

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

SSHRC Explore Grant

RIS DEADLINES: FEBRUARY 15 & OCTOBER 10, 5:00 P.M.

To ensure fairness in what is becoming a very competitive environment for research grants, completed full applications packages must be received by Research Initiatives & Services (RIS) by 5:00 p.m. on the deadline date. If the deadline falls during a weekend or University closure day, the deadline shall be the first working day following the deadline. **Note: Please consult with your academic unit as they may set their own unit deadlines prior to the competition deadline noted above.**

The fund provides assistance to a maximum of \$10,000.00 towards short-term (normally 12-24 months) research projects undertaken by faculty members in disciplines supported by SSHRC.

The committee welcomes applications for partial support (under \$10,000.00) of projects for which a more comprehensive application is simultaneously made to SSHRC or another external agency.

Requests from new faculty are encouraged, although requests from established faculty researchers for funding to initiate new avenues of research will be considered. In so far as is possible, these grants will be used to initiate projects which will be ongoing beyond the period of the initial grant, through funding secured from external agencies. SSHRC expects that all research training will incorporate appropriate dimensions of the [Guidelines for Effective Research Training](#).

Applications should exhibit a clear commitment to and integration of EDI-AR-related evidence into the research proposal, published/creative work, and research team and personnel composition (this includes the applicant, collaborators and HQP).

AWARD CONDITIONS

Except in the case of grants requesting funds to investigate new avenues of research (seed funding), in order for an application to be considered in the internal research grants competition, applicants must list external agencies to which application has been/is being made for funding to support this project.

Under this program, a faculty member can receive only one grant per three academic years. Collaborative applications which include someone having received an individual grant in the last three years will not, however, be excluded from consideration on this basis.

ELIGIBILITY OF APPLICANT

Eligible Applicants/ Co-Applicants:

- ✓ All persons with academic tenure, probationary appointments, and persons on sabbatical leave are eligible. Term contracts other than those on a per course basis are eligible as long as the applicant maintains their affiliation with Memorial University for the term of the grant period.

- ✓ Post-doctoral Fellows who hold an appointment with Memorial are eligible as long as the applicant maintains their affiliation with Memorial University for the term of the grant.
- ✓ Persons on leave without pay from the university for academic reasons must demonstrate that they have no access to research funds in order to be eligible.

Non-eligible Applicants/ Co-Applicants:

- Persons on leave without pay from the university for non-academic reasons.
- Adjunct Professors, Honorary Research Professors and Professors Emeritus.

ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENSES

Eligible Expenses:

- ✓ Accommodation and subsistence will be limited to a total of 30 days.
- ✓ Funding of Research Assistants may be considered provided that the duties of the Assistants are limited to a routine scholarly support function. Requests for Research Assistants should be based on current university rates of pay and must contain details on the number of hours requested.

Non-eligible expenses:

- Dissemination activities (including conference travel) *or* normally for the purchase of capital equipment.

Except as noted above, all other budgetary expenses are to conform to the Tri-agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA). (<https://nserc-crsng.canada.ca/en/funding/research-partnerships-and-collaborations/inter-agency/tri-agency-financial-administration-1>) and are subject to normal University policies and procedures for the administration of research funds.

TERM OF AWARD

- ✓ 24 months from the date on the letter of notification of award.
- ✓ No timeframe extensions will be entertained.
- ✓ Residual funds remaining at the end of the term of the award will be returned to the source accounts. For successful applicants, the start date of the award is dependent upon the requirement for research clearances. If required, the research grant account will be established for an award once RIS receives documentation that necessary clearances have been obtained for the project

APPLICATION PROCESS

Researchers submitting an application to the above-noted program opportunity must use the Memorial Researcher Portal, <https://rpresources.mun.ca> . Once submitted, the application will be processed through the principal investigator's department (if applicable) and faculty approvers. Researchers will be able to view the status of the file anytime.

Applications should be completed using the attached fillable PDF application package and must be submitted using the Memorial Researcher Portal to arrive at RIS by the published deadline. If the deadline falls during a weekend or University closure, the deadline shall be the first working day following the deadline.

Submitted application package must be completed using the English language.

Unless otherwise specified, all information must be completed on the PDF application package. Only the most up-to-date application package will be accepted into the competition. Adherence to the guidelines will have an impact on the adjudication of the application.

