

Good morning everyone,

The 2021 SSHRC IG information session will begin shortly. For this session, could you please:

- Mute your microphones 🕺
- Reserve questions for the two Q&A portions of the session.
 During Q&As, questions can be asked by:
 - posting them to the "chat"
 - raising your hand by pressing this icon on your screen: After you are acknowledged, then you can turn your microphone on in order to ask a question.

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SSHRC 2021 INSIGHT GRANT



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Agenda

- Insight Grant overview and UT stats
- Eligibility
- Adjudication Committee
- Professor Simon Stern IG adjudication process and proposal tips
- 1st Q&A
- Budget
- General Tips
- Resources
- Submission / Deadlines
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Insight Grant in brief

- Most flexible SSHRC funding opportunity: short or long-term for any subject under SSHRC's mandate
- \$7,000 to \$400,000 over 2, 3, 4 or 5 years, maximum annual budget of \$100,000
- Applicants/Co-Applicants/Collaborators
 - Applicants can be emerging or established scholars
 - Applicants and Co-applicants: main affiliation with Canadian postsecondary institution (int'l co-applicants not allowed)
 - Collaborators do not need this main affiliation
- Evaluation criteria and scoring (for full criteria/sub-criteria, see <u>IG webpage</u>):
 - Challenge 40% (relevance, originality, theoretical framework, methodology, lit review, training, impact)
 - Feasibility 20% (budget, timeline, expertise of applicant/team, KM plan)
 - Capability 40% (past experience in research, KM, training & mentoring, impact on professional practices and policies)



Insight Grant in brief cont'd

	2018		20	19	2020	
	UofT	national	UofT	national	UofT	national
Number of Eligible Applications	137 (of 140)	1365	141 (of 141)	1425	119 (of 119)	1213
Number of Awards	Number of Awards 78		78	580	70	637
Success Rate	56.90%	45.30%	55.30%	40.70%	58.8%	52.5%
Total Amount Requested	\$22,034,828	\$240,476,585	\$24,491,355	\$263,695,102	\$20,740,358	\$224,744,976
Total Amount Awarded	\$9,851,208	\$89,677,557	\$11,924,780	\$91,683,104	\$10,752,570	\$104,001,032
Average Request	\$160,838	\$176,173	\$173,698	\$185,049	\$174,289	\$185,280
Average Grant	\$126,298	\$144,875	\$152,882	\$158,074	\$153,608	\$163,267





Insight Grant in brief cont'd

Funding streams

- A: \$7,000 \$100,000
- B: \$100,001 \$400,000*

*At UofT:

2018 competition

69 stream A applications, 44 successful (64%) – 50.9% nat'l

71 stream B applications, 34 successful (48%) – 41.7% nat'l 2019 Competition

70 stream A applications, 39 successful (56%) - 45.5% nat'l

71 stream B applications, 39 successful (55%) – 37.2% nat'l 2020 Competition

53 stream A applications, 31 successful (58%) 66 stream B applications, 39 successful (59%)



IG	IDG
Potentially large-scale initiatives that are more aligned with past research contributions	Short term projects, early stage research, clearly delimited
Challenge = 40%, Feasibility = 20%, Capability = 40%	Challenge = 50%, Feasibility = 20%, Capability = 30%
2-5 years, \$7000 - \$400,000	1-2 years, \$7000 - \$75,000
Int'l co-applicants not allowed	Int'l co-applicants allowed
No reserved funding envelope for Emerging or Established scholars, but Stream A has higher targeted success rate.	50% of funding envelope reserved for Emerging scholars
Applications assessed by both SSHRC IG adjudication committee members and external assessors	Single-stage IDG adjudication committee review (no external assessors)
CV requirement for IG application: SSHRC CV (as part of the SSHRC application site)	CV requirement for IDG application: Canadian Common CV



Eligibility

- Eligibility to be the Applicant (SSHRC) must have a formal affiliation with SSHRC-eligible Canadian postsecondary institution (primary affiliation cannot be with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution)
- Eligibility to be PI (UofT)
 - Faculty
 - My Research Applications (MRA)
 - Access to MRA for Status Only or Retired/Emeritus
 - Exceptional cases (Teaching Stream, Librarians 3 or 4)
 - Postdoctoral fellows and PhD candidates in final year
 - Apply directly to SSHRC (see "Administering Organization" section of <u>IG application instructions</u> for more)
 - Must hold appropriate affiliation within 5 months of the start date of the grant (i.e., by Sept. 1, 2022)
- Co-applicant same eligibility rules as the Applicant
- Collaborator no required affiliation (IG funds cannot be used for Collab research costs)



