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ICF IDEAS LAB: GLOBAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



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What is an Ideas Lab?

- Ideas Labs are **interactive workshops** designed to stimulate innovative and interdisciplinary research leading to creative solutions for pressing global challenges.
- Ideas Labs (sometimes called “sandpits”) have been organised by research and funding agencies throughout Europe and the United States. The first SSHRC Ideas Lab took place in 2021.
- By bringing together researchers from different disciplines and institutions, Ideas Labs support the creation of **new research collaborations** that transcend disciplinary silos. Participants are empowered to explore new approaches to research and the resulting projects are **innovative and ambitious**.

ICF Ideas Lab: An Overview

- Opportunity funded by SSHRC, the Public Health Agency of Canada and Genome Canada
- The ICF Ideas Lab framework:
 - Stage 1: Hybrid Workshop (3 days in-person and 4 days virtual)
 - Stage 2: Funding opportunity
 - Stage 3: Project development
- **35 Canadian researchers** from a variety of disciplines will be selected to come together in a hybrid workshop to develop ground-breaking project ideas with the potential to inform policies and programs addressing the needs of diverse sectors.
- Up to **5 grants of up to \$250,000** will be awarded to teams for the purpose of developing the projects conceived at the workshop.

ICF Ideas Lab Goals

This pilot project has three principal objectives:

- Promoting **new, interdisciplinary** research collaborations
- Supporting **innovative** research
- Encouraging research that addresses **societal needs**

Topic: Global Health and Wellness in the 21st Century

- Participants will explore the theme of “**Global Health and Wellness for the 21st century**,” one of the [16 global challenges](#) identified through SSHRC’s ICF initiative
- Across national, provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous jurisdictions, citizens have felt the impacts of a health system in crisis. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the world was experiencing rapid changes in the health and wellness sector. Growing demands from an aging population, important technological drivers and climate change are among key forces that were, and still are, requiring transformation.
- Resulting projects will help inform policy and decision-making across the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors to support a healthy, equitable and just Canadian society.
- Subject matter experts will act as **peer mentors** and **guest speakers**

Stage 1: Workshop

- The ICF Ideas Lab workshop will take place over a three-week period in August 2023, and will involve both in-person and virtual sessions. Participants will be expected to attend all facilitated workshop activities, and may also be required to take part in individual and group work outside of workshop hours.
- The in-person component will take place in Ottawa on August 14, 15 & 16. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for workshop participants.
- There will be a virtual orientation on August 10, and the virtual portion of the workshop is scheduled for August 28, 29 & 31.
- Workshop is open to **all researchers from all disciplines** who are affiliated with a SSHRC-eligible Canadian institution (including Indigenous not-for-profits)
- By the end of the virtual workshop, participants will have come together to form interdisciplinary research teams and will have developed a preliminary project proposal.

Stage 1: Workshop



Stages 2 & 3

Stage 2: Funding

- After receiving feedback at the workshop, all teams will be invited to apply for funding
- Teams will have up to 11 weeks to develop and submit written applications, including work plans and budgets
- Grants will be awarded following SSHRC merit review process

Stage 3: Project Development

- Successful teams will have **two years** to advance research projects
- Working forum will be held during the two-year funding period to reunite workshop participants, peer mentors and SSHRC staff. Funded teams will provide updates and will also have opportunities to discuss challenges with each other and the peer mentors. Information about next steps and potential funding opportunities will also be provided.

Peer Mentors & Merit Reviewers

Peer Mentors:

- **Five subject matter experts** from different sectors and disciplines to be appointed as **Peer Mentors**
- Peer mentors will assist with the selection of workshop participants.
- They will attend workshop activities and offer advice and feedback on emerging project ideas. They will also be invited to attend the working forum after funding has been awarded to continue to provide support to successful research teams.

Merit Reviewers:

- Additional subject matter experts (who did not participate in the workshop) will assess the applications for funding.

Merit Review Process: Stage 1A

Stage 1A: Selection of Workshop Participants

- Peer mentors identify meritorious applications
- Administrative review by SSHRC for final selection (if more than 35 applicants deemed meritorious)

Evaluation Criteria:

- Research and interdisciplinarity (20%)
- Collaborations and partnerships (20%)
- Knowledge mobilization and communication (20%)
- Innovation and creativity (20%)
- Overall potential to contribute to workshop (20%)

Merit Review Process: Stage 1A

Criteria	Sub-criteria
Research and interdisciplinarity (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevance of research expertise for workshop theme; and • evidence of interdisciplinary research and/or other multi- or interdisciplinary activities
Collaborations and partnerships (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • experience working as part of a research team, and/or experience with co-design, co-creation and co-production of research and research-related activities; and • experience with partnerships and collaborations in other professional activities involving academic and/or cross-sectoral stakeholders
Knowledge mobilization and communication (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrated experience communicating with non-specialists; and • evidence of 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)
Innovation and creativity (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evidence of highly original and forward-thinking research; and • demonstration of creativity in research and other academic activities
Overall potential to contribute to workshop (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrated interest in the workshop theme • demonstrated interest in the co-creation process of innovative and interdisciplinary research; • explanation as to how the ICF Ideas Lab workshop will contribute to research goals and benefit professional development; and • overall ability to contribute to the workshop's stated objectives

Stage 1B: Workshop Pitches

Stage 1B: Workshop Projects

- Research teams present project ideas to panel of all five peer mentors on last day of workshop
- Teams will be required to demonstrate how their project ideas meet the ICF Ideas Lab objectives
- Teams will also identify their principal investigator at this time (who must be a social sciences or humanities researcher) and will provide the committee with short biographies of all team members.

