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# Partnership Engage Grants (PEG)

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# Land Acknowledgement

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I would like to begin by acknowledging that SSHRC is situated on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. As we are meeting in a virtual environment, we also acknowledge, from coast to coast to coast, the ancestral and unceded territory of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples that call this land home.





# Webinar Agenda

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- PEG Objectives and Key Features
- Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative
- Participants
- Evaluation
- Partnerships Toolkit and Official Languages
- Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern
- FAQs

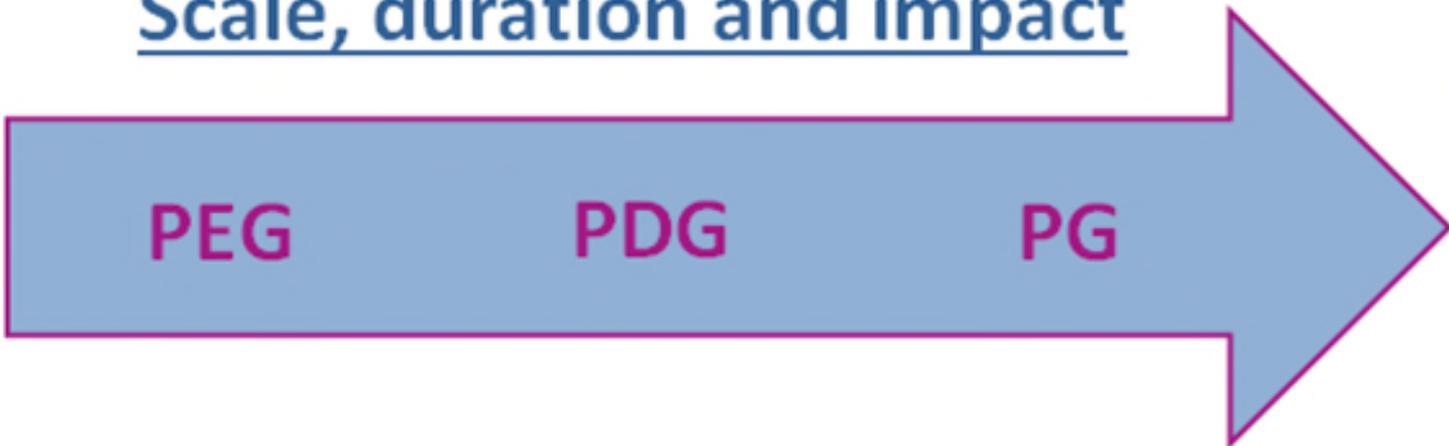




# Fit within SSHRC's partnership suite

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## Scale, duration and impact





# Objectives

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- The purpose is to respond quickly to the immediate needs, challenges and opportunities of non-academic organizations.
- The partner organization can be public, private, or not-for-profit.
- A short-term, small-scale **research** partnership between an academic researcher and a non-academic partner organization.
  - Cannot only be for knowledge mobilization.





# Key Features

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- Valued between \$7K and \$25K over one year
- Four competitions per year:
  - March 15
  - June 15
  - September 15
  - December 15
- Quick turnaround from application deadline to results
- Simplified partner invitation process





# Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

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- As of 2023, SSHRC applicants to Partnership Engage Grants, Partnership Development Grants, Partnership Grants – Stage 2, and Insight Grants can simultaneously apply for [Mitacs Accelerate](#) internships.
- Mitacs Accelerate supports research internships between students and postdoctoral researchers and Canadian non-academic organizations (i.e., for-profit corporations, eligible not-for-profit corporations, municipalities, and hospitals). Each internship is cost-shared by Mitacs and the organization hosting the internship(s).





# Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

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Main advantages of pursuing this joint initiative:

- Strengthen training and mentoring plans;
- Access additional funding for student and postdoctoral researchers;
- Reinforce engagement with partners and stakeholders; and,
- Develop skills and qualifications of students and postdoctoral researchers.





# Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

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- To participate in this joint initiative, applicants must select “Mitacs Accelerate” from the joint initiative drop-down list in the SSHRC PEG application form and submit a completed Accelerate application form to Mitacs within one week of the PEG deadline.
- Applicants will also be asked to provide summary information in their PEG application about the proposed internship(s).
- The SSHRC merit review committee will consider the associated Mitacs internships as part of the application’s overall training and mentoring plans, but they will not be evaluating the Accelerate applications.





# Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

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- Mitacs will conduct an internal merit review of Accelerate applications, taking into consideration the SSHRC merit review committee's evaluation of the PEG application.
- When the PEG application is unsuccessful but still recommended for funding by the merit review committee, the applicant retains the option of pursuing funding for the Accelerate internships, so long as they can demonstrate value and feasibility without the associated SSHRC project funding.
- To access the Accelerate application form, contact a [Mitacs Advisor](#), noting that you intend to apply through this joint initiative.





# Participants on PEG applications

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## People on the research team

- **Applicant:** Applicants must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that holds [institutional eligibility](#).
- **Co-applicant:** eligible if from Canadian postsecondary institutions or other Canadian institutions such as not-for-profit organizations, philanthropic foundations, think tanks, or municipal, territorial or provincial governments; and international postsecondary institutions
- **Collaborator:** any individual who makes a significant contribution to the project is eligible, including those not eligible as co-applicants (e.g., participants from private for-profit sector, federal government, independent researchers)





# Organizations - Partner

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- **Only one** Canadian or international organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector can be involved as a partner organization.
- Postsecondary institutions and scholarly associations are not eligible as partner organizations.
- We would like to highlight that industry partners are eligible and welcome to participate as a partner organization.





# Organizations - Partner

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- The partner organization:
  - Actively participates in the partnership and contributes in a meaningful way to the success of the endeavor;
  - Supports the activities of the formal partnership by sharing in intellectual leadership or providing expertise;
  - Provides cash and/or in-kind contributions; and
  - Submits a letter of engagement outlining its role and support for the project.
- The partner organization must be at arm's length (independent) from the academic institution and the applicant.





# Organizations - Contributor

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- **Contributor:** Any organization that makes cash and/or in-kind contributions and supports the project but is not actively involved in its activities. Contributions from these organizations are listed in the “Funds from Other Sources” section of the application.
  - Contributing organizations do not provide a letter of support; only a letter from the partner organization will be accepted.





## Electronic submission process and acknowledgement of receipt of applications

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- SSHRC will acknowledge receipt of your electronic application form and will assign you an application number. Cite this number in all correspondence with us.
- **Applications remain available for download via the SSHRC online system for 30 days after the deadline**, after which they are deleted.
- Draft applications not accessed during a period of 12 months will be deleted.





# Evaluation criteria

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- **Challenge (60%):** relevance of research to partner; originality/significance/expected contribution; lit review, theory, methods; training; and impact.
- **Feasibility (20%):** probability of success; involvement of partner; budget and contributions; and KMb.
- **Capability (20%):** past experience (e.g., publications, KMb activities, training, etc.).



# Feedback

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<b>Scores</b>	Yes
<b>Sextile category</b>	Yes
<b>Ranking</b>	Yes, if funded
<b>Descriptors</b>	Yes, if unsuccessful and discussed
<b>Additional comments</b>	Yes, if applicable
<b>External reports</b>	No





# Partnership Toolkit

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- Recently updated with resources and tips from past Partnership Grant project directors and coordinators
- The [Partnership Toolkit](#) includes:
  - tips for applicants
  - tips for managing partnerships
  - resources such as webpages, documents, tools, reports, briefs, newsletters, videos
  - frequently asked questions
  - brief videos with project directors
- **SSHRC website: About SSHRC → Partnerships → Tool-Kit**





# Official Languages

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SSHRC is committed to the equitable treatment of all applications submitted to the agency in either official language. SSHRC supports Canada's official languages and Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs) by ensuring that:

- applications can be submitted to SSHRC in either official language;
- program officers provide service to research community members in the official language of the community member's choice;
- there is balanced representation of both official language communities in the merit review process; and
- merit assessment can be carried out in both languages.





# Official Languages

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For program performance, SSHRC measures application and award rates, in line with Tri-Agency measures on equitable access to funding opportunities for designated groups.

These figures have remained relatively stable for applications made in French and English over the past 10 years, with variations depending on the program





# STRAC POLICY *NEW*

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- On January 16, 2024, the Government of Canada announced the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](#) (STRAC Policy).
- The policy operates using two lists that must be used in conjunction — a list of [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](#) (STRA) and a list of [Named Research Organizations](#) (NRO).
- Grant applications that involve conducting research and related activities that aim to advance a sensitive technology research area will not be funded if any of the researchers involved in activities supported by the grant are affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support from, a university, research institute or laboratory connected to military, national defence or state security entities that could pose a risk to Canada's national security.





