Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Insight Development Grants (IDG)

Funding: \$75,000 for short-term research projects for up to two years. At least 50 per cent of funds will be reserved for applications from emerging scholars (within five years of their terminal degree).

IDG supports research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. The grant enables the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. *IDGs foster research in its initial stages*, but are not intended to support large-scale initiatives. This competition is open to scholars in Social sciences, humanities, law and education etc. The goal of the Insight program is to build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research excellence in all subject areas eligible for funding from SSHRC.

The objectives of the Insight program are to:

- build knowledge and understanding from disciplinary, interdisciplinary and/or cross-sector perspectives through support for the best researchers;
- support new approaches to research on complex and important topics, including those that transcend the capacity of any one scholar, institution or discipline;
- provide a high-quality research training experience for students;
- fund research expertise that relates to societal challenges and opportunities; and
- mobilize research knowledge, to and from academic and non-academic audiences, with the potential to lead to intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact.

Application process: Complete the full application on the Research Portal by following the instructions on the SSHRC website http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/insight_development_grants-subventions_de_development_savoir-eng.aspx. Complete Canadian Common CV at www.ccv-cvc.ca and attach it to your application in the Research Portal.

Please contact: Anita Sharma, Research Grants Development Officer, (ansharma@tru.ca), if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Important IDG Competition Dates:

TBD Information Session

January 16 Full application submission to the Research Office

February 1 Full application submission to the SSHRC

Difference between IDG and Insight Grants (IG):

- IDGs support research in its initial stages and help researchers develop new research questions and approaches. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects, of up to two years, proposed by individuals or teams.
- IGs provide longer-term (over three to five years) funding (up to \$400,000) for mature research projects proposed by individuals or teams.

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