

# Carleton University Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Explore Research Development Grants (RDG) (CU-SSHRC Explore RDG) Guidelines

## DESCRIPTION

### **Purpose:**

The Carleton University (CU) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Explore Research Development Grants (RDG) provides modest support to arts, humanities and social sciences researchers AHSS):

- To re-apply to the next SSHRC Insight Grants (IG) or Insight Development Grants (IDG) after an unsuccessful decision in this same competition
- To bridge-fund their programs of research, including graduate students, until the competition results of the next cycle.

**Source:** SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG) and Office of the Vice-President (Research, Innovation, and International) (OVPRII)

**Value:** Maximum award is \$10,000

**Duration:** 12 months maximum (no extensions)

## DEADLINES

**IG CU-SSHRC Explore:** May 29, 2026

**IDG CU-SSHRC Explore:** June 30, 2026

### **Notes:**

- The cuResearch Approval Form must be fully approved by all signing authorities by the application deadline date.
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted
- Ineligible costs will be debited from the amount requested
- Proposals related to ineligible [subject matter](#) will not be accepted
- Applicants may only apply to one of the CU Research Development Grants (RDG) streams: NSE RDG, SSHRC Explore or Health RDG (if offered) per annum.

### **Post-Award Requirements:** (*See full Terms and Conditions*)

- Submit an application to the next competition cycle (IG/IDG);
- Work with a faculty research facilitator towards the development of a competitive application during the award period, respecting internal and OVPRII deadlines; and
- Complete an achievement report within six months of the end date of the grant.
- Transfers of funds to other institutions are not permitted.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

### **Applicants:**

- Faculty member whose contractual duties include research AND hold a tenured or tenure-track appointment at Carleton.
- Have worked with a Faculty Research Facilitator in the last (IG/IDG) competition cycle and received an unsuccessful result
- Intend to re-submit to resubmit to the same program in the next competition cycle.
- Previous recipients of a cu-RDG must wait 3 years after the completion of their grant term and have submitted the corresponding [final report](#) prior to being eligible to apply again.

## **BUDGET**

- **Expenses must be eligible under [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#) and the [Research Expense Guidelines](#), and Carleton University policies, and can include but are not limited to the following:**
  - Stipends to students and postdoctoral fellows
  - Salaries of technical and professional staff
  - Materials, supplies and services
  - Small equipment (i.e. computers) cannot account for more than 1\3 of the total budget
  - Research travel (e.g. field work)
- **Expenses that are NOT eligible include, but are not limited to the following:**
  - **Knowledge mobilization/dissemination activities** (in compliance with SIG requirements)
  - Collection or preparation of material primarily intended for personal classroom needs or teaching purposes
  - Professional development activities
  - Large equipment and renovations
  - Teaching Release
  - Technology transfer costs (e.g. patent filing)
  - Alcoholic beverages

## **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Applications will be evaluated based on the following four criteria:

- **Capability—The expertise to succeed (30%)**
  - Ranking of application within SSHRC's sextile ranking system
  - 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 their career stage
  - Evidence of other 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 of impacts on professional practice, social services and policies, etc.; and
  - Quality and quantity of past contributions to the [development of training and mentoring of students, postdoctoral researchers and other highly qualified personnel](#).
- **Budget (40%)**
  - The degree to which the requested budget is reasonable, adequately justified, and appropriately allocated to meet the basic and essential needs of the research program, given its limited value.

- **Quality of training and mentoring (HQP) (30%)**
  - [Quality of training and mentoring](#) to be provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and opportunities for them to contribute within the time limits and amount provided of this short-term funding; and
  - Extent to which equity, diversity and inclusion considerations are integrated into the planned HQP training

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Download and complete the CU-SSHRC Explore RDG application form
2. Save the application form with the following attachments in a SINGLE pdf file using the naming convention Pllastname.Plfirstname\_cuExploreRDG.pdf:
  - **CV:** CV must include currently active and applied for research grants, publications, student supervisions and, if possible, the record of knowledge translation activities.
  - **Optional - References** (one (1) page max)
3. Login to the [cuResearch](#)
4. Create and complete all fields of the Approval Form. Sponsor information is included below:
  - Start Date: July 1, 2026
  - End Date: June 30, 2027
  - Agency abbreviation: CORIS
  - Program: SSHRC Explore
  - Disbursement: amount requested
5. Attachments Tab: Upload your application package
6. Submit

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