Eligibility cont'd

- If you applied (as main applicant) for the 2021 IDG and were *unsuccessful*, then you may apply for the 2021 IG (but not if your 2021 IDG was successful).
- If you apply for the IG in Oct 2021, then you can also apply for IDG in Feb 2022, but objectives must be significantly different.
- Current IG holders: Can submit if you currently hold an IG award, but only if in final year (that is, the year in which you received your final grant instalment (usually the year before your final automatic extension year))



Eligibility cont'd

- <u>Subject matter</u> Applications must meet two criteria:
 - 1. The proposed research or related activities must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (i.e., aligned with SSHRC's <u>legislated mandate</u>).
 - 2. The intended outcome of the research must primarily be to add to our understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups and societies—what we think, how we live, and how we interact with each other and the world around us.
 - If your application is Health- or Psychology-related check <u>guidelines</u>, speak to SSHRC IG program staff (<u>insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca</u>)
 - Projects whose primary objective is curriculum development, program evaluation, preparation of teaching materials, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection, or creation of a database are not eligible for funding
- Joint initiatives
 - Sport Participation Research Initiative (SPRI)
 - Department of National Defence (DNDRI)



Adjudication Committee

- Applicants select their preferred adjudication committee (choose the committee that is most appropriate based on subject/discipline) – see <u>here</u> for past adjudication committees
- Multi/interdisciplinary evaluation: if you select this, you must complete a one-page justification (explaining how your research will integrate elements (eg, theories, methodologies) from two or more disciplines)
- <u>Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee</u>: intended for applications proposing research across disciplines/subject areas related to two or more of (1) social sciences & humanities, (2) natural sciences and engineering, and (3) health and wellness (subject matter still needs to fall under <u>SSHRC's mandate</u>). Will be composed of peer reviewers active in interdisciplinary research who will be recruited in response to the applications that are submitted, using its own <u>Evaluation Criteria</u> (select "Committee 24" and complete one-page justification)
- Indigenous Research: if your proposal falls under <u>SSHRC's definition</u> of Indigenous Research, then your proposal can be identified as such, and would be adjudicated under SSHRC's <u>Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research</u>
- <u>Research-Creation</u>: please see SSHRC's <u>definition</u> of Research Creation (an approach to research that combines creative and academic research practices, where "creation" is situated within research with a resultant creative/artistic work). If your proposal aligns with SSHRC's definition, then you can denote this (and, if appropriate, you could choose to have your proposal adjudicated by a Fine Arts-Research Creation committee).



Adjudication Committee

Past IG Literature adjudication committee – example of diverse research interests

Chair: Literary and cultural history of the long 18th century in Britain, narrative studies, gender and sexuality theory

Member 1: Victorian literature and culture, the history of media and technology, sound studies, contemporary American poetry, and Canadian poetry

Member 2: 19th century literature, Literature and Anthropology, French literature

Member 3: Old English, Middle English, Renaissance Literature, History of the Book

Member 4: AI/Robotics and literature, Modern/Postmodern novel *Member 5:* 19th and 20th century French literature, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Québec and francophone literatures

Member 6: Romanticism, 18th and 19th century literature and visual culture, history of museums and collections

Adjudication Committee

Past IG Multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary social sciences adjudication committee – example of diverse research interests

- **Chair:** language variation and change, linguistic heterogeneity, varieties of English
- *Member 1:* social and political implications of new media, global communications, media and crime, and Arab media and politics
- *Member 2:* attention and memory, auditory and visual perception, psychology and sport
- *Member 3:* intellectual property, health law, and bioethics
- *Member 4:* surveillance studies, smart cities and ubiquitous computing, urban studies, literature and film
- *Member 5:* resilience and psychosocial stressors, family caregiving for persons with Dementia or recovering from stroke, disaster response and high risk populations
- *Member 6:* Canadian and American foreign policy, Latin American and Caribbean politics with an emphasis on Cuba, and international relations



