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SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants

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SSHRC Mandate and Programs

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SSHRC's overarching funding programs are:

Research Training
and Talent
Development
Program;

Insight Research
Program;

Research
Partnerships
Program.

**PEG proposals must
meet the objectives
of the Research
Partnerships
program.**

Partnership Suite

Funding Opportunity	Grant type	Adjudication	Partnership eligibility	Value	Duration
Partnership Engage Grants	Individual	One stage	Formal partnership with a single partner from the public, private or not-for-profit sectors	\$7K to \$25K	1 year
Partnership Development Grants	Individual	One stage	Formal partnership	\$75K to \$200K	1 to 3 years
Partnership Grants	Institutional	Two stages	Formal partnership	\$500K to \$2.5M	4 to 7 years

PEG Objectives and Key Features

OBJECTIVES



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



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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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).

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

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



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.

Submitting an application

Participants: People on the research team

Applicant

- Applicants must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that holds institutional eligibility.

Co-applicants

- Individuals are eligible to be co-applicants if they are formally affiliated with any of the following:
- Canadian: eligible postsecondary institution; not-for-profit organization; philanthropic foundation; think tank; or municipal, territorial or provincial government.
- International: postsecondary institution.

Collaborators

- 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

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

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

- 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



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.

Subject Matter Eligibility



Ensure that subject matter eligibility is aligned with SSHRC's mandate



The program of research must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities (i.e., aligned with the SSHRC [legislated mandate](#)) and;



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.



The use of social science or humanities theories, methodologies and hypotheses is, in and of itself, not sufficient to make the proposal eligible at SSHRC.

Subject Matter Eligibility (cont'd)

- **Subject Matter Related to Health**

- Research primarily intended to improve health, produce more effective health services and products and/or strengthen the health care system in Canada or internationally (e.g., research concerning the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of a condition, the evaluation of the effectiveness of health programs, the development of health management systems, etc.) **is not eligible for consideration at SSHRC.**
- Research involving clinical trials, with a health research orientation, is not eligible for SSHRC support.
- **Research that is eligible under the mandate of CIHR will not be considered by SSHRC.**

Subject Matter Eligibility Resources

Please review the following resources when preparing your application

- [Selecting the Appropriate Funding Agency](#)
- [SSHRC Subject Matter Eligibility](#)

Accessibility in programs and services at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Raising research community awareness of accessibility services

Methods of communication

Types of adaptive measures

New procedure of requesting an adaptive measure via a form

For more details, please consult this webpage launched in 2023 and updated in 2025

If you have questions about accessibility, please send us an email to accessibility-accessibilite@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

