrative costs
- Math errors
- Hiring non-students (PDF) without clear justification
Imaging Canada’s Future: 16 Future Global Challenges, 2018 - 2021

1. Working in the Digital Economy
2. Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century
3. The Emerging Asocial Society
4. Shifting Dynamic of Privilege and Marginalization
5. Building Better Lives Across the Gender Spectrum
6. Inhabiting Challenging Environments
7. Balancing Risks and Benefits in the Emerging Surveillance Society
8. Humanity+
9. The Evolving Bio-Age
10. Living Within the Earth’s Carrying Capacity
11. The Pervasive Contamination of the “Natural”
12. Envisioning Governance Systems that Work
13. The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict
14. Truth Under Fire in a Post-Fact World
15. The Arts Transformed
16. Erosion of Culture and History
Through this initiative, SSHRC will fund at least 10 meritorious Connection Grant proposals per competition to support the social sciences and humanities research community develop and adopt research data management standards, tools and skills. Learn more about the Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative.
### SSHRC Connection Important Dates 2021-21

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*If the 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, the online application is open until the next business day at 8:00pm.*

By the Internal Deadline, submit a copy of your signed OR-5 to research.services@uoguelph.ca and click ‘submit’ on your application in the online system.
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Link: SSHRC Connection: 2021-2022 Competitions Research Alert
EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

1. Challenge—The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)
   a) Quality of training and mentoring
   b) Potential for the project results to have influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community

2. Feasibility—The plan to achieve excellence (30%)
   a) Justification of the requested budget
   b) Leveraging of cash and in-kind support from other sources

3. Capability—The expertise to succeed (30%)
   a) Past experience and outputs of the applicant(s)
   b) Evidence of past knowledge mobilization activities, training and mentoring
SSHRC Connection Grant

Mervyn Horgan, SOAN
Oct 6, 2021
mhorgan@uoguelph.ca
Overview

• Advance planning
• SSHRC portal
• Summary & Description
• Co-applicants/Collaborators/Presenters
• In-kind support
• Did I mention advance planning?
Advance planning

FAIL TO PREPARE......
Using SSHRC portal
Summary & Description

• Summary
  – punchy – foreground The Big Idea
  – Quick who & how – include other support
  – Why should anyone care?

• Project Description
  – Detail detail detail
  – Demonstrate extent of advance planning (1 Year)
  – Develop themes – connect explicitly to Big Idea
Co-applicants/Collaborators/Presenters

• Ask participants to write their own justifications (150 words)
  – Takes times to pull together
  – What they’re doing and why it’s important
  – TITLES

• Training & Mentoring
  – Student development
  – Mix senior/mid-/junior
  – Centre student opportunities - intergenerational
In-kind support (50%)

• Advance planning & detail

• Internal
  – College/Dept: relatively straightforward
  – Space / communications / technical /

• External
  – Can be very time-consuming
  – Other bureaucracies are always weirder
    • Layers and layers
    • Months of emails for what might be a small amount

In-kind letters can take a looooooong time
Advance planning

• Show some love for ORS & your College Research Office
  – internal reviews – College & ORS
  – Especially great on budget
  – More eyes are better

• Mitigates hair-pulling/baldness
SSHRC Connection

1. Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies: Wonder in the 18th Century (Co-Applicant w/Dr. Christina Ionescu, Mount Allison University) 2018/2019
2. Nexus for Innovation: Extended Practices for Art Collections (Sole Applicant) 2019
CSECS Annual Conference

- Value added events/projects
- Events tied to multiple communities/departments on campus
- Events were tied to our supporters’ mandates
Spaces of Wonder, Wonder of Space

*A Winner of the Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab American Book Prices Current Exhibition Catalogue Awards*
2-Day Interdisciplinary Workshop
- International delegates, local delegates, students, colleagues on campus

Ted-like talks (Youtube)
- Documented the talks, extending the impact

Collection of Essays (Open Access)
- Documenting the research, a topic that is normally experiential had a legacy
FUNDRAISING

• **Cash** and In-Kind
• Research potential funders on campus
• Tie your event to institutional/departmental goals
• Connect! through fundraising

SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants (PEG)

Presented by Kristin Gibson

Office of Research Services
October 6, 2021
# Overview

| **Partnership Engage Grants**  
**2021-22 Competitions** |  |
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- **Feasibility**: The plan to achieve excellence
- **Capability**: The expertise to succeed
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Challenge (60%) – The aim & importance of the endeavour

- the research’s relevance to needs, challenges and/or opportunities facing the partner organization;
- originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge and, more specifically, to the partner organization;
- appropriateness of the literature review;
- appropriateness of the methods and theoretical approach;
- quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute; and
- potential for the project results to have influence and impact within the partner organization and beyond.
Feasibility (20%) – The plan to achieve excellence

✓ probability that the objectives will be met within the timeline proposed;
✓ involvement of the partner organization in the design and conduct of the research and/or related activities;
✓ appropriateness of the requested budget and justification of proposed costs;
✓ indications of other planned resources, including leveraging of cash and in-kind support from the host institution and/or from the partner organization; and
✓ quality and appropriateness of the knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and engagement with the partner organization and other stakeholders within and/or beyond the research community.
Capability (20%) – The expertise to succeed

- quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published and/or creative outputs of the applicant and any co-applicants relative to their roles in the partnership and to the stage of their career;
- evidence of other knowledge mobilization activities (e.g., films, performances, commissioned reports, knowledge syntheses, experience in collaboration / other interactions with stakeholders, contributions to public debate and the media) and of impacts on professional practice, social services and policies, etc.; and
- evidence of past contributions to the training and mentoring of students, postdoctoral researchers and highly qualified personnel.
Application Checklist

- Invited partner organizations (mandatory)
- Summary of proposal (mandatory) — 1 page
- List of references or bibliography (mandatory) — 5 pages
- Expected outcomes (mandatory)
- Goal and project description (mandatory) — 5 pages
- Research-creation support material (if applicable)
- Funds requested from SSHRC (mandatory)
- Budget justification (mandatory) - 2 pages
- Funds from other sources
- Total project cost
- Impact assessment – Appendix A (if applicable)
- Exclusion of potential reviewers (if applicable)
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Budget – Quick Tips for Success

- Clearly show how amounts were calculated
- Strongly relate to methodology in proposal
- Specifically outline support from other sources
- Justify the need for all cash requests
Committee members take into account the quality of your overall financial planning, your justification of the proposed expenditures, and the institutional and partner organization funding that you have secured.

**Things to Consider:**
- Align justification with budget categories by using headings and following the same order
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**Things to Avoid:**
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Joint Initiatives

SSHRC collaborates with organizations from across the not-for-profit, private and public sectors to support and promote training, research and connection activities in the social sciences and humanities. SSHRC’s joint initiatives are designed to reflect its strategic objectives and mandate, inform decision-makers, and, in certain cases, address specific needs of its partners.

Learn more about joint initiatives.

For a complete list of available joint initiatives, consult SSHRC’s funding search tool.
SSHRC invites all applicants to review *Imagining Canada's Future’s* 16 future global challenges and to consider addressing one or more of these areas in their research proposal. This is not an evaluation criterion for merit review and does not offer additional or dedicated research funds for this funding opportunity.
### SSHRC PEG
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Partnership Engage
Grants
Insights from adjudication

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Key aspects of PEGs

• Small, agile, timely
  • Focus, focus, focus
  • Clear objectives and outcomes
  • Lay out scope of activities clearly
  • Innovation and experimentation

• Reciprocal benefits
  • Evidence of real partner engagement
  • Convincing benefits to partner
    • sufficient resources for partner
  • Clear research questions:
    • what new knowledge will result?

• Future possibilities: can this develop or scale up?

  Keep it simple, but make it memorable and compelling!
Kim Martin,

History

DIYversity

Project
Tips for PEG Application

Belinda Leach
Sociology and Anthropology

- Identify your partner carefully
- Start the process early – roles and expectations
- Balance scholarly and partner objectives
- Plan to do lots of the work