Evaluation Criteria (to guide feedback from reviewers)

- Innovation
- Interdisciplinarity
- Societal relevance
- Feasibility
- Capability

Merit Review Process: Stage 2

Stage 2: Grant applications:

- Each team will appoint a Principal Investigator at the workshop, who will lead the proposal
- Subject matter experts will adjudicate on formal project proposals
- Up to 5 projects will be selected to receive funding

Evaluation Criteria:

- Challenge—The aim and importance of the endeavour (50%)
- Feasibility—The plan to achieve excellence (25%)
- Capability – The expertise to succeed (25%)

Important Dates

Date	Description
May 25, 2023 (8 p.m. EDT)	Stage 1: Workshop Application Deadline*
July 14, 2023	Stage 1: Workshop applicants notified of results
August 10, 2023	Stage 1: Virtual Orientation Session
August 14, 15 & 16	Stage 1: In-person workshop (Ottawa)
August 28, 29 & 31	Stage 1: Virtual workshop
November 22, 2023	Stage 2: Funding Application Deadline
March 2024	Stage 2: Applicants notified of results
March 2024	First installment of funds
March 2025	Second installment of funds
Spring or Fall 2025 (TBC)	Working Forum
April 2026	End of program & submission of achievement reports

How to Apply

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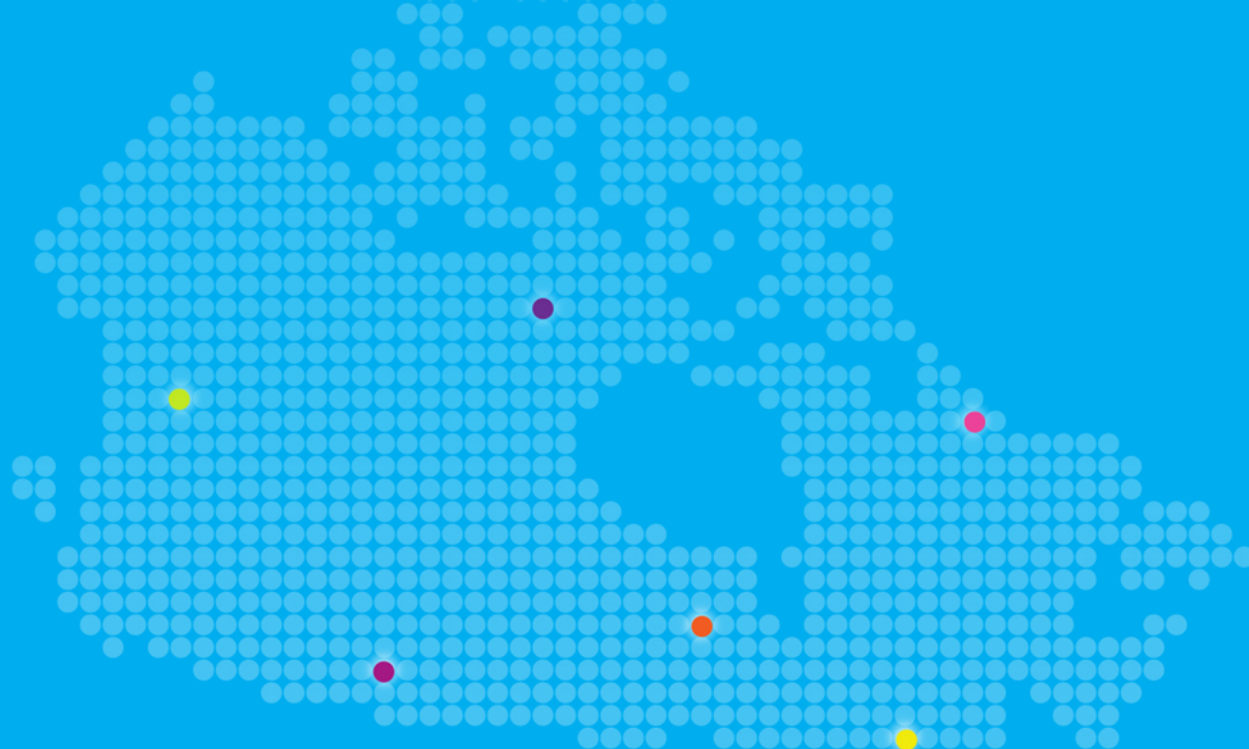
Funding Opportunities



How to Apply

- Applicants must complete the application in accordance with the funding opportunity and online instructions.
- Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer, or equivalent, from the applicant's institution, or by a representative of the not-for-profit organization who has financial signing authority and is not participating in the project.
- **Deadline to apply for Stage 1: Workshop is May 25, 2023**
- To apply:
 - Complete applicant eligibility profile
 - Submit a letter of interest
 - Submit a CV

[INSTRUCTIONS](#)



Questions?

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For more information:

[ICF Ideas Lab webpage](#)

[Funding opportunity: ICF Ideas Lab](#)

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