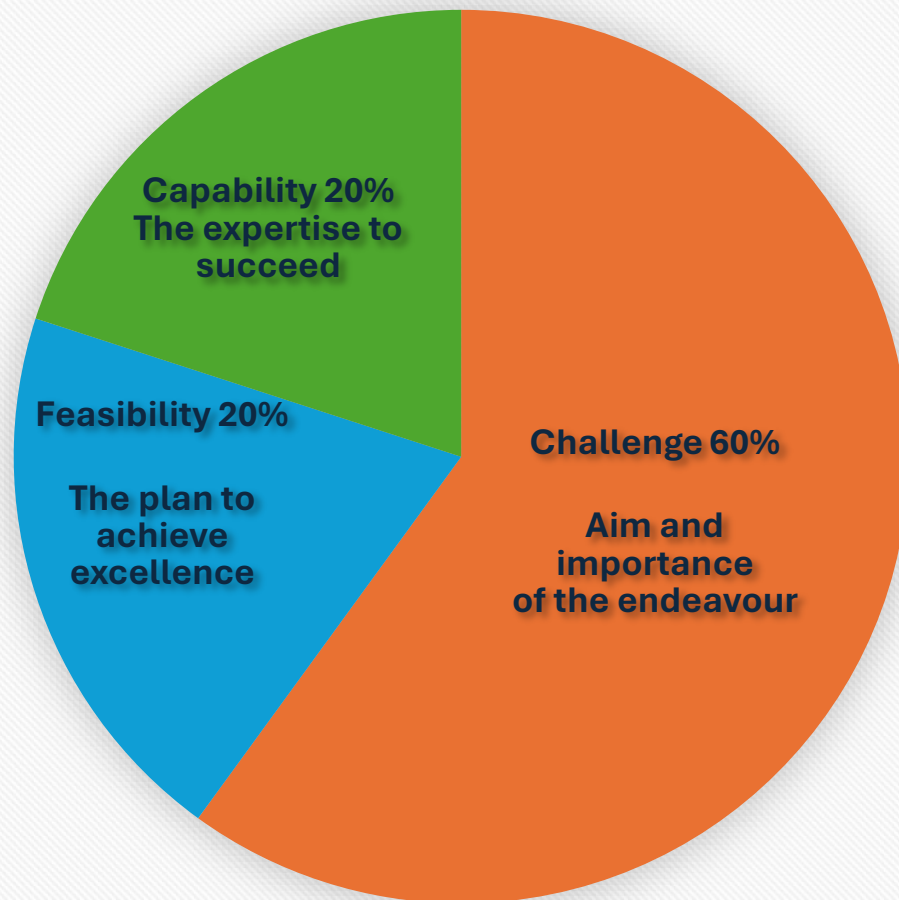


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Evaluation criteria



Feedback

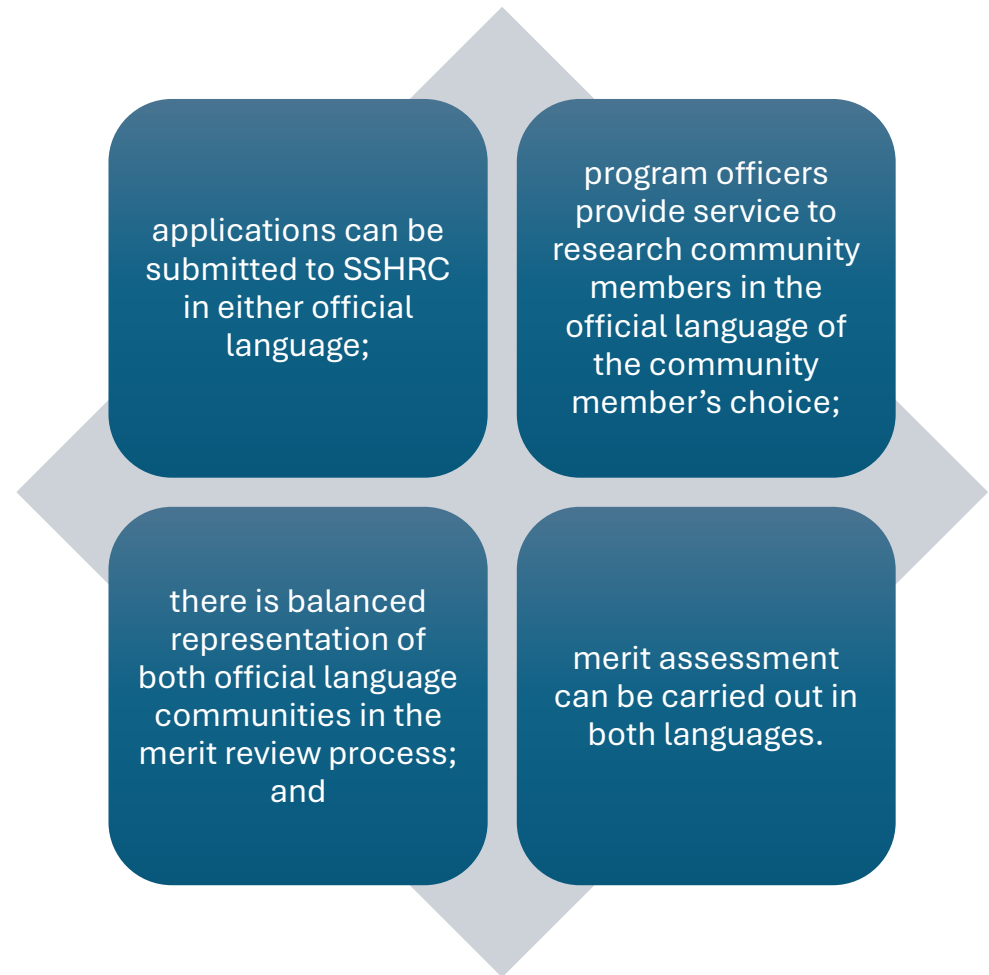
PEG	
Scores	Yes
Sextile category	Yes
Ranking	Yes, if funded
Descriptors	Yes, if unsuccessful and discussed
Additional comments	Yes, if applicable
External reports	No

Partnership Toolkit

- 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

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:



Official Languages

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

SSHRC policy

Impact Assessment

Impact Assessment Act

What is it?

What do you need to know?

How does it affect your application?

Impact Assessment Form (Appendix A)

Applicants conducting research that involves the construction of a structure outdoors, or a permanent alteration to the land or environment, such as digging a well or conducting archeological excavations, are required to complete the Impact Assessment Form (Appendix A).

Research activities that do not require completion of the form include:

- Travelling outside of Canada to conduct archival research, interviews, administer questionnaires or surveys, or to attend conferences;

