Career Development and Public Engagement in the Social Sciences and Humanities

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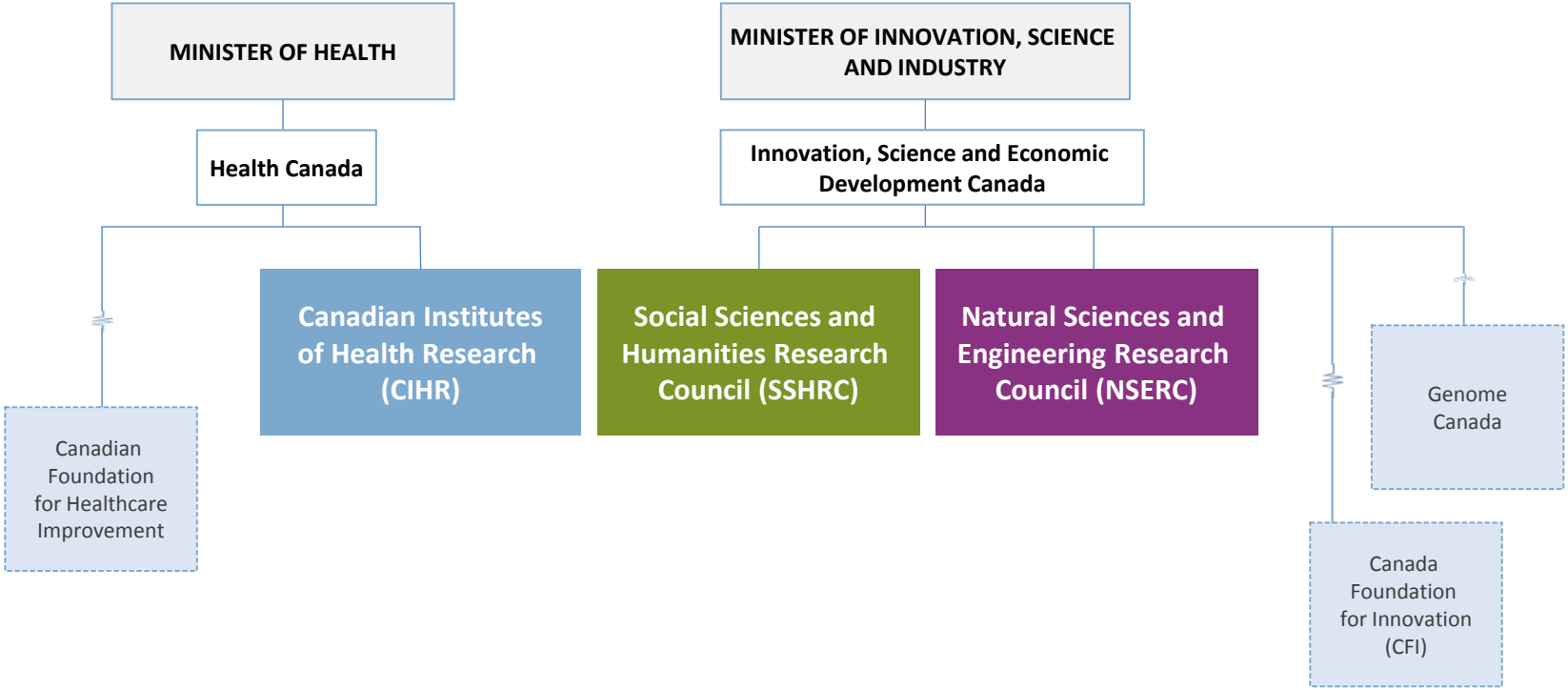
Our role

Federal agency mandated to promote and support postsecondary-based research and training in the social sciences and humanities

Through grants, fellowships and scholarships SSHRC:

- **Trains** the next generation of talented, creative thinkers and doers
- **Builds** knowledge and understanding about people, cultures and societies
- **Drives** the innovations that address the challenges of today and tomorrow

FEDERAL GRANTING AGENCIES



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

TALENT
Building the next generation of leaders and equipping them for research-intensive careers across the economy and society

- Master's Scholarships
- Doctoral Scholarships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships

INSIGHT
Fostering research-based knowledge about people

- Insight Development Grants
- Insight Grants
- Support to institutions

CONNECTION
Supporting the flow and exchange of that knowledge within and beyond academe.

