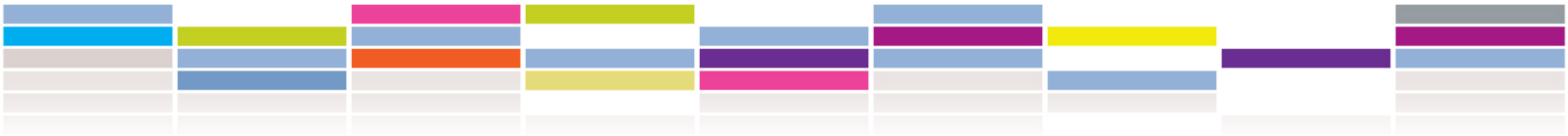


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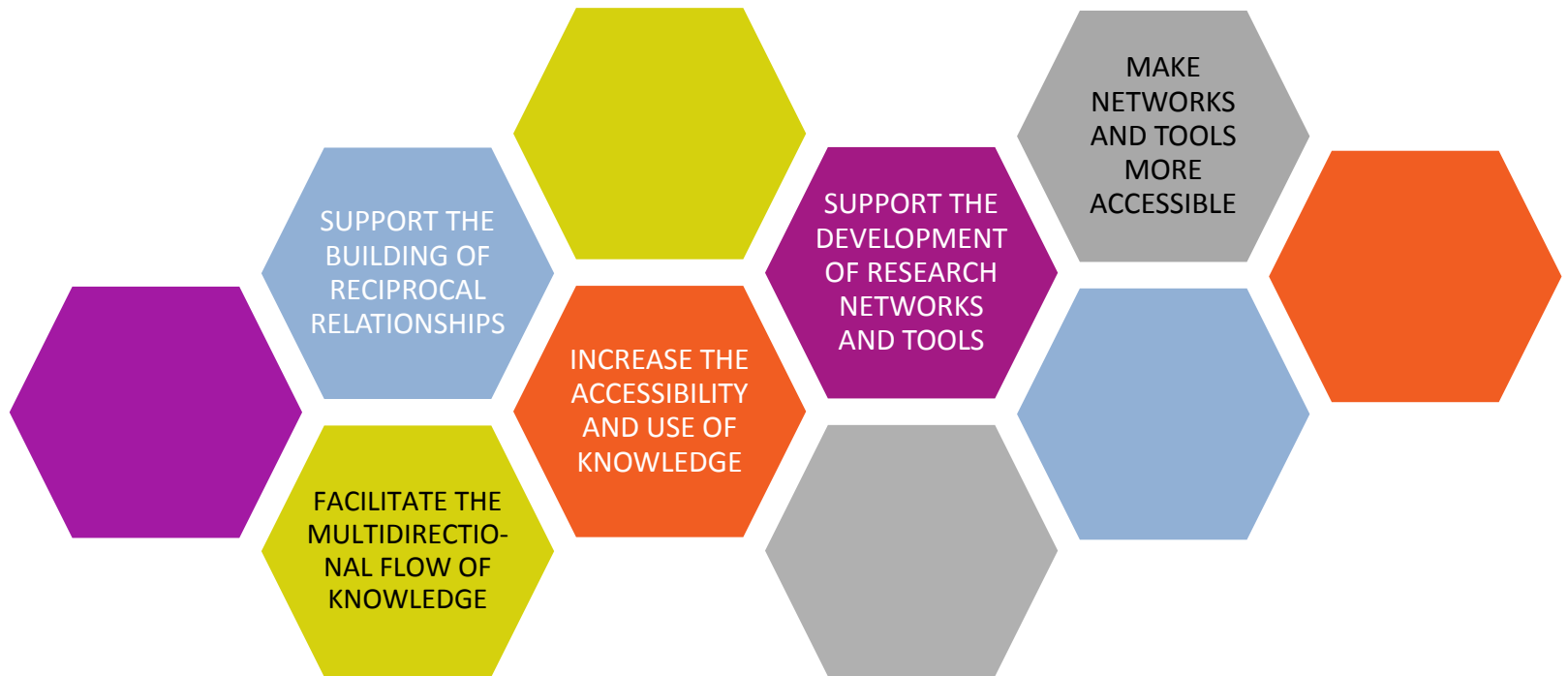
# Connection Grants

May 20, 2020

# SSHRC Program Architecture



# Objectives of the Connection Program



# Connection Grants

Support short term  
KM initiatives –  
maximum one year

Two Streams:  
Events and  
Outreach Activities

Engage with social  
sciences and  
humanities issues



# Events and Outreach Activities



**EVENTS:**  
\$7,000 to  
\$25,000

Short term activity  
Completed within a week  
Follow-up activities

Longer in duration  
Engage larger public  
Speaker series, travelling  
exhibition, podcast, etc.

