

Tri-Agencies Research Funding

A Guide from The Centre for Research & Innovation

Who are the Tri-Agencies?

The Tri-Agencies is the umbrella term for the Canadian government's research funding agencies: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).



NSERC is the federal agency responsible for funding technical, scientific, and engineering work, focused on:

- Encouraging scientific and technical breakthroughs
- Promoting commercialization of new products
- Accelerating adaptation and adoption of new technologies

NSERC provides funding for short- and long-term projects, as well as for research tools and institutional supports.



SSHRC is the federal research funding agency for social and cultural research, focused on:

- Building knowledge and understanding about people, cultures, and societies
- Ensuring a better future for Canada and the world
- Training the next generation of creative thinkers

SSHRC provides funding for individuals and research teams, as well as for knowledge dissemination activities.



CIHR is the federal funding agency for health research, focused on

- Improving health
- Creating more effective health services
- Strengthening the Canadian health care system

CIHR provides funding for early career, mid-career, and senior researchers, as well as for initiatives in priority areas—pressing health issues that are of strategic importance to our country.

For more information about the Tri-Agencies, their mandates, and how you can take advantage of the funding they offer, please contact the Centre for Research and Innovation at research@fanshawec.ca!

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An Overview

The Programs

Reflecting their different missions and mandates, each agency funds research in its own way, through a unique set of funding programs.

NSERC Funding for Individuals

- Applied Research & Development Grants (1-3 years)
- College & Community Social Innovation Fund (1-3 years)



NSERC Funding for Institutions

- Mobilize Grants (5 years)
- Applied Research Tools and Instruments Grants (1 year)
- Technology Access Centre Grants (5 years)

SSHRC Funding for Research

- Insight Development Grants (1-2 years)
- Insight Grants (2-5 years)
- Partnership Engage Grants (1 year)
- Partnership Development Grants (1-3 years)
- Partnership Grants (4-7 years)



SSHRC Funding for Dissemination

- Connection Grants (1 year)

SSHRC-Administered Funds

- New Frontiers in Research Fund
 - Exploration Grants
 - Transformation Grants
 - International Grants

Regular CIHR Research Funding

- Project Grants
 - Early career researchers
 - Mid-career and senior researchers
- Foundation Grants (7 years)
 - Mid-career and senior researchers



CIHR IRSC

Special CIHR Research Funding

- Catalyst Grants (1 year)
- Operating Grants (2-5 years)
- Priority Area Initiatives
- Institute-specific Funding

If you have an idea for research, the Centre for Research and Innovation can help you:

- Find funding for your idea
- Contact partners and collaborators
- Secure supporting contributions
- Develop your project plan
- Draft and submit your application
- Manage your research

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