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## Announcements

### CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES-SPECIAL CALL

This is a one-time call for proposals on Canadian environmental issues. This special call focuses on key areas where there is a need to develop and to build on social sciences and humanities capacity for research, talent development and knowledge mobilization on Canadian environment and sustainability issues. Collaboration with public, private and not-for-profit sectors are encouraged, where appropriate.

SSHRC has developed four special funding opportunities for 2008 as an initial step in support of research excellence talent development and knowledge mobilization leading to greater impact in the area of environment. Over the next year, SSHRC will en-

gage in discussions with the social sciences and humanities community, and others, to develop a longer-term strategy for investments in the environment.

SSHRC invites researchers active in the social sciences and humanities to apply for support through four funding opportunities being offered in 2008 only. Application deadlines for these programs are in November 2008.

To realize the greatest impact with these new resources in areas where Canada can be a world leader, Canada's research funding agencies are increasingly working together to support multi-disciplinary collaborative research to shed light on complex issues. SSHRC therefore welcomes research partnerships and collaborations

with researchers in the natural sciences, engineering and health. Multi-disciplinary teams working in areas related to the environment are also eligible to apply for funding from the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada](#).

Teams working in the area of health sciences may also wish to apply for funding from the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#).

The objectives of the Canadian Environmental Issues special call for proposals include:

- to increase knowledge and awareness of Canadian environment and sustainability issues deemed to be of priority in Canada from social sciences, humanities and inter-

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disciplinary perspectives;

- to increase the number of highly qualified personnel, (e.g. researchers, scholars, managers) with expertise in social sciences and humanities related to environmental issues; and
- to increase the application of research knowledge in decision-making and best practices in the public and private sectors, communities and civil society.

## Background and Context

In 2001, SSHRC identified the environment as a priority. Over the years, consultations by SSHRC ([http://www.sshrc.ca/web/about/publications/nature\\_society\\_oct2002\\_e.pdf](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/about/publications/nature_society_oct2002_e.pdf) and [http://www.hydrogeneconomy.gc.ca/home\\_e.html](http://www.hydrogeneconomy.gc.ca/home_e.html)) have confirmed the need for social sciences and humanities research that contributes to an enhanced understanding of, and practical solutions for, pressing Canadian environment and sustainability issues, particularly on the interactions and interdependencies between the environment, the economy, society and culture.

In the Government of Canada's *Budget 2008*, funding was provided for research on the environment to address the growing and changing needs of Canadian society. *Budget 2008* also provided targeted funding for research on the north. A special call, entitled *Northern Communities: Towards Social and Economic Prosperity*, is also being launched. Together, these one-time calls for proposals will contribute to advancing the objectives of the Government of Canada's science and technology strategy, *Mobilizing Knowledge and Technology to Canada's Advantage*, namely:

- promoting world class excellence;
- focusing on priorities;
- encouraging partnerships; and
- enhancing accountability.

The research results from the Canadian Environmental Issues special call will contribute to advancing identified federal government science and technology priorities, including:

- climate change impact, mitigation and adaptation;
- energy and natural resources;

- water; and
- the environmental impact of new technologies (e.g., nanotechnology and biotechnology).

SSHRC invites applications on social sciences and humanities dimensions of these four government priority topics or others that are demonstrably a priority for Canada. These topics can be studied from a variety of approaches (e.g., action-research, ethical, historical, economic, recovery, restoration, policy, regulation, governance), and with respect to any sector and/or population group (e.g., forestry, fishing, manufacturing, urban, rural and regional perspectives).

## Funding Opportunities

The following four funding opportunities for this special call are being offered in 2008 only, with deadlines in November 2008:

1. [Canadian Environmental Issues—Research Development Initiatives Grants](#)
2. [Canadian Environmental Issues—Research Grants](#)
3. [Canadian Environmental Issues—Community-University Research Alliances \(CURA\)](#)
4. [Canadian Environmental Issues—Public Outreach Grants](#)

**Note:** SSHRC's plans for *Canadian Environmental Issues* special call funding are subject to final approval by the Treasury Board of Canada.

