
JULY 2014 | *Events, deadlines, and news for faculty researchers at Trent University*

Upcoming NOTICE of INTENT Deadlines – Tri-Council

A number of important Tri-Council application deadlines are quickly approaching. If you are planning to apply for Tri-Council funding in the fall, please be advised of the following deadlines:

[NSERC Discovery Grants – Notice of Intent- August 1, 2014](#)

[SSHRC Insight Grants – Notice of Intent – August 15, 2014](#)

[CIHR Operating-Industry Partnered Collaborative Grant- Registration – August 15, 2014](#)

[CIHR Catalyst Grant – Ethics – Registration – August 15, 2014](#)

Vice President Research and International Strategic Initiatives Fund

[The Vice President Research and International Strategic Initiatives Fund](#) welcomes requests from all Trent faculty, research organizations, graduate and undergraduate student groups engaged in research, and university staff working within the research enterprise. Funds are directed towards research activities for which other sources of funding are not available. Requests from academic or administrative departments are not eligible to receive support from this fund. **Deadline: July 15, 2014**

NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Competition

NSERC has reinstated the NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grants Program but with a reduced overall budget. The major change is that institutions have been given a *quota* of applications that they can submit to the national competition. Trent University can submit a maximum of **(3)** applications. NSERC is requiring that institutions have an internal pre-selection process to select applications to be submitted to the national competition. Consistent with previous competitions, only applicants or co-applicants who currently hold or are applying for an NSERC research grant (e.g. Discovery, Research Partnerships, Strategic, Canada Research Chair) at the time of application will be accepted. Additional information and the pre-selection information can be found [here](#).

New Information on SSHRC Programs

SSHRC's Talent, Insight and Connection programs for the 2014 competitions:

- **Future challenge areas** have been integrated into SSHRC's website, including through a new [Future Challenge Areas](#) landing page, and a new section appearing in the Talent, Insight and Connection program and funding opportunities descriptions.
- **Priority areas** are no longer described in program literature, and the related statements of alignment are no longer included in application forms. SSHRC will continue to track

and report on funding in these areas as part of its overall budget.

- The **definitions** for aboriginal research, research administrator, eligible institution, emerging scholars, partner organization, and industry partner organization have been added or updated. Please consult the [definition of terms](#) section of the website to view the current definitions.
- Applicants can now select **aboriginal research** in the application forms, similar to the research-creation approach. Please consult the [President's desk](#) page for more information on aboriginal research.
- Applicants from ineligible institutions must now initiate the [institutional eligibility](#) process five (5) (instead of the previous two) business days before the application deadline.
- The policy on [Appeals of Decisions Based on Merit Review](#) has been updated to provide further clarification regarding the grounds for appeal as well as the appeals' process.
- The [Guidelines for Support of Tools for Research and Related Activities](#) have been updated to reflect a new upper limit for requests associated to Partnership Grants and the [Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](#) have been updated to provide clarification.
- SSHRC's new [Guidelines for Effective Research Training](#) were developed in response to consultations with the research community, and informed by a literature review; the guidelines present a common definition of effective research training across all SSHRC funding opportunities.

The guidelines apply to each of SSHRC's programs (Talent, Insight and Connection) and are designed to assist the research community in its efforts to promote effective research training and career development as part of its SSHRC-funded research activities.

All SSHRC funding applicants proposing training plans and budgets are encouraged to use the guidelines as a tool to help identify the elements of effective research training. Funding applicants should include in their proposals the dimensions of research training that are the most relevant to their research projects and that can be of most benefit to all parties involved. External reviewers and committee members are also encouraged to use the guidelines to assist in gauging the quality of research training activities proposed in SSHRC applications.

Please share these guidelines with your networks. Any questions with regards to the guidelines can be addressed to:
fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

- The **SSHRC Institutional Grants** funding opportunity will introduce a criteria-referenced merit review process as of the December 2014 deadline date. All applications that meet the criteria will receive a grant and the awarded amount will be based on the current funding formula. Materials will be available late summer.
- SSHRC is pleased with the success of the [Connection Grants](#), and is implementing some important changes to enhance the delivery of this funding opportunity. The main changes are summarized below:

In order to improve the transparency of the adjudication process cycle and to clarify timelines for applying and announcement about decisions, deadlines have been introduced.

Deadline	Decision Announced
May 1 st	June 30th
August 1 st	September 30 th
November 1 st	December 31
February 1 st	March 31st

In addition, Connection Grants now have one year automatic extensions in order to harmonize with other funding opportunities offered by SSHRC; and, co-applicants on an active Connection Grant are now eligible to apply as Project Directors to their own Connection Grant.

For more information, please contact SSHRC by telephone at 613-943-1007 or email at: connection@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

- The Notification of Intent (NOI) to apply for an [Insight Grant](#) has been available online since June 18th. Please note the following:
 - NOIs must be submitted directly by the applicants to SSHRC via the online system by August 15th, 2014.
 - NOIs will not be accepted after the deadline.
 - An applicant who has not submitted an NOI by this date will be ineligible to submit the full application in the October 2014 competition.
 - An Insight Grant application will be created for all applicants who have submitted the IG NOI beginning mid-July in the applicant's Portfolio.
 - Postsecondary institutions will be provided with a list of their faculty who have submitted an NOI after the August 15th deadline via SSHRC's secure site.
 - A blank Insight Grant application form will be created for all Research Administrators who currently have RGO access, and will appear in their "Applicant Portfolio" near the end of July.
 - Any others requiring access to a blank form should contact the Helpdesk by email (webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) or by phone (613-995-4273). These forms will be available after July 30.
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Summer Hours

Please be advised that staff in the Office of Research are now working on Summer Hours from July 1 to August 31 inclusive. Working hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

An important reminder regarding research grant proposals and applications: One week prior to agency deadline or submission date, all funding applications and proposals should be forwarded to the Research Office for due diligence review **including those that do not require institutional signature**. ORS review at application stage will accelerate the process of negotiating funding agreements and setting up new research accounts when funds are awarded. Please notify your Research Project Officer for further assistance and support at the application stage.

Animal Care Committee

The Animal Care Committee (ACC) will **NOT** meet through July and August. Only true emergency protocols will be reviewed by the ACC subcommittee. An emergency in this context is defined as an **unforeseen research opportunity**.

All applications are submitted via the Trent Portal through the Romeo system. Animal users are asked to contact Jason Allen (Ext.7267) and Karen Mauro (Ext. 7896) if they require assistance with the new system.

A tentative date for the first next ACC meeting may be September 3rd. Protocol submissions for that meeting will be accepted until August 20th to ensure peer review can be done for the first meeting. Faculty with courses using live vertebrates need to take note of that August 20th deadline and have a pedagogical review from the department holding the course to submit with the protocol.

Showcasing Research

We are always looking for research stories to publish in “SHOWCASE” which features articles about leading-edge teaching and research at Trent University. If you have a research story that you would like to share, please contact us at research@trentu.ca



Deadline Reminder and Institutional Signatures

This is a reminder that the internal deadline for the Office of Research to receive proposals or documents requiring institutional endorsement is *one week prior* to the external deadline unless otherwise advertised. In order to perform our due diligence and address any challenges with the submissions the internal deadline must be respected. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

All applicants and co-applicants are reminded that the Office of Research must sign off on *all* applications, proposals, notices/letters of intent *before* they are submitted. Failure to secure the institutional signature at the time of submission may prevent the university from accepting an award should it be issued.
