SSHRC Insight Grant Competition, 2012

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Insight Grant program

Goal

• build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research excellence
• provide research training experience for students
• fund research that relates to societal challenges and opportunities
• mobilize research knowledge
Insight Grant Objectives

• to support research proposed by scholars and judged worthy of funding by their peers and/or other experts
• to provide opportunities for the training of future researchers
• to contribute to the advancement of theory and/or methodology
• to support disciplinary and multidisciplinary research activities
• to promote knowledge mobilization (KM) within and beyond the academic community
Insight Grant Application

• Application process: Two-stage application
  – Mandatory NOI: August 15, 2012
  – Full application: October 15, 2012
  – ORS deadline: October 1, 2012 (complete application, signed FAAF)

• Applicant: Principal Investigator alone or in a team
  – Duration: 3 to 5 years
  – Value: $7,000 to $500,000 (maximum $200,000 in a given year)

• Funding: New and Regular scholars
  – No separate envelope for New Scholars
Insight Grant Components

• Please complete all relevant sections and attach all relevant attachments, including:
  – Detailed description (6 pages)
  – Reference list (10 pages)
  – Research team (4 pages)
  – Research contributions (4 pages)
  – KM plan (1 page)
  – Budget justification (2 pages)
  – Research-creation support material (1 page)
  – Sport Participation Research Initiative
  – Statement of Alignment

• Summary of Proposal, Expected Outcomes
Knowledge Mobilization Plan

• Facilitate multidirectional flow and exchange of research knowledge (facilitating, enabling the benefit and impact of research on and beyond the campus (as described in Expected Outcomes) through enhanced accessibility and interaction.

• Include:
  – Plan to increase accessibility, flow & exchange of knowledge
  – Plan to engage appropriate audiences & participants
  – Schedule for achieving intended KM activities
  – Elaborate on purpose of KM activities &/or other goals
Expected Outcomes

• Essential information for adjudication (Challenge criteria)
• Summary
  – 1 page
  – Describe potential benefits &/or outcomes (evolution, effects, potential learning, implications, impacts, etc)
Research-creation proposals

• If applicable (1 page)
• Most recent and significant achievements, grouped by category.
  – Creative outputs evaluated according to established disciplinary standards, and creative and/or artistic merit (for example: exhibitions, performances, publications, presentations, film, video, audio recordings, etc.)
• Can include a website link to samples of your work (no guarantee they will look)
• May be collaborative review by a research-creation expert and Canadian Council for the Arts
Insight Grant Evaluation Criteria

• Challenge – Aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)

• Feasibility – The plan to achieve excellence (20%)

• Capability – The expertise to succeed (40%)
Insight Grant Evaluation Criteria

• Challenge – Aim and importance of the endeavour (40%)
  – Originality, significance, expected contribution to knowledge
  – Appropriateness of literature review; theoretical approach and framework; methods/approach
  – Quality of training & mentoring for students, emerging scholars, other HQP, & opportunities for them to contribute
  – Potential influence & impact beyond social sciences & humanities research community
Insight Grant Evaluation Criteria

• Feasibility – The plan to achieve excellence (20%)
  – Probability of reaching research objectives effectively & in a timely manner
  – Appropriateness of requested budget and cost justification
  – Financial and in-kind contributions from other sources, where applicable
  – Quality of KM plan, including effective knowledge dissemination, knowledge exchange, & engagement within &/or beyond the research community
  – Strategies and timelines for design and conduct of activity(ies) proposed
Insight Grant Evaluation Criteria

• Capability – The expertise to succeed (40%)
  – Quality, quantity and significance of past experience, published and/or creative output of applicant or team member relative to their project roles & respective career stages
  – Evidence of contributions (commissioned reports, professional practice, public discourse, public policies, products & services, talent development, experience in collaboration, etc)
  – Potential to make future contributions
Submitting to ORS

• October 1, 2012
• Please send a hard copy of:
  – Completed and signed FAAF
  – The complete application, including attachments
• Jodi Smith, Research Grant Officer (SSHRC, International & Misc)
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Insight Grant Program

• Insight Grants

• Insight Development Grants
Insight Development Grants

- Support research in its initial stages; not intended for large scale initiatives
- Enable development of new research questions, and experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas
- Value $7000 to $75000 over 1 to 3 years
- For New and Regular scholars
  - at least 50% of funds reserved for applications from new scholars (percentage is from the previous competition)
Insight Development Grants

- SSHRC deadline: February 1, 2013
- ORS deadline: January 18, 2013
Research Grant Facilitators

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Questions?