



Office of the  
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## 2024 SSHRC EXPLORE COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Available  
Funding

Maximum \$  
Modest research project funding requirements.

# 2024 SSHRC EXPLORE COMPETITION APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST.

Applications submitted to RIS after this deadline will be considered late and will not be accepted.

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

The maximum amount of funding that will be granted per award is \$7,000. You will not be penalized if your budget request is less than the maximum amount.

## DESCRIPTION

The SSHRC Explore Grant (formerly the SSHRC SIG program) provides external funds to eligible TMU faculty members pursuing research/scholarship in the social sciences and humanities.

The purpose of the SSHRC Explore Grant is to:

- Support social sciences and humanities researchers/scholars with modest project funding requirements.
- Allow for small-scale innovation and experimentation by providing funding to undertake a stand-



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Recipients of a SSHRC Explore grant must acknowledge SSHRC support for their research or research-related activities in all outputs. The following wording is suggested:

*“This research [or activity] has been supported by a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Explore Grant.”*

## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of a SSHRC Explore grant must submit a report within three months of completion of the project or one year after the release of funds, whichever comes first. Recipients will receive information about how to complete the online report.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1) Please download and complete the [Application Package](#). This package must be completed and uploaded in order to be deemed eligible for review.

This fillable PDF form consists of the following sections:

- a) Cover Page (maximum 1 page)
- b) Proposal
  - i) Project Description (maximum 3 pages)

Applications should describe the research/project in enough detail to allow informed assessment by the 2024 SSHRC Explore Review Committee members. Since not all Committee members will have an intimate knowledge of the subject matter of all proposals, the proposal must avoid jargon and highly technical content.

The project description must include:

1. Objectives – The specific nature of the SRC activity to be funded.
2. Context – A brief literature review to situate the project, its relevance and its potential contributions to the field.
3. Methodology – The methodology or theoretical approach to be employed, including data collection and analysis strategies.
4. Timeline – The time period within which the work will be undertaken.
5. Key Words – Up to five project key words.

- ii) Knowledge Mobilization and Anticipated Outcomes (maximum 1 page)

There should be a clear indication of the expected outcome(s) of the proposed SRC activity (e.g., publications, presentations, student training, preliminary stage of a large project, etc.), including how the proposed SRC activity will prepare the applicant for future externally funded applications where appropriate.



## Preparation for Review

The SRC Grant Review Committee will be guided by:

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### 3. *Capability – the expertise to succeed*

- Quality, quantity and significance of past experience and published and/or other SRC-related outputs of the applicant, relative to the applicant’s respective stage of career (i.e., emerging scholar versus established scholar).
- Consideration of EDI-focused measures in research practice and design. X

Criterion	Emerging Scholar Scoring	
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## ***Research Questions***

- Do your research questions reflect EDI principles?
- Does your literature review address relevant EDI considerations?
  - What keywords could be used in your literature review to gain deeper and broader knowledge of who might, or might not, be impacted by, or contribute to, the research?
  - Are certain diversity factors and/or intersections known to affect the phenomenon of interest?
  - What are the relevant knowledge gaps? Have previous studies failed to adequately incorporate relevant diversity factors and/or omitted investigating their intersections?

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## ***Methodology and Data Collection***

- How will you collect data? Are question categories inclusive?

## ***Dissemination of Results***

- Are you reporting back to communities? In what format(s)?
- What are you giving back to communities and/or individual study participants?
- What means of dissemination will be most effective in reaching those who will use and/or could benefit from the findings?
- How will inclusivity be integrated into dissemination? Will accessible formats be used? Will anyone who took part in the research receive a summary of the research findings and/or be invited to a presentation about the work?
- Does the dissemination plan consider the appropriate language(s) depending on the group(s) identified?
- Does the dissemination material take into account gender-sensitive and inclusive communication (e.g., gender-neutral language or unbiased content)?
- Are the dissemination strategies the product of collaborative efforts with a diversity of input or have they been envisioned in a narrower focus?