To ensure fairness in what is becoming a very competitive environment for internal awards and to achieve the shortest turnaround time possible for announcement of awards, the complete signed application package must arrive at RIS by the specified deadline date.

ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

Adjudication committee membership consists of 3 members from the Humanities and Social Sciences; 2 members from professional schools, Education, and the Grenfell Campus; and ex-officio members from RIS. The committee chairperson is chosen from the committee members.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Applications should be completed using the attached fillable PDF application package and must be submitted using the Memorial Researcher Portal, <https://rpresources.mun.ca/> to arrive at RIS by the published deadline.

Complete application package consists of:

- ☐ Fillable PDF application- completed sections 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 8, 9
- ☐ Research proposal - free form pages (**page limitations – see applicable section**)
 - ☐ Budget Justification - Section 4 (**maximum 2 pages**)
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 - ☐ Curriculum Vitae - Section 6 (**maximum of six pages**) each for Principal Applicant and each Co-Applicant listed in Section 1
 - ☐ Summary of Benefits (if applicable) – Section 7 (**maximum 1 page**).

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY APPLICATION ONCE SUBMITTED?

Acknowledgement of receipt of the application through the Researcher Portal will be provided to the Principal Investigator, via email notification, within 2 working days of submission. If the Researcher has not received confirmation of receipt within 2 business days of the Program deadline, please contact internalgrants@mun.ca immediately.

Notification of Results of Application

The Applicant will be notified of the results of their application by email, via their MUN email account as provided in the application. The anticipated notification time period will be approximately 8 weeks from the competition close date. Tentative award notifications will be provided to those successful applicants whose application did not include paper acceptance notification.

Tentative awards will be provided to recipients if additional required clearance information is requested.

Tentative Awards:

Final award notification will only be released to the Awardee, once required documentation (confirmation of required clearances or request for partial release of funds) has been received by RIS from the Applicant.

Accessing Your Award:

Once final award documentation is in place, RIS will proceed with the account request.

Reporting Requirements:

SSHRC Explore/Exchange Impact report:

As part of Memorial University of Newfoundland's reporting obligations to SSHRC, we require successful applicants to submit an impact report detailing the supports provided to students, post-doctoral researchers and non-students as well as the volume of research products resulting from the funding.

A copy of the required report will be provided to successful applicants.

- End of Guidelines -

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Please Note:

- 1) Submitted Portal Application must be completed using the English language.
- 2) Complete applications packages must be submitted using the Memorial Researcher Portal and arrive by the Program Deadline in order to be considered in the program adjudication process.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Eligible Applicants/ Co-Applicants:

- ✓ All persons with academic tenure, probationary appointments, and persons on sabbatical leave are eligible. Term contracts other than those on a per course basis are eligible as long as the applicant maintains their affiliation with Memorial University for the term of the grant period.
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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Principal Applicant: _____

Faculty/School/Department: _____ Rank: _____

Contact: Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If applicable, Current Term Appointment Timeline:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Emerging Scholar (per SSHRC definition): ☐ Yes ☐ No

*An **emerging scholar** is someone who has not yet had the opportunity to establish an extensive record of research achievement, but is in the process of building one. In addition, they must meet at least one of the following criteria:*

- 1. have completed their highest degree no more than six years before the competition deadline (the date of completion of the first doctorate); **or***
- 2. have held a tenured or tenure-track university appointment for less than six years; **or***
- 3. have held a university appointment, but never a tenure-track position (in the case of institutions that offer tenure-track positions); **or***
- 4. have had their career significantly interrupted or delayed for health or family reasons within the past six years.*

CO-APPLICANT INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):

Name of Co-Applicant: _____

Rank: _____

Faculty/School/Department: _____

Contact: Telephone: _____ MUN E-mail: _____

If applicable, Current Term Appointment Timeline:

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Name of Co-Applicant: _____

Rank: _____

Faculty/School/Department: _____

Contact: **Telephone:** _____ **MUN E-mail:** _____

If applicable, Current Term Appointment Timeline:

Start Date: _____ **End Date:** _____

SIGNATURES OF CO-APPLICANT'S DEPARTMENT HEAD(S) / DEAN (S) / DIRECTOR(S) OR DESIGNATE(S), ARE REQUIRED - SEE SIGNATURE PAGE (PAGE 11)

ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

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1) List External Agencies applicants have applied to:

2) List other funding secured for project by the applicants:

3) List awards the Principal Applicant has received in last 5 years from SSHRC Explore Grant/SSHRC/Vice-President's Research Grants Program:

2. PROJECT INFORMATION

Type of funding request: ☐ Seed Funding¹ ☐ Partial Support of Larger Project

¹Seed Funding is intended for the preliminary study phase of a larger project. “Seed funding” should enable early results, with the expectation that such results may increase the chance of securing funding for a larger project. Activities performed during a preliminary phase should be aimed at obtaining proof of concept.