Adjudication Process

Professor Simon Stern

- Full Professor, Faculty of Law and the Department of English
- 2018 SSHRC IG awardee
- 2020 SSHRC IG adjudication committee member



SSHRC Insight Reader Evaluation Forms



Challenge – The aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)								
Sub-criteria (No specific weighting assigned to each sub-criterion)		Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory- Good	Good- Very Good	Very Good- Excellent			
Originality, significance and expected contribution to knowledge								
Appropriateness of the literature review								
Appropriateness of the theoretical approach or framework								
Appropriateness of the methods/approach								
Quality of training and mentoring to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute								
Potential for the project results to have influence and impact within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community								

Comments (Describe the proposal's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the above sub-criteria):

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Feasibility – The plan to achieve excellence (20%)

Sub-criteria (No specific weighting assigned to each sub-criterion)	N/A	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory- Good	Good- Very Good	Very Good- Excellent
Appropriateness of the proposed timeline, and probability that the objectives will be met					
Expertise of the applicant or team in relation to the proposed research					
Appropriateness of the requested budget, justification of proposed costs, and, where applicable, other cash and/or in-kind contributions					
Quality and appropriateness of knowledge mobilization plans, including effective dissemination, exchange and engagement with stakeholders within and/or beyond the research community, where applicable					

Comments (Describe the proposal's strengths and weaknesses in relation to the above sub-criteria):

Capability – The expertise to succeed (40%)

In your evaluation, address the following criteria while considering the applicant's and team member(s)' **stage of career, institution size and any special circumstances or career interruptions.** In the case of a research team, evaluate the strength and suitability of each team member's research achievements **(do not include collaborators).**

Sub-criteria (No specific weight assigned to each sub-criterion)	N/A	Unsatisfactory	Satisfactory- Good	Good- Very Good	Very Good- Excellent
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 project and to the stages 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 media), and impacts on professional practice, social services and policies etc.					
Quality and quantity of past contributions to the development of training and mentoring of students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel					

- Budget
- Open Access
- Reasons why (potentially) good proposals have been declined





Q&A #1



Impacts of COVID-19

IG application instructions (<u>https://www.sshrc-</u> <u>crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/instructions/index-</u> <u>eng.aspx?fid=ig_instr</u>) describe where one may (if appropriate) speak to the possible impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the proposed research project, and also on how the pandemic has had an effect on the applicant's previous or current research activities.

SSHRC notes that this is not a mandatory part of the application.



Impacts of COVID-19

1. In the "Detailed Description" document

From the IG instructions: "Contingency plans related to the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on your research project may be described in this section, if appropriate. This is not mandatory, but it may assist the merit review committee in assessing the feasibility of your proposal if your research plans are significantly disrupted (e.g., if international travel is not possible)."

2. In the "Career Interruptions and Special Circumstances" section of the "Research Contributions" document

Again from the IG instructions: "Career interruptions occur when researchers are taken away from their research work for an extended period of time for health, administrative, family or other reasons, or reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In these cases . . . explain the interruption(s) and ask that an overall total of six years of research activity be considered by the adjudicating committee.

Special circumstances involve slowdowns in research productivity created by health (and/or disability-related), administrative, family, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, COVID-19 or other reasons (i.e., the researcher was not completely taken away from research work).



Impacts of COVID-19

So not a mandatory part of the 2021 IG application, but...

A message last year from a SSHRC Senior Program Officer:

"Given the current COVID-19 situation, I suspect a committee will likely be looking critically at whether what is being proposed is feasible within the current context and whether any ongoing research remains incomplete."

...so referring to the pandemic within the context of either contingency plans for your proposed IG project or career interruptions or slowdowns in research should be considered if appropriate for your proposal.*

*But just to be the devil's advocate, a former committee member suggested that if a proposal is excellent, then the potential (negative) impact of the pandemic on the proposed project would not have a great impact on its chances of being funded.



Budget

- Minimum essential funding
 - Committee may recommend cuts if budget is deemed insufficiently justified or not appropriate
 - at 30% may fail on Feasibility
 - at 50% must fail on Feasibility
 - know the typical budgets in your field, unrealistically high or low budgets will lower score
 - ➢ justify all costs (HOW and WHY)
 - be consistent with proposal description
 - budget for any one year cannot exceed \$100,000
 - do not include ineligible expenses
 - e.g. remuneration & travel for guest speakers and presenters, overhead, payments to Applicant/Co-Apps/Collabs.
 - Upon initial review, if 30% or more of budget is ineligible, then application will not reach committee
 - Research expenses for collaborators
 - avoid red flags!