**OUTREACH  
ACTIVITIES:**  
\$7,000 to  
\$50,000+



# Matching Funds



# Letter of Support Example

Dear (name of applicant),

On behalf of (sponsoring organization), we have read your proposal and are pleased to provide support for your grant application, entitled “(title of your application)”, for the SSHRC Connection Grants competition.

We have read the proposal and agree to the role and level of participation of (sponsoring organization) outlined within the application.

(Sponsoring organization) will provide a cash contribution of \$(specific dollar amount) towards the costs of (project activity). In addition, we will provide the following in-kind contribution(s):

- (in-kind contribution), valued at \$(specific dollar amount)



# Ineligible Connection Activities

RESEARCH

STAND-ALONE VOLUMES

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

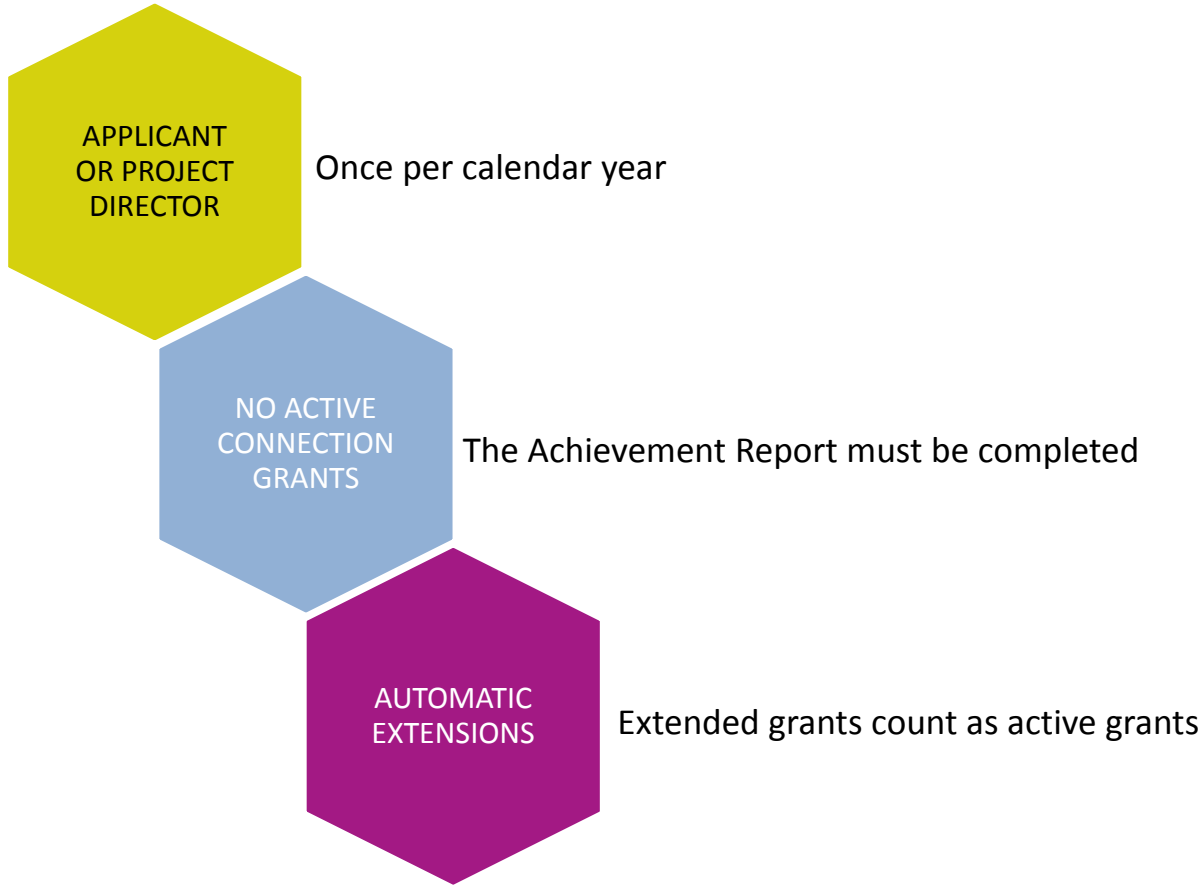




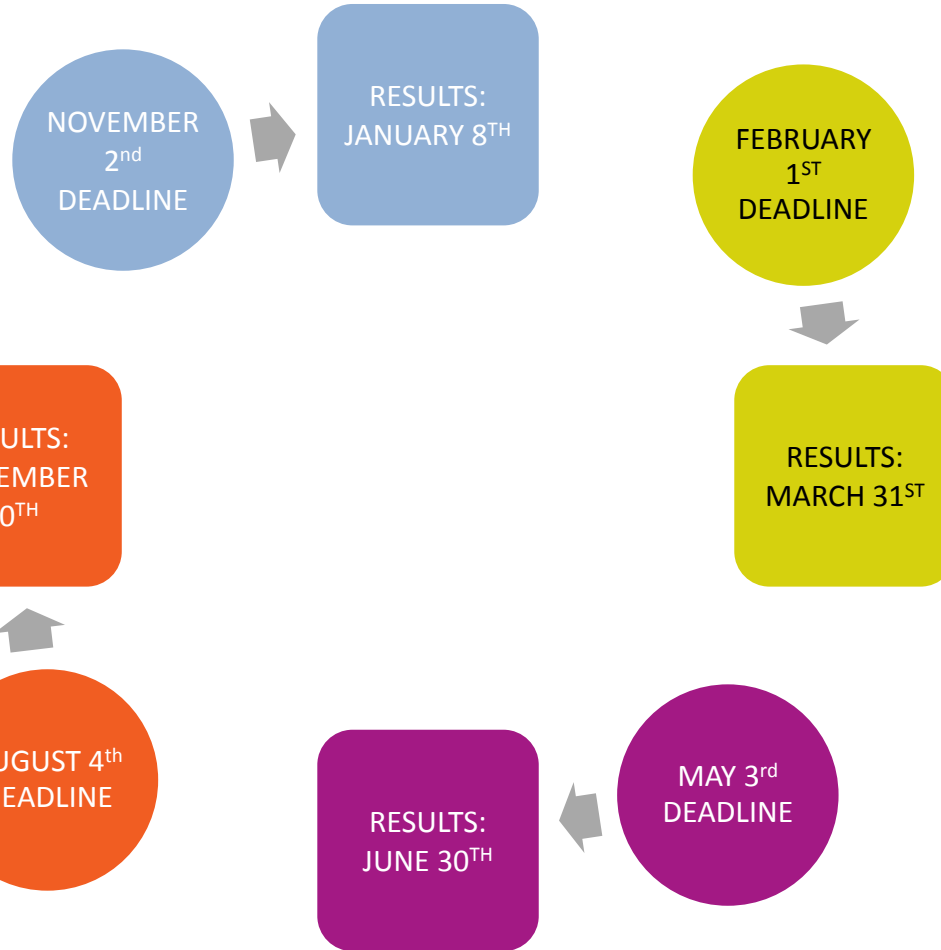
# Two Ways to Apply



# Multiple Applications Regulations



# When to apply?



# Adjudication Process

FOUR ADJUDICATION COMMITTEES

MARCH

JUNE

SEPTEMBER

DECEMBER

CHALLENGE

40%

FEASIBILITY

30%

CAPABILITY

30%



# Indigenous Research

In May 2015, SSHRC launched new initiatives to support and promote Indigenous research and talent development.

Indigenous research [statement of principles](#) will serve to guide the implementation of SSHRC's current and future activities.

A revised definition of [Indigenous research](#) clarifies research “by and with” Indigenous Peoples and emphasizes and values the existing strengths, assets and knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples and communities.

[Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#) are intended to assist committee members in interpreting SSHRC's specific Challenge, Feasibility and Capability evaluation criteria in the context of Indigenous research.

# Connection Grants: Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative

- Application deadlines