3. PROJECT TITLE

Project Title:

4. BUDGET AND BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

Eligible Expenses:

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Non-eligible expenses:

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A. BUDGET JUSTIFICATION:

Using 2 additional pages, provide budget justification of **all** expenses requested, in terms of the research requirements of the project.

Please use the following budget categories:

- ☐ **Travel**
- ☐ **Subsistence**
- ☐ **Accommodation**
- ☐ **Research Assistants**
- ☐ **Materials**
- ☐ **Other**
 - ☐ **Student stipend support:** If including budget items for student stipend support, the budget justification must detail how the student will be funded for the full duration of their program
 - ☐ **Project:** Should this request be part of a larger project, your justification must provide details on the portion requested under this program

Except as noted above, all other budgetary expenses are to conform to the current Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide. The following Tri-Agency link will direct you to the most up-to-date version of the Tri-Agency Financial Guide which will also outline any current and, subsequent future updates: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp and are subject to normal University policies and procedures for the administration of research funds.

5. PROJECT PROPOSAL

Using additional pages (maximum of 5 pages, exclusive of references and appendices) provide a comprehensive description of the project.

Applications should exhibit a clear commitment to and integration of EDI-AR-related evidence into the research proposal, published/creative work, and research team and personnel composition (this includes the applicant, collaborators and HQP).

The project proposal should be written in non-technical terms and clearly understood by scholars with varied areas of expertise (i.e., minimal academic terminology and reference to methodology). In writing the detailed description of the proposal, avoid jargon, acronyms and highly technical terms. Not all committee members will have an intimate knowledge of the subject matter of all proposals.

The proposal MUST use the following SSHRC headings:

- ☐ Scope and objectives of the proposed research.
- ☐ Scholarly significance including potential contribution to knowledge and relation to existing research and literature.
- ☐ If applicable, its social relevance or practical importance.
- ☐ Theoretical approach or conceptual framework, as appropriate.
- ☐ Work already completed and in progress and schedule of work to be done.
- ☐ Research plans and methods.
- ☐ If applicable, copies of questionnaires and other research instruments.
- ☐ If applicable, the role of all co-applicants, collaborators, research assistants, student assistants and other personnel.

6. CURRICULUM VITAE

Attach an up-to-date short curriculum vitae (maximum of six pages) for the Principal Applicant and each Co-applicant. The CV should include:

- a) work experience,
- b) academic background,
- c) funded research received in the last 6 years,

- d) publications and/or presentations and/or patents (please indicate if peer-reviewed) and/or other evidence of research impact in the last 6 years, (research impact includes the evidence of how published and/or creative work has influenced thinking or practice in the researcher's field or how the research has led to other forms of knowledge mobilization, such as innovation based on research, influence on policy, or understanding of issues of importance to society)
- e) HQP graduated and current in the last 6 years, and any other pertinent information.

7. SUMMARY OF BENEFITS (if applicable)

If applicable, using 1 additional page, please attach a summary of the benefits to the Principal Applicant's research program from the receipt of most recent SSHRC Explore Grant award(s) (as listed on page 3, #3 of the application).

8. SIGNATURE PAGE CO-APPLICANTS

CO-APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approvals:

Department Head (if applicable): _____
(Dean at Grenfell)

Date: _____

Dean /Director (Grenfell)/Designate: _____

Date: _____

CO-APPLICANT:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approvals:

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Access to Information and Protection of Privacy

The information on this form is collected under the authority of the Memorial University Act (RSNL 1990 Chapter M-7) and is needed for and will be used to assess your application to the SSHRC Exchange Grant - Paper Presentation at Scholarly Conferences Program. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the Internal Grants Coordinator, Research Initiatives & Services, at 709-864-8368.