Please also note that, in addition to these four opportunities, funding for research will continue for all disciplines within the [Standard Research Grants](#) program. Researchers may apply for both Standard Research Grants and funding opportunities of the Canadian Environmental Issues special call, but must ensure that the applications deal with different research objectives.

## More information

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## NORTHERN COMMUNITIES: TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY—SPECIAL CALL

This is a one-time call for proposals on northern communities. The call will provide funding to support research excellence, develop talent and mobilize knowledge in ways that contribute to a better understanding of the pressing social and economic needs of northern communities.

SSHRC has developed four special funding opportunities for 2008 as an initial step in support of research excellence leading to greater impact in addressing the social and economic development needs of northern communities. Over the next year, SSHRC will engage in discussions with the social sciences and humanities community, and others, to develop a longer-term strategy for investments in these areas.

SSHRC invites researchers active in the social sciences and humanities to apply for support through four funding opportunities being offered in 2008 only. Application deadlines for these programs are in November 2008. SSHRC will privilege proposals that work or build links with northern communities, organizations and/or individuals in a manner that is consistent with the objectives of this call. The research should be undertaken with sensitivity to the perspectives and experiences of northerners and, where appropriate, in part-



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nership with northern researchers and the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

To realize the greatest impact with these new resources in areas where Canada can be a world leader, Canada's research funding agencies are increasingly working together to support multi-disciplinary collaborative research to shed light on complex issues. SSHRC therefore welcomes research partnerships and collaborations with researchers in the natural sciences, engineering and health. Multi-disciplinary teams working in northern research are also eligible to apply for funding from the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada](#). Teams working in the area of health sciences can apply for funding from the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#), which received additional funds in *Budget 2008* to address the health needs of northern communities.

The objectives of the Northern Communities special call for proposals include:

- to increase knowledge and awareness of northern issues deemed to be of priority in northern Canada, from a social sciences, humanities and inter-disciplinary perspective;
- to increase the number of highly qualified personnel, (e.g., researchers, scholars, managers), particularly in the North, with expertise in social sciences and humanities related to northern communities; and
- to increase the application of research knowledge in decision-making and best practices in the public and private sectors, communities and civil society.

## Background and Context

In 2004, SSHRC identified northern research as a priority theme and launched the Northern Research Development program the same year. Consultations by SSHRC, particularly the tri-council [Dialogue on Northern Research](#), have confirmed the need for social sciences and humanities research to contribute to practical solutions to pressing northern issues.

For the purpose of this call, the North is considered broadly to include the Canadian territories and northern areas of provinces.

In the Government of Canada's [Budget](#)

[2008](#), targeted funding was provided for research on the North. *Budget 2008* also provided funding for research on the environment to address the growing and changing needs of Canadian society.

A special call, entitled [Canadian Environmental Issues](#), is also being launched. Together, these one-time calls for proposals will contribute to advancing the objectives of the Government of Canada's science and technology strategy, [Mobilizing Knowledge and Technology to Canada's Advantage](#), namely:

- promoting world class excellence;
- focusing on priorities;
- encouraging partnerships; and enhancing accountability.

The results of the Northern Communities special call will contribute to the federal government's [northern vision and strategy](#) which identifies the following priority areas:

- sovereignty;
- social and economic development;
- environmental protection; and governance.

SSHRC invites applications on social sciences and humanities dimensions of these government priority areas or others that are demonstrably a priority for northern Canada. These can be studied from a variety of approaches, and with respect to any sector or population group. Examples include but are not limited to:

- social and economic issues, needs and problems in a northern context (e.g., housing and infrastructure, education, language, justice, demographics and aging, violence, suicide, addictions, population health, food, poverty);
- integration of the northern and global economy (e.g., resources, wage-economies and monetization of social and cultural practices);
- sustainable development in a northern context;
- climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptations;
- talent development, labour, and training for northern communities;

- governance, sovereignty, international boundary and security issues; and indigenous peoples (environmental, social, economic and cultural practices and adaptations).

## How to Apply:

### Institutional Eligibility

The Northern Communities: Toward Social and Economic Prosperity special call allows for either a postsecondary institution or a community-based organization to be the lead of a given project. However the grant funding, once awarded, may only be administered by an eligible institution.

