

National Housing Strategy Longitudinal Outcomes Research

Frequently Asked Questions



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WHERE WILL THE PRESENTATION RECORDING BE AVAILABLE?

Unfortunately, there was a recording glitch for both the French and English versions of the Webinars, and we are unable to share them. We took notes and gleaned most of the questions from the chat box. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any other questions that remain unanswered:

SSRHC: partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

CMHC Research: research@cmhc-schl.gc.ca

GIVEN THE BREADTH OF THE THREE PILLARS OF RESEARCH, DO YOU EXPECT RESEARCH SUBMISSIONS TO RESPOND TO ALL OF THEM?

CMHC recognizes that there are many intersecting variables that influence the health and wellbeing of Canadians, of which housing is one. To ensure the nuance of the interpretation, it is important to take a holistic approach to the research. We do not require a research submission to interrogate all of our pillars but we do wish to see how different factors intersect and contribute to the wellbeing of Canadians and the Canadian ecosystem. We are looking to the research community to guide us in the best possible solution for our research funding.

ARE YOU TRACKING ACCESSIBLE HOUSING STOCK?

There is no question that accessible housing stock and awareness of what is available are important. CMHC has programs that support accessible housing and we are compiling data associated with those programs. As far as an accessible housing stock list across Canada, we do not have that precise information now at the housing stock level.

NORMAL SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANTS ARE 4 – 7 YEARS. THIS RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY IS LIMITED TO 5 YEARS. CMHC WANTS LONGITUDINAL DATA AND ANALYSIS, SO WHY THE SHORTER TIME FRAME?

CMHC is aware of the challenges associated with longitudinal research design and data collection. We are looking to the research community to guide us in the best possible solution for our research funding.

HOW MANY PROJECTS WILL BE GRANTED? AND CAN CO-APPLICANT IN AN ONGOING PARTNERSHIP PROJECT SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Two submissions will be granted funding. Yes, a co-applicant on an ongoing partnership project grant can apply. If you are currently a project director on an ongoing SSRHC Partnership Grant, SSHRC is reviewing these situations on a case-by-case basis. Please contact SSHRC to discuss: partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

DOES THE PROJECT DIRECTOR'S HOST INSTITUTION NEED TO HAVE A FORMAL LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION?

No, this is a requirement for the Core Funding Partnership Grants Opportunity, but not a submission requirement. We would recommend this as an option, however.

THE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY REQUESTS MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH, BUT SSHRC'S APPLICATION GUIDELINES INDICATE THAT IN THESE CASES, ACADEMICS SHOULD APPLY FOR MULTI-AGENCY RESEARCH FUNDING COLLABORATION. DO THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS OVERRIDE THE RESTRICTION IN THE SUBJECT MATTER ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES?

Yes.

SHOULD WE WRITE IN THAT THE DATA THE PROJECT PRODUCES ARE EXPECTED TO BE SHARED AND FURTHER COLLECTED BY CMHC OR SOME OTHER INSTITUTIONS?

You can support your application by referencing the CMHC data sources we have presented today, if they are relevant to your research proposal.

IT IS A 5-YEAR GRANT, BUT WILL IT COME WITH SSHRC'S TRADITIONAL AUTOMATIC EXTENSION YEAR? (SO THE FUNDS COULD EFFECTIVELY BE USED FOR 6 YEARS)

Yes.

WOULD YOU AWARD THE PROJECT WITH SMALLER GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED?

Yes.

CAN AN INTERNATIONAL POST DOC APPLY FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY?

Internationally-based Directors can apply if they are affiliated with a Canadian academic institution, and can be co-applicants if affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution (including postsecondary institutions, not-for-profit institutions, provincial and municipal governments, etc.). Postdoctoral researchers must be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution within five months of the grant start date, and maintain such affiliation for the duration of the grant, in order to be eligible as a Director, and must be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution in order to be eligible as a co-director or co-applicant.

IS IT THE CASE THAT CASH/ IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES/ PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ARE NOT TECHNICALLY A REQUIREMENT FOR THE APPLICATION, BUT FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE COMPETITIVE, SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE PART OF THE PROPOSAL?

Cash/ in-kind contributions from other sources/ partners are not a requirement but are expected as they are part of the feasibility merit review criterion. CMHC has outlined the funding available for this opportunity. If your submission is supported by a budget exceeding our funding amount, you will need to justify the feasibility of your proposal by indicating other funding sources. Additionally, we recommend that applicants consider all evaluation criteria while constructing their application.

STUDENT TRAINING AND PARTNER CONNECTIONS AS A BIG PART OF THIS PROJECT? OR SHOULD WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A 'RESEARCH' PROJECT MAINLY?

The focus of this opportunity is primarily research and partner connections. Student training is a part of all academic training through research experience, however we distinguish this opportunity from other SSHRC initiatives like the Talent Program.