  - November 1, 2019, by 8 pm (ET)
  - February 1, 2020, by 8 pm (ET)
  - May 1, 2020, by 8 pm (ET)
  - August 1, 2020 by 8 pm (ET)
- Objective: support the research community's development, adoption and dissemination of research data management standards, practices, tools and skills appropriate to their field
- SSHRC will fund at least 10 meritorious proposals per competition to help the Canadian social sciences and humanities research community strengthen its capacity for data management

# Feedback

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## Connection Grants

Scores	Yes.
Descriptors	<b>No, for the May 2020 competition.</b>
Additional comments	<b>No, for the May 2020 competition.</b>
Sextile category	Yes.
Ranking	Yes, if application falls in top four sextiles.
External reports	No.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is the difference between an Event and an Outreach Activity?

An event is a short term activity that is usually completed in a week or less like a two-day conference or a one-week workshop. In the case of Event Connection projects, the essential part of the knowledge mobilization takes place during this timeframe. Connection events can also serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term project that could be eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities. Knowledge mobilization activities that follow from an event, like the publication of event proceedings, would not qualify your project to be an Outreach Activity. Instead, Outreach Activities take place over a longer period of time and can comprise a series of activities, like a summer school, a travelling exhibition, the development of an interactive technology. An Outreach Activity cannot be defined by the proceedings held over a short term. If you are applying for a Connection Grant to support an Outreach Activity, make sure you check the Outreach Activity box on the application form.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can my project be both an Event and an Outreach Activity?