An organization that wishes to administer SSHRC grant funding must apply for, and be granted, institutional eligibility with SSHRC. Once institutional eligibility is granted, the organization is invited to become a signatory to the [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\) on the Roles and Responsibilities in the Management of Federal Grants and Awards](#), which entails a commitment by the organization to adhere to the high legal, ethical and financial standards set out in the MOU's schedules, and ensures that the organization has the necessary structures and processes in place to achieve this objective. Please note that SSHRC will not release grant funding to an institution or an organization before it becomes a signatory of the MOU.

Applicants not currently affiliated with an eligible institution can partner with an eligible institution for the purposes of this call.

For questions related to institutional eligibility, or to receive an institutional eligibility application package, please contact **Erin Skrapek**, of SSHRC's Corporate Secretariat, at [erin.skrapek@sshrc.ca](mailto:erin.skrapek@sshrc.ca).



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## ONLINE GUIDES

### CIHR

*Grants and Awards Guides*  
<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/805.html>

### NSERC

*Use of Grants Funds*  
[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=f3](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=f3)

### SSHRC

*Using your Funds*  
[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using_e.asp)

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## CIHR—Canadian Institutes for Health Research

### EMERGING TEAM GRANT: ALLIANCES IN MOBILITY IN AGING

#### Deadlines:

Letter of Intent: November 3, 2008  
Full proposal: June 17, 2009

**Website:** <http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=516&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>

#### Description:

The purpose of this "Emerging Teams for Alliances in Mobility in Aging" funding opportunity is to support the establishment of Teams in Mobility in Aging that cross

disciplines, professions and sectors, so as to accelerate research to action and that provide research career development and research capacity building opportunities. The Team support is expected to build and strengthen research excellence and alliances across communities to meet a planned set of objectives and, where appropriate, to set out on future, larger endeavours. This funding opportunity is announced under the [Strategic Initiative - Mobility in Aging](#) led by the CIHR Institute of Aging.

Eligible teams will consist of at least three independent investigators who will form an integrated and effective research team, the members of which have not worked together on the same problem or issue for more than five years (i.e. any existing team must demonstrate incrementality and/or redirection of their research endeavours). It is expected that this grant will enable such teams to build capacity and add expertise,

develop strategies for knowledge translation, provide superior training and mentoring environments and achieve research excellence, so that at the end of the funding period they are competitive for funding through other major funding competitions.

Teams are encouraged to include collaborations among researchers and users from relevant communities, including those who may not typically associate with health research (e.g. architects, engineers, transportation planners and analysts, construction industry, consumer groups), but are



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essential to advancing efforts under the Mobility in Aging Initiative.

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## NSERC—Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

### 2008 NSERC DISCOVERY GRANTS

#### INFORMATION FOR SAMPLES OF RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

#### NSERC 2008 Guidelines for Discovery Grant

**Website:** <http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/instructions/101/e.asp?prog=dg>

#### Research Contributions

These samples may be reprints, preprints and/or manuscripts, excerpts from your thesis, technical reports, etc. will be used by reviewers to assess the quality of your work. These documents should be chosen to represent your most significant recent contributions, or those most relevant to the proposed work in the last 6 years (for applicants with research backgrounds in non-university settings, these documents may include contributions over the last ten years).

#### How to Package Your Research Contributions:

The number of Research Contribution sets required by NSERC is governed by the requirements of your designated Grant Selection Committee. Refer to the 2007 Guidelines for Discovery Grant instructions for the number of sets/envelopes and maximum number of contributions per set/envelope: <http://www.nserc.gc.ca/forms/instructions/101/e.asp?prog=dg>

Package each set of contributions in a separate envelope marked as follows:

- Top left corner of EACH envelope: Your name, initials and NSERC PIN.
- Middle of each envelope: 'CONTRIBUTIONS'

NSERC will not forward the Contributions to reviewers if not packaged and/or labeled properly.

#### Delivery to NSERC:

ORS will courier these packages to NSERC. Bring the labeled and sealed envelopes to the Office of Research Services (1 Dundas Street West, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 1146C).

The last courier box will be sent out October 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure delivery to NSERC/Ottawa by November 1.