# STRAC POLICY **NEW**

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- In the application form, applicants will be asked if the proposed research grant aims to advance a STRA. **If not, no further action is required.**
- If so, applicants and other named roles (i.e., co-directors, co-applicants and collaborators) must complete attestation forms, available through a link in the application form, to certify they are not currently affiliated with an NRO.
- Those with named roles must provide the completed attestation forms to the applicant, who must save them as a single PDF and upload it to the STRAC Attestation module of the application form.





# STRAC POLICY *NEW*

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- For applications aiming to advance a STRA, the inclusion of completed attestation forms is an eligibility issue. However, whether an application aims to advance a STRA or not will **not** affect merit review.
- If an application aiming to advance a STRA is successful, any post-award additions of participants with named roles will require completed attestation forms.
- Grantees must also inform SSHRC if the nature of their research evolves such that activities supported by the grant would aim to advance a STRA. Grant recipients cannot proceed with these new research activities until the appropriate granting agency's approval has been obtained.
- For further guidance and FAQs: [Tri-agency guidance on the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC Policy\) - Research security \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)





# FAQs

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- Is my project eligible? Your project must involve research activities in the social sciences and/or humanities and there must be a non-academic partner organization.

Some important guidelines for subject matter eligibility at SSHRC include:

- [SSHRC's Subject Matter Eligibility Guidelines](#)
- [Tri-Agency Guidelines on Selecting the Appropriate Funding Agency](#)





# FAQs

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- Is my partner eligible? The partner organization can be Canadian or international, but it must come from a non-academic sector (i.e., not a postsecondary institution nor any organizations or associations affiliated with them).
  - Industry partners are welcome.
- Am I eligible to apply? You must be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution.





# FAQs

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- Are students eligible to apply? **No.**
- If a researcher and a partner have worked together in the past, are they still eligible? **Yes, PEG supports new and existing partnerships.**
- Are events or outreach activities eligible? **Not on their own; there must be a strong research component within each project.**





# FAQs

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- Can I submit a PEG application and an application to another SSHRC funding opportunity at the same time? **Yes, provided that they are for distinct projects.**
- Can I hold a PEG and another SSHRC grant at the same time? **Yes, for distinct projects.**
- How many PEG applications can I submit as the applicant in a calendar year? **One.**
- Can I submit a PEG application if I hold a PEG award from a previous calendar year? **Only after the end date on your NOA has passed.**





# FAQs

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- Can a partner organization be involved in more than one PEG application? **Yes, given that the applications are not addressing the same research question(s).**
- Is there a minimum expected contribution from the partner organization? **No dollar minimum, but a contribution of some kind is expected and can be described in the letter of engagement.**
- Can the contributions be in cash or in-kind? **Yes, either or both are acceptable.**





# FAQs

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- Can other organizations, besides the partner, make contributions to the project? **Yes.** The applicant can enter these contributions in the “Funds from Other Sources” module in the application form.
- Can I add the potential funding from the Mitacs joint initiative as a contribution in my PEG application? **No.**
- Does PEG have an automatic one-year extension? **Yes.**





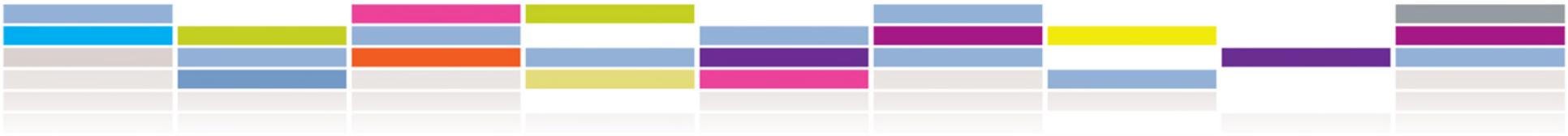
# FAQs

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- When will the results be announced for each competition? **9-10 weeks after each application deadline.**
- How will PEG applications be adjudicated? **Through a competitive process that involves one or more multidisciplinary committees.**



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