- Connection Grants
- Support for Journals
- Knowledge Synthesis Grants

PARTNERSHIPS
Within the academic community and between academe, industry, government, not-for-profits and communities

- Partnership Development Grants
- Partnership Grants
- Partnership Engage Grants

PARTNERSHIPS

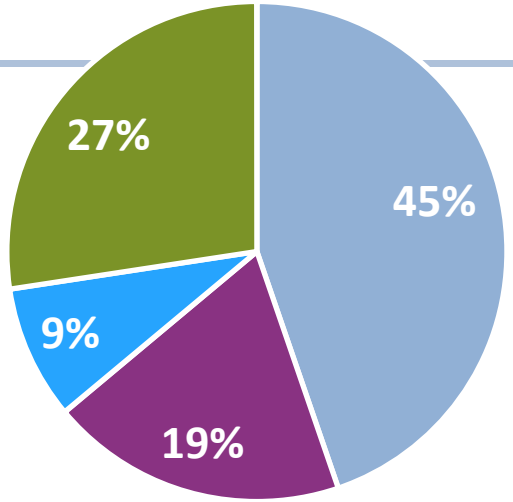
SSHRC funds partnerships through, for example, three funding opportunities: Partnership, Partnership Development, and Partnership Engage Grants to:

- conduct research;
- mobilize knowledge; and,
- train future researchers.

For 2019-20, **1100** new Partners are expected to contribute **$69.3 M over 7 years**.

Between 2015-16 and 2019-20 (5 years) SSHRC support facilitated...

- **950** formal partnership projects
- **4,400** partner organizations
- **$286 M** in partner contributions (cash and in-kind)



POST-SECONDARY | **$31.0 M**

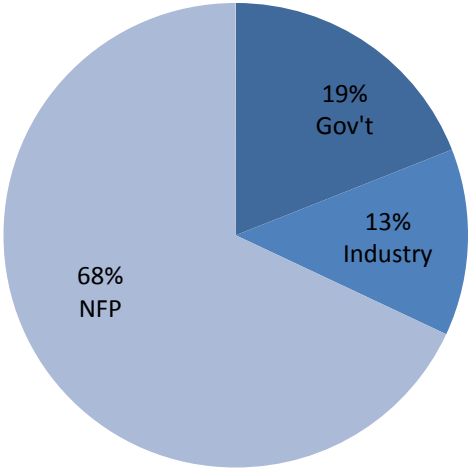
GOVERNMENT | **$13.3 M**

INDUSTRY | **$6.0 M**

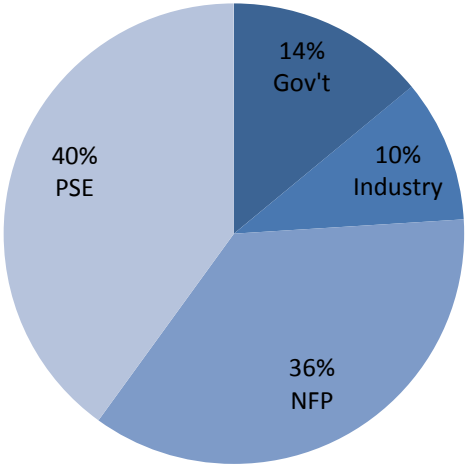
NOT-FOR-PROFIT | **$19.0 M**

TYPES OF PARTNERSHIPS

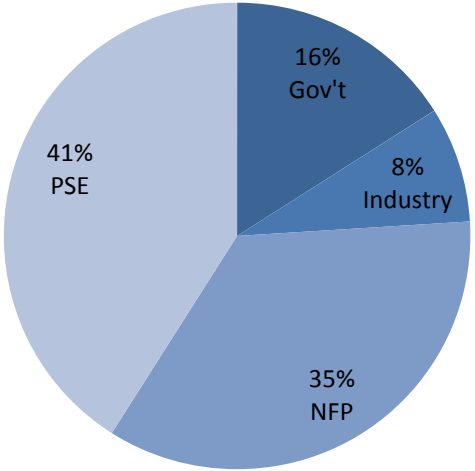
Partnership Engage Grants



Partnership Grants



Partnership Development Grants



STUDENT SUPPORT

The 175 Partnerships funded by SSHRC to date support more than 3,000 students and postdoctoral researchers (approx. $48.5M).

UBC'S PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

(2011) Slingerland, Edward G., The evolution of religion and morality

(2012) Duranti, Luciana, Trust and digital records in an increasingly networked society

(2013) Sumaila, Rashid U., OceanCanada

(2013) Martin Ginis, Kathleen A., Enhancing community participation in Canadians with physical disabilities: development, implementation and evaluation of a partnered strategy

(2015) Warren, Mark E., The participedia project: a global partnership to create and mobilize knowledge about democratic innovations

UBC'S PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (CONT.)

(2015) Jenson, Jennifer, The University of British Columbia (formerly York University), Re-figuring innovation in games

(2016) Chen, Jinhua, From the ground up: East Asian religions through multi-media sources and interdisciplinary perspectives

(2016) Bakker, Karen J., Sustainable water governance and indigenous law

(2017) Gillen, David, Green shipping: governance and innovation for a sustainable maritime supply chain

(2017) Schmader, Tanya M., Engendering success in STEM: a research consortium for gender equality in science and technology

(2018) Klein, Peter, The hidden costs of supply chains: a global investigation

UBC'S PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (CONT.)