### NSERC DISCOVERY GRANTS—NORTHERN RESEARCH SUPPLEMENT

**Deadline:** November 1 - Application to NSERC

**Website:** [http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a1\\_sup](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=a1_sup)

This program is aimed at NSERC-funded researchers who intend to conduct research in Canada's North, defined as the land- and ocean-based territory that lies above, not including, the line of isolated discontinuous permafrost, from northern British Columbia to northern Labrador.

Applications will only be accepted from researchers who are applying for a Discovery Grant in this year's competition.

Successful applicants will receive a supplement to their NSERC Discovery Grant of up to \$10,000 per year, for the duration of their Discovery Grant, to supplement logistical costs associated with research in the Canadian North. Renewal of the supplement will be considered at the time of the Discovery Grant renewal.

Recipients of Northern Research supplements are not restricted to the specific activities described in the application, but must pursue research interests in the North.

### NSERC RESEARCH TOOLS & INSTRUMENTS

**Category 1: \$7,001 - \$150,000**

**Category 2: \$150,001 - \$325,000**

#### Deadlines:

October 17 internal ORS

October 25 application to NSERC

**Website:** [http://www.nserc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1](http://www.nserc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1)

RTI Grants are one-year awards that assist in buying or developing research equipment that costs more than \$7,000. In exceptional cases, multiple-year requests will be accepted. The onus is on the applicant to clearly explain the rationale. Items costing less than \$7,000 each can be purchased with Discovery Grant funds or be included as a complement to a main piece of equipment being requested.

RTI grants are divided into three categories according to the total net cost of the equipment, i.e., excluding taxes, shipping, and handling. These categories are:

- RTI – Category 1: \$7,001 to \$150,000;
- RTI – Category 2: \$150,001 to \$325,000; and
- RTI – Category 3: more than \$325,000.

A moratorium on Categories 2 and 3 is in effect. During this moratorium, NSERC will accept applications under Category 1 for equipment whose total net cost is up to \$250,000, provided that the applicant is able to secure funding from other sources



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to bring the amount requested from NSERC to \$150,000 or less. Such sources may include contributions from NSERC Discovery Grants held by the applicant or co-applicants. The use of other types of NSERC grants is permitted, provided that prior written authorization is obtained from NSERC.

NSERC will pay some or all of applicable taxes, as well as some or all of the shipping and handling expenses, as long as the overall grant does not exceed \$150,000. The applicant will be responsible for any amount in excess of \$150,000.

NSERC will accept applications only for equipment that has not yet been purchased, or that has been purchased within the one-year period immediately prior to the current deadline for receipt of applications. All applications are reviewed on a competitive basis.

NSERC will not accord any preferential treatment for equipment already purchased at the time of application and is under no financial obligation should such an application be unsuccessful in the competition. The applicant must indicate whether equipment has already been purchased and justify why a purchase prior to the application was necessary.

Further information and specific details will be found on the NSERC website at: [http://www.nserc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1](http://www.nserc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&lbi=d1)

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**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SPECIAL CALL**

**Community University Research Alliances (CURA)**

## **Deadlines:**

Letter of Intent: November 20, 2008  
Full Application: Formal Application (by invitation only) - Fall 2009

**Value:** Applicants successful at the Letter of Intent stage are eligible for a development grant of up to \$20,000. At the Letter of Intent stage, eligible expenses are limited to travel, workshops, meetings, secretarial support and communication and dissemination activities.

An individual CURA can receive funding of up to \$200,000 annually for up to five years. These CURA grants are subject to:

- SSHRC's fiscal ability to provide the support;
- satisfactory compliance with the program's reporting requirements; and
- a positive mid-term (third-year) evaluation.

The grant may be used to cover non-physical infrastructure costs for the support and co-ordination of the research teams and for carrying out some of the research activities.

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/environment\\_cura\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/environment_cura_e.asp)

## **Objectives:**

The purpose of the program is to support the creation of alliances between community organizations and postsecondary institutions which, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the creation of new knowledge on topics relating to SSHRC's [Canadian Environmental Issues Special Call](#).

Specific objectives of this call are to:

- promote sharing of knowledge, resources and expertise between postsecondary institutions and organizations in the community;
- enrich research, teaching methods and curricula in postsecondary institutions;
- reinforce community decision-making and problem-solving capacity; and enhance students' education and employability by means of diverse opportunities to

build their knowledge, expertise and work skills through hands-on research and related experience.