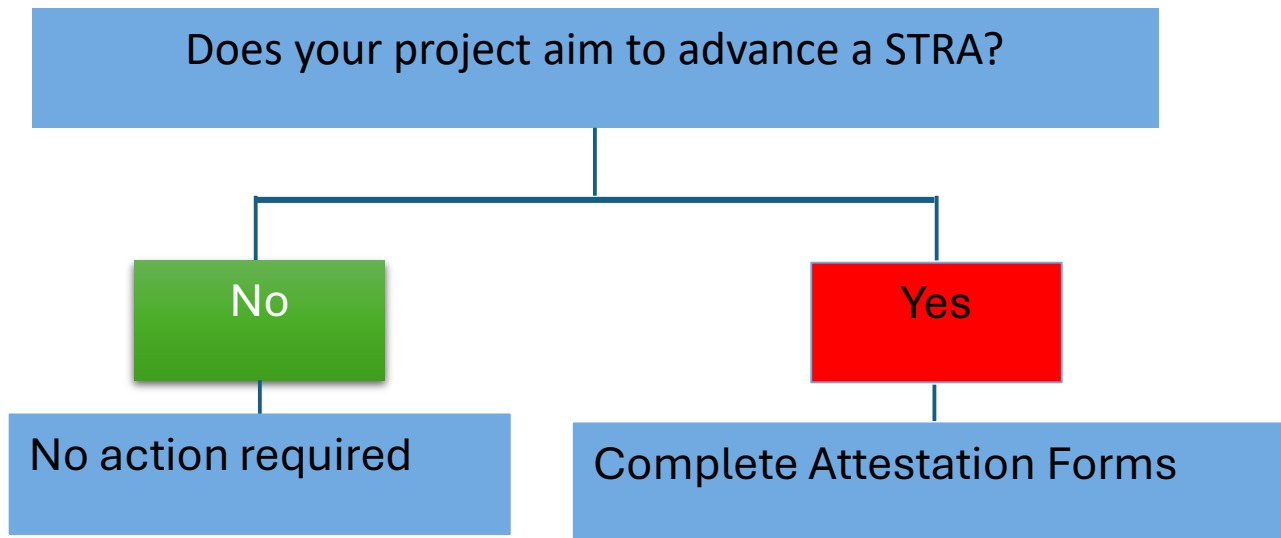
- Interviews conducted outdoors;

- Outdoor plays, productions or exhibits in urban/developed areas without permanent installations.

Please contact the program if you have any questions related to the Impact Assessment Act (IAA). Guidance on the IAA is available on [SSHRC's website](#).

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 \(NRO\)](#).
- For more information: [Tri-agency guidance on the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC Policy\)](#)



The National SECURITY Guidelines for Research Partnerships (NSGRP) **NEW**

- The [National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#) will be applied to **PEG starting in the March 2026 competition**
- Applications involving **at least one partner organisation** from the private sector are required to be submitted with a [Risk Assessment Form](#) to identify risks and mitigation measures associated with their research and their partner organization.

Know Your Research

If your research:

- ✓ May be dual-use (military/civilian applications)
- ✓ Advances a sensitive research area like critical minerals or has sensitive datasets; and/or
- ✓ Could advance a foreign state's military or defence capabilities and negatively impact Canada

Then, **your research may be at risk**

Know Your Partner

If your private sector research partner may:

- ✓ Transfer knowledge to a foreign government, military or other actor that could harm Canada's national security interests; and/or
- ✓ Lack the autonomy and independence that underpins an open and transparent research ecosystem

Then, **your partner may pose a risk**

NSGRP

Risks related to the **research project** and the **private sector partner organization(s)**

A **Risk Assessment Process** that supports the identification, analysis and mitigation of risks as part of the development, evaluation, and funding of research partnerships.

Applicable to **selected** federal research partnership funding programs

Applicants seeking grant funding for research with a private sector partner complete a **Risk Assessment Form**

Grant recipients must implement any **risk mitigation measures** identified in their Risk Assessment Form and in their Notice of Decision.

VS.

Risks Addressed

Mechanism

Applicability

Requirements at the application stage

Requirements for the duration of the grant

STRAC Policy

Sensitive technology research performed with **research organizations and institutions** that pose the highest risk to Canada's national security

A **policy requirement** that applies to research grants that **aim to advance a sensitive technology research area (STRA)**

Applicable to **all** relevant federal research grant funding opportunities that fund university-based research

Researchers with named roles on the grant application must complete an **Attestation Form**

Researchers involved in activities supported by the grant cannot hold a **current affiliation**, or be **in receipt of funding or in-kind support** from a **named research organization (NRO)**



Frequently Asked Questions



FAQs

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 (cont.)

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.

Are students eligible to apply?

- **No**

FAQs (cont.)

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.

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.

FAQs (cont.)

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 (cont.)

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 (cont.)

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



When will the results
be announced for
each competition?

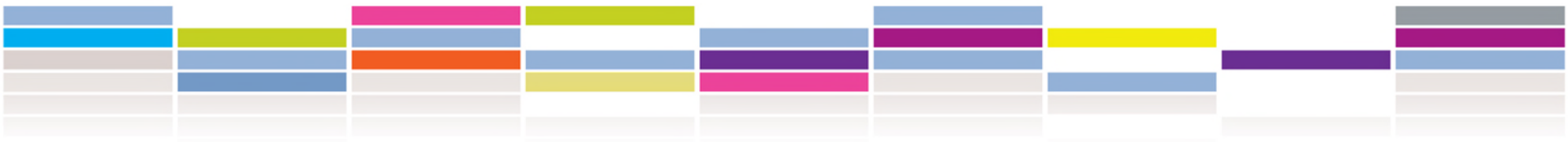
9-10 weeks after
each application
deadline.



How will PEG
applications be
adjudicated?

Through a
competitive process
that involves one or
more multidisciplinary
committees.

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