Budget

In 2020 IG competition:

- For UofT applicants, 70 applications out of 119 were funded
- Of those 70 funded applications, 30 were fully funded (42.8%)

	Stream A	Stream B
# of funded applications	31	39
Total amount requested for funded applications	\$2,609,519	\$9,398,924
Total amount awarded for funded applications	\$2,393,638	\$8,358,932
Avg grant requested for funded applications	\$84,178	\$240,998
Avg grant awarded for funded applications	\$77,214	\$214,222
Avg budget reduction for funded applications	\$6 <i>,</i> 964	\$26,776
# of FULLY funded applications	13 (41.9%)	17 (43.5%)
Avg budget reduction (for grants not fully funded)	\$11,993	\$47,272
Amount of smallest budget cut	\$1,500 (or 1.5% of proposed budget)	\$2,100 (or 1.3% of proposed budget)
Amount of largest budget cut	\$34,776 (or 35% of proposed budget)	\$154,754 (or 40% of proposed budget)



3 questions that should be answered for each item in one's budget:

How much? How did you calculate this cost? Why is this expense essential?

The budget is split into two sections:

- 1. Funds requested from SSHRC (i.e., the budget table)
- This section is just for the numbers (i.e., How much?)
- The budget for any one year cannot exceed \$100,000
- 2. Budget Justification document (max 2 pages)
- Should be organized by budget category (i.e., categories listed in the "Funds requested from SSHRC" budget table)
- Show HOW an expense was calculated and WHY it's necessary for the project
 - HOW: Don't make the reviewers do math, indicate how the # was calculated
 - WHY: link justification to your methodology account for every dollar, justifications should align with the project description and other parts of application



Applicants should consult the <u>Tri-Agency Guide on Financial</u> <u>Administration</u> (Part 2: Use of Grant Funds), particularly the <u>4 basic</u> <u>principles</u> that govern the appropriate use of grant funds, as grant expenditures must:

- contribute to the <u>direct costs</u> of the research/activities for which the funds will be awarded, with benefits directly attributable to the grant [so the grantrelated purpose for an expense must be clear, and it should be essential to the project]
- not be provided by the administering institution to their <u>research personnel</u>
- be effective and economical
- not result in <u>personal gain</u> for members of the research team

Additionally, any institutional policies would apply (like those detailed in the <u>UofT Guide to Financial Management (e.g., per diem rates</u>)).



Personnel costs

- Undergrad, masters and doctoral students: ask your business officer for rates of pay, indicate that hourly rates include benefits and vacation pay
- Explain tasks students will do and why that level is needed (essential presence of students for successful completion of project)
- Stipends may be used for grad students justify
- Costs of research assistants or associates who are not students must be fully justified in terms of the needs of the research





Personnel costs cont'd

- Postdocs: must be well justified (e.g., why couldn't a graduate student be employed for the same research activities?)
 - If a postdoc is a co-applicant or collaborator, they cannot be paid from the grant, and they would have to establish a formal affiliation to remain as a co-applicant on the grant if the proposal is successful
 - Duration of engagement of PDFs is dictated by UofT institutional policy (no longer by the Tri-Agency). Please see the <u>UofT SGS website</u> and the official <u>UofT Governing Council</u> <u>guidelines</u>
- Technical services or consultants: eligible only if you can demonstrate that expert advice is needed and contribute directly to the proposed research. Consulting fees cannot be paid to anyone whose status would make them eligible to apply for a SSHRC grant.