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**CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SPECIAL CALL**

**Public Outreach Grants Dissemination Grants**

**Deadline:** November 17, 2008

**Value:** Public Outreach grants will be tenable for one year only. Grants have no maximum value. Applications will be adjudicated according to merit and established adjudication criteria. The level of funding requested is expected to be justified in detail and appropriate to the activities undertaken by the proposed project.

This is a one-time call for proposals.

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/environment\\_po\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/environment_po_e.asp)

## **Objectives:**

Public Outreach Grants for the Canadian Environmental Issues special call are designed to mobilize existing and ongoing research results on topics relating to the [Canadian Environmental Issues Special Call](#).



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Activities include, but are not limited to:

- adapting texts or presentations to different audiences;
- policy briefs;
- knowledge syntheses;
- articles in newspapers, weekly and monthly magazines, whether specialized or general-interest (publications in scholarly journals are not eligible);
- interactive technologies, databases, audio-visual products;
- media events (such as interviews or television and radio presentations);
- press conferences;
- public debates and exhibits;
- software or netware;
- educational aids, instruments or equipment;
- submissions to public commissions; roundtables and workshops; and
- virtual networking and interactions.

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## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SPECIAL CALL

### Public Outreach Grants: Workshops and Conferences

**Deadline:** November 17, 2008

**Value:** No maximum limit

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/environment\\_po\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/environment_po_e.asp)

**Objectives:**

Activities include workshops and conferences directed to non-academic audiences. This program is not intended to support traditional means of dissemination to the

research community (such as scholarly papers and academic conferences).

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## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SPECIAL CALL

### Research Development Initiatives

**Deadline:** November 26, 2008

**Value:** Up to \$80,000 for a one year grant

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/environment\\_rdi\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/environment_rdi_e.asp)

**Objectives:**

The overall objective of this RDI program is to support original research in its initial, developmental stages to the point where the research results are sufficiently advanced to enable the submission of proposals to other research support programs in order to conduct more advanced interdisciplinary research. Projects are expected to develop new knowledge specifically with respect to issues addressed in the [Canadian Environmental Issues special call](#).

Projects are also expected to:

- develop new research questions;
- explore conceptual and methodological perspectives and directions;
- critically analyze and assess research (including its achievements, impacts, strengths and state of development).

In addition, for this targeted call, topics and questions must demonstrably relate to the general purpose, scope and objectives of [Canadian Environmental Issues Special Call](#). Moreover, for this call, the research proposals must clearly demonstrate that they are using an inter-disciplinary approach in the development research used to bring about initial and original research

results.

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## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES—SPECIAL CALL

### Research Grants

**Deadline:** November 7, 2008

**Value:** Up to \$100,000 per year, but not totaling more than \$250,000 in a three-year period

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/environment\\_rg\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/environment_rg_e.asp)

**Objectives:**

The broad purpose of the Research Grants program for the [Canadian Environmental Issues Special Call](#) is to support research and develop excellence in research activities about pressing Canadian environmental issues.

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- support high-quality independent programs of research on Canadian environmental issues, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers;



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- provide opportunities to train future researchers and highly qualified personnel;
- contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research; and
- mobilize research results, both within and beyond and academic community.

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## COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ALLIANCES (CURA)

**Deadline:** Letter of Intent due October 29, 2008

**Value:** Value of funded Letter of Intent: \$20,000; Value of funded Full Proposal: Up to \$200,000 annually for 5 years

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/cura\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/cura_e.asp)

**Description:**

The purpose of the program is to support the creation of alliances between community organizations and postsecondary institutions which, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the creation of new knowledge in areas of importance for the social, cultural or economic development of Canadian communities.

Specific objectives are to:

- promote sharing of knowledge, resources and expertise between postsecondary institutions and organizations in the community;
- enrich research, teaching methods and curricula in postsecondary institutions;

• reinforce community decision-making and problem-solving capacity; and

- Enhance students' education and employability by means of diverse opportunities to build their knowledge, expertise and work skills through hands-on research and related experience.

