Research for Real Life

Northern Communities

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\$48.9 M

SSHRC investments in the North *

research projects

graduate students

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) builds new knowledge on the issues that matter most to Canadians.

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 $^{^\}star$ These numbers represent multi-year awards across all funding programs from 2006-07 to 2010-11.



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Protecting Arctic sovereignty

Stéphane Roussel, Canada Research Chair in Foreign and Canadian Defence Policy, is a leading voice on the increasingly important topic of Arctic sovereignty and its effects on Canada's relationships with the US, Russia and the rest of Europe. The professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal leads a new generation of researchers focused on Canadian foreign defence policy. His research is contributing to international debates and helping to determine and protect Canadian interests in the Arctic.

Northern entrepreneurs

Prescott Ensign of the University of Ottawa is studying entrepreneurial aptitude and activity in Nunavut. He found that while outsiders—those who have emigrated to the North from southern parts of Canada—were important to the economy, local women and youth also play a vital role in the economic landscape of Canada's North. A number of economic development and community organizations in Nunavut have become ongoing contributors to Ensign's work, and are using the research results to inform the development of their own policies and programs.

SSHRC at a Glance *

\$334.9M

in funding

9,213 projects

30

disciplines

13,131 applications

4,452

new grants, scholarships and fellowships

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Inuit knowledge and climate change

Vanier Scholar Noorjehan Johnson of McGill University is investigating how Inuit knowledge about climate change is communicated on a global scale. Her PhD thesis traces how local knowledge is contested, negotiated and changed as it moves through national and international governments and organizations—for example, from the Inuit community of Clyde River on Baffin Island, to Iqaluit in Nunavut, and finally to the Inuit Circumpolar Council in Ottawa. Johnson's work brings a new perspective to policy development in the Arctic.