Travel costs

- The budget table has one section for "Travel and subsistence costs", but instructions ask that you use separate sections in the "Budget Justification" document to distinguish between travel for research vs travel for communication purposes (e.g., conference travel)
- Use <u>institutional per diems</u> (new as of Jan 2020: \$80/day in Canada, \$100/day USA/international)
- Use economy airline rates
- Justify multiple visits to one destination
- For conference travel: give dates if known, briefly justify why that particular conference
- If for student travel: explain benefits to students, relate to your Student Training section



- Tools
 - Between \$7,000 and \$100,000 for expenses related to development of a tool that is not "routine" and "typical" such as a survey or questionnaire
 - <u>https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-</u> <u>financement/policies-</u> <u>politiques/support_tools_soutien_outils-eng.aspx</u>
- Costs of holding a workshop or seminar, the activities of which relate directly to the funded research
 - ➢ no conference organization



- Open Access costs? Try to be specific (no blanket costs)
- Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications
 - For SSHRC, applies to peer-reviewed journal publications
 - <u>http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=F6765465-1</u> –
 "The cost of publishing in open access journals is an eligible expense under the [Tri-Agency] Use of Grant Funds"
 - <u>https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/copyright/funding-policy-cihr-nserc-and-sshrc</u>
- Data Management
 - Address collection, preservation and sharing of data
 - <u>http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/about-au_sujet/policies-politiques/statements-enonces/edata-donnees_electroniques-eng.aspx</u> "Costs associated with preparing research data for deposit are considered eligible expenses in SSHRC research grant programs"
 - https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/researchdata



Budget Tips

Budget Do's

- Budget should strongly relate to methodology in proposal
- Explain HOW amounts are calculated and WHY they are necessary
 - Follow institutional guidelines for student compensation (BO) and per diems (\$80 domestic, \$100 international)
 - Indicate hourly compensation (includes benefits and vacation pay)
 - Explain tasks students will do and why that level (undergraduate, Masters, PhD or postdoc) is appropriate
 - Justify use of stipends
 - Budget justification should mesh with other application sections (Detailed Description, Student Training & KM plan)



Budget Tips

- Budget Don'ts
 - Don't include ineligible items see the updated Tri-Agency guide: <u>https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp</u>
 - Only direct costs for the research being proposed No overhead or general administrative costs
 - No compensation-based costs for Research Team members (Applicant, Co-Applicants, Collaborators)
 - No costs for conference organization or travel/remuneration for presenters or guest speakers (but workshops are eligible if related to project objectives)
 - Primary project objective cannot be curriculum development, program evaluation, preparation of teaching materials, organization of a conference or workshop, digitization of a collection, or creation of a database
 - No research expenses for Collaborators (but travel and subsistence related expenses for KM events or research team meetings with PI are fine)
 - Don't pad or inflate costs
 - Avoid:
 - Math errors
 - Multiple trips to one destination without justification
 - Hiring non-students without a clear justification
 - "Premature" expenses that could be a red flag (e.g., dissemination costs in Year 1 without proper justification)





Writing your proposal

- Demonstrate how this new research builds upon past work
- Follow all instructions (e.g., headings for "Detailed Description" section)
- Attachments: comply with formatting specs and ensure correct version is attached (don't be disqualified for omitting mandatory section)
- Read guidelines on student training, Knowledge Mobilization
- Text boxes: use preview to ensure text is visible/legible
- Have proposal read by colleagues
- Avoid typos and math errors proof and polish!
- Have co-applicants complete CV and "Research Contributions" doc as early as possible
- Suggested Reviewers section: don't drain the pool, offer direction
- Write with committee/assessors in mind: address evaluation criteria thoroughly
- Write for a multi-disciplinary committee (i.e, Academic audience/peers, but not necessarily specialists in your field)
 - Define all terms, do not assume anything is obvious

Tips from previous committee members:

- Provide sufficient detail to allow *informed* assessment by committee members
- Coherence: connect goals of new or continuing projects with past/ongoing research
- Be explicit as to whether or not the research is new, emerging, or a continuation
- Take time to address/define your outcomes (traditional/activities/community partnerships)
- 'Educate' the committee persuasive in demonstrating a range of research goals and objectives
- Have your grant proposal read by colleagues who have had successful applications
- Present a challenging topic (originality)- but novelty alone not enough, why important?
- Convey and inspire confidence, and clearly establish the need for the research and funds
- Strike a balance between ambition and realism

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- If you are an emerging scholar, discuss why you can do the proposed project
- Plan, organize and monitor your project well
- Methodology (specific in describing data, resources and procedures: who, what, where, how?)
- Write the proposal for the project that you want to do, not for the kind of project that you think (or were told) has a better chance of being funded.