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## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECT GRANTS

**Deadline:** November 7, 2008

**Value:** Development Grants: Up to \$25,000; Project Grants: Up to \$75,000

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/iof\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/iof_e.asp)

**Description:**

The objectives of the program are to:

- help Canadian researchers to initiate and develop international research collaborations;
- facilitate Canadian participation or leadership in current or planned international research initiatives that offer outstanding opportunities to advance Canadian research.

The International Opportunities Fund program:

- offers important opportunities to advance Canadian research and promote it internationally;
- supports collaborative research activities that further the goals of SSHRC's [international policy and strategy](#);
- enables researchers to take advantage of international collaborative opportunities in a timely and flexible manner.

Two types of grants are available:

**Development Grants**, to support developmental activities—such as workshops, seminars, and planning meetings—that are expected to lead to significant international collaboration;

**Project Grants**, to help secure Canadian participation or leadership in current or planned international research initiatives or networks.

The program is not intended to support activities that can be funded through other available SSHRC programs. Further collaborative activities resulting from these grants should be supported through other SSHRC programs or other sources.

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## NORTHERN COMMUNITIES: TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY—SPECIAL CALL

### Community University Research Alliances (CURA)

**Deadlines:**

Letter of Intent: November 10, 2008  
Formal Application (by invitation only):  
Fall 2009



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**Value:** \$20,000 at Letter of Intent stage; up to \$200,000/year for five years for full CURA

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/northern\\_cura\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_cura_e.asp)

## Objectives:

The purpose of the program is to support the creation of alliances between community organizations and postsecondary institutions which, through a process of ongoing collaboration and mutual learning, will foster innovative research, training and the creation of new knowledge on topics relating to SSHRC's [Northern Communities: Towards Social and Economic Prosperity Special Call](#).

Specific objectives are to:

- foster innovative research, training and the creation of new knowledge on topics relating to the [Northern Communities Special Call](#);
- promote sharing of knowledge, resources and expertise between postsecondary institutions and organizations in the community;
- enrich research, teaching methods and curricula in postsecondary institutions;
- reinforce community decision-making and problem-solving capacity; and
- enhance students' education and employability by means of diverse opportunities to build their knowledge, expertise and work skills through hands-on research and related experience.

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**NORTHERN COMMUNITIES: TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY—SPECIAL CALL**

Research Development Initiatives

**Deadline:** November 26, 2008

**Value:** Up to \$80,000 for one year

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/northern\\_rdi\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_rdi_e.asp)

## Description:

The overall objective of this RDI program is to support original research in its initial, developmental stages to the point where the research results are sufficiently advanced to enable the submission of proposals to other research support programs in order to conduct more advanced interdisciplinary research. Projects are expected to develop new knowledge, specifically with respect to issues addressed in SSHRC's [Northern Communities Special Call](#).

The projects are also expected to:

- develop new research questions;
- explore conceptual and methodological perspectives and directions; and
- critically analyze and assess research (including its achievements, impacts, strengths and state of development).

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**NORTHERN COMMUNITIES: TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY—SPECIAL CALL**

## Research Grants

**Deadline:** November 7, 2008

**Value:** Up to \$100,000 per year, but not totaling more than \$250,000 in a three-year period

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/northern\\_rg\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_rg_e.asp)

## Description:

The broad purpose of the Research Grants program for the [Northern Communities: Towards Social and Economic Prosperity Special Call](#) is to support research and develop excellence in research activities about social and economic prosperity needs of northern communities.

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- support high-quality independent programs of research on northern issues, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers;
- provide opportunities to train future researchers and highly qualified personnel;
- contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research; and
- promote the communication of research results both within and beyond the academic community.

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## STANDARD RESEARCH GRANT

### Deadlines:

Internal Ryerson deadline: October 8  
SSHRC deadline: October 15

**Website:** [http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program\\_descriptions/standard\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/standard_e.asp)



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# Tri-Agency Funding Opportunities

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## Description:

The broad purpose of the Standard Research Grants program is to support research and develop excellence in research activities in the social sciences and humanities.

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- support high quality independent programs of research, as proposed by scholars and judged by their peers;
- provide opportunities for the training of future researchers;
- contribute to the development or elaboration of new theoretical or methodological approaches to research;
- maintain and develop vigorous disciplinary research activities;
- foster and develop vigorous collaborative, multidisciplinary research activities among researchers in the social sciences and humanities; and

assist the communication of research results both within and beyond the academic community.

**Contact:** For more information about the Standard Research Grants program, please contact the [program officer](#) who works with the committee most closely connected to your own research interests.

## ONLINE GUIDES

### CIHR

*Grants and Awards Guides*  
<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/805.html>

### NSERC

*Use of Grants Funds*  
[http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors\\_e.asp?nav=profnav&ibi=f3](http://www.nserc.gc.ca/professors_e.asp?nav=profnav&ibi=f3)

### SSHRC

*Using your Funds*  
[http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using\\_e.asp](http://www.sshrc.ca/web/using/using_e.asp)

## Other Funding Opportunities

### AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

#### Petroleum Research Fund/New Directions

**Deadline:** Between October 20, 2008 and November 21, 2008 for the next ACS meeting

**Website:** <http://www.chemistry.org>

The New Directions (ND) grants focus on providing funds for scientists and engineers who have very limited or even no preliminary results for a research project they wish to pursue; these grants are to be used to illustrate proof of concept, that is feasibility and accordingly are to be viewed as seed money for new research ventures. Proposals are supported up to \$100,000 over two years according to the needs of the project.

There are very specific conditions for the

NC grants and interested researchers should read the guidelines carefully to ensure eligibility before considering application.

Further details, application forms and guidelines can be found on the PRF website: <http://www.chemistry.org>.

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### CANADIAN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

#### 2008 Research Project Grant Program Call for Proposals

**Deadline:** October 24, 2008

**Website:** <http://www.cbcbf.org>

The CBCF will support research projects that demonstrate direct impact and relevance to breast cancer across a broad spectrum of disciplines and methodologies. Grants may be awarded for individual projects of up to three years with budgets of up to \$150,000 per year.

The Foundation will fund proposals in the areas of education, prevention, screening,



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diagnosis, treatment and after-care supports.

## Eligibility:

Canadian citizens or residents based in Ontario and affiliated with not-for-profit research, education and/or health care organizations in the Province of Ontario.

For details on application procedures and guidelines, please see the CBCF website at: <http://www.cbcf.org/en-US/Ontario/Funding/Information%20for%20Applicants/Call%20for%20proposals%20-%20research.aspx>

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## CANADA-U.S. FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

**Deadline:** November 15, 2008

**Website:** <http://www.fulbright.ca/en/award.asp>

Excellence in scholarship, along with community service, are hallmarks of the Fulbright Program. The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program strengthens binational collaborative research and promotes thoughtful public debate on topics that reflect the broad range of contemporary issues relevant to Canada, the United States and the relationship between the two countries. The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program operates on the principle of reciprocal exchange and provides the opportunity for outstanding Canadian and American students and scholars to lecture, research and pursue graduate study in the United States and Canada, respectively. Award recipients include prominent and promising scholars, experienced and junior professionals and exceptional students.

## Eligibility Requirements

Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program grants are open to Canadian and American citizens. opportunities.

Please refer to the individual award de-

scriptions for detailed eligibility requirements and application instructions.

## Types of Awards

### Awards Available to Canadians Include:

**Traditional Fulbright Scholar Awards** enable emerging and established scholars, post-doctoral researchers and experienced professionals to conduct research, teach or undertake a combination of both activities for one semester or a full academic year at a university or research centre of their choice in the host country. Applicants must have received a Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree by December 31, 2008 or have equivalent professional experience.

**Deadlines:** Canadian scholars - November 15, 2008 **NOW OPEN**

**Canada-U.S. Fulbright Visiting Research Chairs** enable prominent and promising scholars and experienced professionals to conduct research and guest lecture at select American and Canadian universities and research centres, normally for one semester, though this may be extended to a full academic year. Applicants must have received a Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree by December 31, 2008 or have equivalent professional experience.

**Deadlines:** Canadian scholars - November 15, 2008 **NOW OPEN**

**The Senior Specialists Program** is designed to provide leading U.S. scholars and professionals with opportunities to collaborate with their professional counterparts in Canada. Canadian institutions may submit requests throughout the calendar year for Fulbright Senior Specialists. Likewise, American senior scholars may apply throughout the year for candidacy on the Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster.