IS THIS A TRADITIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANT OR IS THIS SIMILAR TO A LARGE INSIGHT GRANT THAT IS HEAVY ON RESEARCH, AND A BIT LESS SO ON PARTNERSHIP.

The Partnership Grants have been used as a template for the structure of the grant. In many ways you'll find a lot of similarities with Partnership Grants, but there are also a number of differences. For example, this is a one stage application process. While we call this a Partnership Grant, it addresses the goals of the Insight "umbrella" program (https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/umbrella_programs-programme_cadre/insight-savoir-eng.aspx) - this is one of the umbrellas that PG focuses on too, but whereas they have other umbrella options, this is really just an Insight-focused partnership project. Please email the partnerships general inbox for more details on the various programs: partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

We realize that this is a tight timeline to develop a plan for a new cohort study, and for using a new dataset. We are looking to the research community to guide us in the best possible solution for our research funding.

REGARDING NON-STUDENT SALARIED EMPLOYEES ON THE GRANT, CAN THAT INCLUDE PROJECT ADMINISTRATION/ PROJECT MANAGEMENT?

Indeed, salaries or stipends to reimburse project managers and/or administrators could be an eligible expense, but only as long as those individuals are not listed on the grant as co-applicants or collaborators. In other words, this person may not conduct research and should only be assign to administrative tasks. For more information on use of grant funds, please consult the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp).

CAN A PROJECT DIRECTOR BE FROM AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE THAT IS NOT IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES OR HUMANITIES?

Yes. SSHRC is the 'lead' from an administrative perspective (i.e.: you're submitting to SSHRC and we're handling the administrative process), but if the project director is not from the social sciences and humanities, that is also eligible! We want to see representation from disciplines across the Tri-Agencies on the team as a whole.

COULD YOU PLEASE CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENT ON THE RESEARCH TEAM COMPOSITION?

CMHC requests a multi-disciplinary team of scholars and partners. Our only criteria in this regard is that teams are not only composed of one discipline (for example, all engineers, or all social scientists).

SOME PARTNERSHIP PROJECT HAS A HUGE GROUP OF PARTNERS AND TEAM MEMBERS. OUR PROJECT WILL BE EFFECTIVE WITH SMALLER NUMBER OF PARTNERS. HOW WOULD THAT BE VIEWED BY REVIEWERS?

As long as you demonstrate the feasibility and capacity of your team and the project, the number of partners and team members does not matter.

I'M A PRIVATE SECTOR FOR PROFIT AGENCY AND I'M VERY ENGAGED WITH PUBLIC SECTOR BODIES LIKE MUNICIPALITIES AND SOME NON-PROFITS, BUT WE'RE NOT A FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AGENCY. DOES THAT MEAN THAT THAT WE'RE JUST NOT IN THIS GAME?

The only institutions that are eligible to submit applications to this particular initiative are eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions. A private for-profit institution would have to be a partner with a post secondary institution that's eligible to submit. That is certainly something that we encourage. However, you would not be able to submit as a Project Director on behalf of your agency; you would need to partner or collaborate with an academic in an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution.

CAN YOU PROVIDE PRECISE INFORMATION ON WHICH TAX FILES WILL BE LINKED TO CMHC ADMINISTRATIVE DATA?

Our initial data linkage project is linking CMHC administrative data from the Rental Construction Financing Initiative (RCFI) and the National Housing Co-investment Fund with Census data, Income tax & returns data and Canadian Housing Survey data. Specific linkage keys include Censuses (2016, 2021), CHS (2018, 2021), Yearly 2016 to 2020 T1FF, Yearly 2016 to 2020 T4 Statement of Remuneration, Tax derived historical geo-locations for 2016 to 2020, Proximity Measures Database, selected variables from Immigration Database.

WOULD A MORE SENIOR AND ESTABLISHED SCHOLAR BE PRIORITIZED WITHIN THE PROJECT TEAM?

The Capability evaluation criteria examines the capacity of the team as a whole. Seniority and experience certainly plays a role in the evaluation of capacity, but it does not necessarily mean that established scholars will be ranked higher. We are equally interested in the breadth of the disciplines represented on the team, the unique lens of the team members, and the overall capacity to deliver the research.

WHERE CAN WE FIND RESEARCH THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN FUNDED BY CMHC?

You can find it here: [Housing Knowledge Centre](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/library)¹

French: [Centre du Savoir](https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/fr/centre-du-savoir-sur-le-logement)²

CAN WE WORK WITH YOUR INTERNAL TEAMS TO DEVELOP AND TEST OUR SUBMISSIONS OR WILL WE BE ABLE TO WORK WITH CMHC RESEARCHERS ONLY AFTER THE AWARDS ARE GRANTED?

CMHC is ready and available to answer all your questions publicly. Once the research grants are awarded, we would be pleased to participate in the research according to the research design and our internal resource availability.

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