UofT Resources

Department/Division

- Business officer (compensation, travel, supplies costs)
- Grant writing support (peer review, archived applications, internal deadlines)
- Dept/Divisional Research Facilitator (for proposal development/editorial services)

Guide to Financial Management: <u>http://www.finance.utoronto.ca/gtfm.htm</u>

UofT travel policies and per diems

UofT Centre for Research & Innovation Support (CRIS) : <u>https://cris.utoronto.ca/</u>

• Central Research & Innovation hub (partnership between VPRI, UTL and ITS)

UofT Libraries

http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/triagencyopenaccesspolicy

- Advice on compliance with Open Access Policy, publication <u>https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/researchdata</u>
- Advice on data management, DMPs

https://utsc.library.utoronto.ca/librarians

- List of UTSC Library Liaisons to assist with OA pubs and DMPs <u>https://library.utm.utoronto.ca/scholarly-communications</u>
- UTM library info for help with OA pubs and DMPs



UofT Resources

Research Services Office

- Website: <u>https://research.utoronto.ca/funding-opportunities/db/insight-grants</u>
- Tip-sheet at the above website
- Research Services SSHRC team
 - Sarah Scott, Research Funding Manager (<u>sja.scott@utoronto.ca</u>)
 - Mark Bold, Research Funding Officer (<u>mark.bold@utoronto.ca</u>) – main RSO contact for IG

MRA

- Login: <u>http://aws.utoronto.ca/services/my-research-mr/</u>
- Technical help and access: <u>raise@utoronto.ca</u> or 416-946-5000



SSHRC Resources

• SSHRC IG funding opportunity description, link to application and application instructions

http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programsprogrammes/insight grants-subventions savoir-eng.aspx

- Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA) <u>https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp</u>
- SSHRC program staff (funding opportunity questions) <u>insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca</u> or 613-996-6976
- Technical support for Application Form and CV <u>webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca</u> or 613-995-4273



SSHRC Resources

SSHRC Insight Grants webinar

English language version: Thursday, August 19, 2021, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (<u>Webex link</u>)

French language version: Friday, August 20, 2021, 1 pm – 2:30 pm (<u>Webex link</u>)

For a list of upcoming SSHRC webinars, visit: <u>https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/webinars-</u> webinaires/index-eng.aspx



Submitting your application/Deadlines

- Complete a My Research Applications (MRA) record
 - <u>http://aws.utoronto.ca/services/my-research-mr/</u>
 - Upload draft proposal, firm budget amount
 - Due at Research Services by noon on Wednesday, Sept
 22, 2021
 - > Check with your department for their internal deadline
- Submit SSHRC application online
 - <u>https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=</u> <u>en_CA</u>
 - Internal deadline for online submission through SSHRC website is 9 am on Tuesday, Sept 28, 2021



Remember the Oct 2019 IG deadline?



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- SSHRC's final deadline was Tuesday, Oct 15, but UofT internal deadline for applications to be submitted to SSHRC site was Thursday, Oct 10
- No issues if application was submitted by UofT internal deadline
- For those that tried to submit Oct 14 or 15: *days* of timeouts, delays, multiple extensions from SSHRC, anxiety, and wasted hours

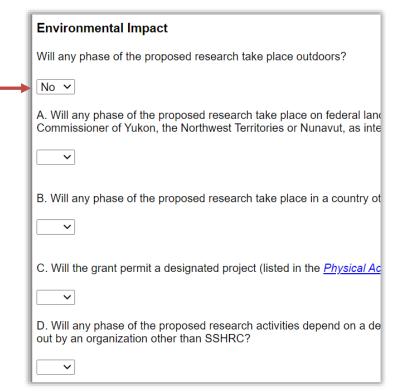


Small tip

In the IG application, in the section called "Research Activity", there is a sub-section concerning "Environmental Impact"

If you answer "No" to the first question ("Will any phase of the proposed research take place outdoors?"), then you are not required to answer questions A, B, C and D below that, so just leave them blank.

Many applicants answer "No" to the first question, but then (believing they have to answer A-D) answer "Yes" to question B ("Will any phase of the proposed research take place in a country other than Canada?"). But this is only relevant if you answer "Yes" to the first question.



If you answer "No" to the first question, but you also choose to answer questions A-D, and you answer "Yes" to (for example) question B, then you won't be able to submit the application until you complete and upload the Environmental Impact form (but if you answered "No" to the first question, then the form is not relevant to your proposal)



KEEP CALM AND

JUSTIFY EVERYTHING

(and follow the IG application instructions)