**Deadline:** Offered on a continuous basis

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## HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION OF CANADA

**Request for Applications for Focus on**

## Stroke VIII

**Deadline:** October 31, 2008

**Website:** <http://www.hsf.ca/research/images/PDF/fos8%20rfa%20v05.pdf>

HSFC announces support for stroke research in the areas of health services/systems, population health and clinical. Funding is targeted to research by health professionals including, but not limited to nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, nutritionists, pathologists, pharmacologists and medical doctors.

The Request for Application and further details can be found on the HSF website at: <http://www.hsf.ca/research/images/PDF/fos8%20rfa%20v05.pdf>

Ref.: [HSF Stroke VIII \(October 2008\).docx](#)

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## KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF CANADA

### Biomedical Research Grants Allied Health Research Grants

**Deadline:** October 15

**Website:** <http://www.kidney.ca>

The KFOC encourages research that may further current knowledge pertaining to the kidney and urinary tract. There must be a clearly demonstrated relevance of the project and its outcomes to the Foundation and the research must be carried out in Canada.

**Biomedical Research (Operating) Grants** provide financial support to medi-



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cal researchers to assist in defraying the operating costs of research, which may include the purchase and maintenance of experimental animals, the purchase of materials, supplies and equipment and the payment of laboratory assistants. Grants are available for one, two or three years, commencing July 1, for up to \$50,000 per year.

**Allied Health Research Grants** provide financial support for research relevant to clinical practice in the areas of nephrology, urology and organ donation. Preference will be given to applications submitted by allied health professionals. The award is for up to two years, to a maximum of \$50,000/year.

Further details, guidelines and application forms are available from the KFOC website at: <http://www.kidney.ca>

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## NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE OF CANADA/CANADIAN BREAST CANCER RESEARCH ALLIANCE

**Research Grants; Research Grants for New Investigators, Equipment and Feasibility Grants**

**Deadline:** October 15, 2008

**Website:** <http://www.ncic.cancer.ca>

The NCIC funds a wide range of projects involving Canadian investigators across the full spectrum of cancer research and into all relevant aspects of cancer prevention, early detection, screening, diagnosis, treatment, pain relief, rehabilitation and related psychosocial issues.

Funded areas include, but are not limited to:

- **biological** (studies in genetics, protein chemistry, epigenetics, proteomics, immunology and molecular biology of cancer);
- **chemical** (studies in carcinogenesis, gene therapy, drug development, chemical genomics and drug delivery);
- **physical** (studies in imaging, radiobiol-

ogy and medical physics);

- **clinical** (investigations such as chemotherapy, pathology, prevention and detection);
- **population health sciences** (including behavioural, community health, supportive care, palliative care, health promotion, health services, epidemiology, knowledge translation and occupational/environmental health sciences) .

Support is also available in the areas of prevention, early detection, screening, diagnosis, treatment, cancer control, pain relief, rehabilitation and all related psychosocial aspects, including effective dissemination, implementation, delivery and evaluation of these approaches.

The application process and application guides are available from the NCIC website: <http://www.ncic.cancer.ca>

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## ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

**Outlook Conference 2008**

**International Forum on Innovation in Ontario's Agri-Food Sector**

Thursday, November 13, 2008

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto

Register online at: [www.ontario.ca/outlook2008](http://www.ontario.ca/outlook2008)

Early Registration Deadline is September 30, 2008

Agenda information available at: <http://www.outlook2008.ca/en/agenda.php>

Speaker information and abstracts available at: <http://www.outlook2008.ca/speakers/index.php>

## EARLY RESEARCHER AWARD (ERA)

**Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI)**

*Early Researcher Award (ERA)*

### Overview

The Early Researcher Award will be of interest to faculty who wish to build their research teams and have access to funds to cover the salaries and benefits of graduate students and research associates plus travel and expenses related to conferences. The application process is available to full-time faculty, actively involved in research, within the first five years of their research career and is open on a competitive basis.

**Notice of Intent (NOI)**  
Due: October 8, 2008

**Application**  
Due: November 7, 2008

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