Yes. Connection Grants can support projects that have both an Event portion and an Outreach Activity portion. In this case, you should indicate that your project is an Outreach Activity on the application form. Make sure that your budget reflects that it comprises both streams – if your budget is only to support the Event portion of your project, then the budget limit of \$25,000 will be applied to your project.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **I submitted my application. Why has SSHRC not received it?**

SSHRC grants have a two-stage submission process: from you to your institution, and from your institution to SSHRC. When you hit the “submit” button on your application, it is submitted to your institution. Your institution reviews the application, and then forwards it to SSHRC. Without this last step, the application process is not complete.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**My Connection project is strictly an Outreach Activity – who should I include as a Presenter?**

For Connection projects, “Presenters” are not only people who will give a presentation at an event. Presenters are defined by SSHRC as individuals who will make an active contribution to the project’s objectives and/or the production of concrete deliverables (e.g. preparing exhibition materials, producing a podcast). You can think of them as participants.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## How many Presenters should I include in my application?

Some projects might have hundreds of presenters. You should not overburden your application and the committee members by listing all of them. It is recommended that you submit a presenter page only for up to fifteen key presenters at your Event or participants of your Outreach Activity. These should include anyone for whom you are asking for SSHRC's support. When appropriate, the list should also include students as well as established and emerging scholars.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Are recurrent annual events eligible for Connection Grant support?**

Yes, recurrent annual events are eligible for Connection Grant support, but you must demonstrate how the event differs from what was previously funded (e.g. what new knowledge is being mobilized, what new methods are being used).



# Frequently Asked Questions

**I have been invited to a conference abroad; can I apply for a Connection Grant to support my travel expenses?**

No. Connection Grants are not travel grants. They are intended to support applicants and project directors who are running a knowledge mobilization event or activity. Connection funding can support applicants' travel costs and other expenses if they are organizing an event or activity abroad. In this case, the applicant must demonstrate within the application why the event needs to be held outside Canada and its potential to mobilize Canadian research on an international stage.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can students participate as co-applicants?

No. Students can only participate as collaborators. Moreover, if a student is a collaborator on the project team, they cannot be paid a stipend or a wage from the grant.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Can my application include bursaries to encourage increased student attendance?**

No. Students must have an active role in your Connection project in order to be eligible for support.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## How do I know if something is eligible for SSHRC support?

SSHRC grants are governed by the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration. If you are not sure whether something you are proposing would be eligible, please contact us. Funding opportunity eligibility rules will be considered alongside Tri-Agency Financial Administration rules – meaning that eligible and non-eligible expenses specific to the Connection Grants prevail over eligible and non-eligible expenses outlined in the Guide.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**What is my eligible grant period?  
Can I ask for funding outside this  
period?**

The eligible grant period is one year, starting on the grant start date. Any budget requests for before or after that period will be declared ineligible and cut from your budget.

<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>
November 1, 8:00 p.m. (eastern)	January 8
February 1, 8:00 p.m. (eastern)	March 31
May 1, 8:00 p.m. (eastern)	June 30
August 1, 8:00 p.m. (eastern)	September 30



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Can matching funds be applied to costs incurred before the Connection Grant decision date?**

Yes, cash or in-kind matching funds can be applied to costs before the competition decision date. Any matching funds that have been provided before the start of the grant period can still be considered eligible as long as their supporting letter clearly demonstrates that they are targeted to your Connection project.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Would my project be penalized because I only have in-kind support?**

No. SSHRC considers cash and in-kind support to be of equal value.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**A colleague wrote a letter of support. Why has it not been considered towards the 50% matching funds criteria?**

Letters of support must come from sponsoring organizations, not individuals. If support is coming from an individual, the letter confirming as such needs to be provided by the organization that is financially responsible for the money. A professor from another university, for example, cannot write a letter of support; the letter needs to be provided by his or her department or university. Please see the SSHRC Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions for more information.



# Frequently Asked Questions

**I just learned that my Connection Grant proposal was not successful. Can I resubmit for the next competition?**

Individuals, as applicants or project directors, can only apply to the Connection Grants funding opportunity once per calendar year.



# COVID 19 Updates

1. Adjudication of Connection Grants applications
2. Potential delays to the funded events and outreach activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
3. Tip : If you have any specific questions on how COVID-19 is or will be effecting your Connection Grants project, please send your queries to us by email at [connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)
4. Tip : It is strongly recommended that institution officials, grant holders, and applicants regularly consult the [COVID-19: Impacts on SSHRC's policies and programs](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information

# Helpful Links

[Connection Grants](#)

[Connection Program](#)

[Connection Grants - Individual, Application Instructions](#)

[Connection Grants - Institution, Application Instructions](#)

[Indigenous Research](#)

[Guidelines for Effective Research Training](#)

[Guidelines for Effective Knowledge Mobilization](#)

[Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](#)

[Societal Implications of Genomics Research](#)

[Connection Achievement report](#)

[Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#)





# Your questions

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