(2018) Rachelle D. Hole, University of British Columbia, TYDE: transitioning youth with disabilities and employment

(2019) Bungay, Victoria A., Scaling up Trauma and Violence Informed Outreach with Women Affected by Violence

(2019) Hermida, Alfred J., Global Journalism Innovation Lab: Revitalizing journalism and accelerating knowledge mobilization from Canadian universities

(2020) Macintyre Latta, Margaret, Co-Curricular-Making: Honouring Indigenous Connections to Land, Culture, and the Relational Self

(2020) Mortensen, William, Towards Barrier-Free Communities : A Partnership for Improving Mobility, Access and Participation (MAP) Among People with Disabilities

(2020) Werker, Janet, Ensuring Full Literacy in a Multicultural and Digital World

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – EXAMPLE FROM UBC

Peter Klein, The University of British Columbia

The hidden costs of supply chains: a global investigation

GLOBAL REPORTING CENTRE

Main discipline: Communications and Media Studies

The world is increasingly interconnected through global supply chains. Trillions of dollars a year of merchandise travel across oceans and continents linking low cost manufacturers from developing countries to large discount-driven consumer markets. While the benefits of these supply chains are clear – jobs, goods and commerce – the costs are largely hidden from the public.

The Hidden Costs of Global Supply Chains is a project that aims to reveal the consequences of global supply chains. Its investigative team includes seasoned award-winning journalists, leading scholars and students. Together the team will embark on ambitious research and reporting projects.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – HUMANITIES

Steven Bednarski, University of Waterloo

Environments of Change: Digitizing Nature, History, and Human Experience in Late Medieval Sussex

Main discipline: Mediaeval Studies

Environments of Change is a transdisciplinary research network of scholars and industry partners who seek to use emerging digital technologies to provide research and tools to a wide audience (scholars, members of the general public, policy makers) on the historical relationship between humans, nature, and culture.

Environments of Change works in partnership with 13 educational and private industry partners and more than 30 experts from diverse fields, including history, digital humanities, archaeology, fine arts, video game design, computer-assisted modelling, and computer graphics, amongst others. This partnership supports more than 400 learning and training opportunities for students at all levels.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – HUMANITIES

Stephen McAdams, McGill University

Analysis, creation and teaching of orchestration (ACTOR)

ACTOR | ANALYSIS, CREATION + TEACHING OF ORCHESTRATION

Main discipline: Fine Arts

The ACTOR Partnership proposes to enhance attention to timbre and orchestration by bringing its musical use to the forefront of scholarship, practice, and public awareness with world-class artists, humanists, and scientists.

This Partnership links North American and European orchestration practice and pedagogy, stimulates the development of new creativity-enhancing digital tools for learning, creating, and studying orchestration practice in concert, club, film, and video-game music, and sensitizes young audiences to the wonders and complexities of high-quality music.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – HUMANITIES

Jason Camlot, Concordia University
The SpokenWeb: conceiving and creating a nationally networked archive of literary recordings for research and teaching

Main discipline: Literature, Modern Languages

The SSHRC-funded SpokenWeb partnership aims to develop coordinated and collaborative approaches to literary historical study, digital development, and critical and pedagogical engagement with diverse collections of literary sound recordings from across Canada and beyond.

The SpokenWeb program begins with the preservation and description of sonic artifacts that have captured literary events of the past, and quickly moves into a wide range of approaches and activities activate these artifacts in the present.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dilip Soman, University of Toronto

Behaviourally Informed Organizations: Creating an Integrative Theory of Behavioural Change and Embedding it in Organizations

Main discipline: Management, business, and administrative studies

The Behaviourally Informed Organizations partnership brings together researchers from 17 universities and 5 non-academic organizations, and 18 partner organizations that include government units, for-profit entities, consulting firms, consumer groups, and academic centres. Funded through a SSHRC Partnership Grant and the contributions of partners, this partnership's key challenge is to develop an overarching framework for using behavioural science and to ask how behavioural insights (BI) can be best embedded in organizations to achieve better outcomes, improve the efficiency of processes, and maximize stakeholder engagement.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Stewart Elgie, University of Ottawa
Greening growth partnership: connecting research with policy for an innovative, sustainable economy

Smart Prosperity Institute

Main disciplines: Economics and Political Sciences

The Greening Growth Partnership brings together a network of more than 50 Canadian and international scholars, and over 40 government, civil society, business and research institution partners. Funded through a SSHRC Partnership Grant and the contributions of partners, this partnership works to produce targeted research and effective knowledge translation and mobilization, to inform environment-economy policy innovation in Canada.

PARTNERSHIP GRANT – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Shauna MacKinnon, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
Community-Driven Solutions to Poverty: Challenges and Possibilities

Main discipline: Social Work

The **newly** (2020) awarded project *Community-Driven Solutions to Poverty: Challenges and Possibilities* involves academics from six post-secondary institutions, individual community researchers and dozens of local community partners. The project aims to address the following paradox: while many community-based strategies help some individuals and families move out of poverty, they are not producing sustainable, transformative change that would significantly reduce poverty.

Resources:

SSHRC Partnerships
Partnerships Tool-Kit
Guidelines for Effective Research Training

For more information, contact: partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca