SSHRC Destination Horizon funding

Overview: [Destination Horizon Grants](#) support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with [member states](#) and [associated countries](#), with the ultimate goal of applying to Horizon Europe—Pillar II calls for proposals.

Value: $15K for 1 year from SSHRC; **15K matched funds from host institution**

Deadlines: Three competitions in 2025: January 22; May 22; September 22.

Institutional Requirements: Only **3 grants per institution** are allowed per competition
- **An institutional letter is required** with the SSHRC submission confirming the $15K matching funds for each submitted application.

Eligibility criteria: To be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must demonstrate:
- Their eligible affiliation and primary affiliation in the social sciences or humanities;*
- Their readiness to further develop networks and/or consortia with EU and other associated countries' researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to a Horizon Europe—Pillar II call;
- Eligible budget requests;
- **100% matching cash contributions from the host institution**; and
- Applications can be submitted by an individual researcher or a team of researchers (consisting of one applicant and one or more co-applicants and/or collaborators).

Ineligible budget items:
- Grant funds **cannot be used** to provide salaries or stipends to applicants, co-applicants or collaborators, regardless of an individual's eligibility to apply for grants;
- Tri-agency grant funds **cannot be used** to remunerate team members (applicant, co-applicant or collaborator). This includes postdoctoral fellows serving in any of these capacities;
- Grant funds **cannot be used** to provide salaries or stipends to the grantee or to other individuals whose status would make them eligible to apply for grants from the agency;
- Grant funds **cannot be used** to pay for research activities; and
- Course release time to allow an individual to engage in research is **not an eligible** expense.

Eligible budget items:
- Consultation fees are eligible for expert and/or professional and technical services that contribute directly to the proposal, so long as the service is not provided by a team member or others eligible to apply for a SSHRC grant; and
- Expenses to facilitate equitable, inclusive and accessible participation in the research are eligible.

Internal selection—UBCV and UBCO: Deadline 9 am January 10
To be considered for UBC's internal selection, please submit a maximum 2-page proposal including:

1. Description of existing partnership(s) with researcher(s) from **at least one** European union member state and/or associated country and the potential to build on or to expand the partnership(s).
2. Briefly explain the specific and overall research goals of the partnership
3. A budget justification detailing the proposed expenses and the 1-year timeline for activities (Please ensure eligibility of items)
4. Attach the CV(s) of applicant(s)

Please send proposals to Research.innovation@ubc.ca by 9 am on January 10.

UBC will use a randomized selection process to select up to three eligible applications to submit to SSHRC. Applicants will be notified of selection no later than January 13. Selected applicants will be required to submit a complete 4-page proposals for submission to SSHRC. Individuals may apply for multiple competitions but once they receive an award may not reapply.

Please note that for selected applications, institutional matching funding and support letters will be coordinated by the Office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation.

SSHRC application process for three selected UBC applications:
Proposal: 4-page .pdf including (see SSHRC [instructions](#)**):**
- A description of the existing relationships with researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia from European Union and associated countries;
- A description of the overall research goals and specific research objectives of the researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia;
- A description of how Destination Horizon funding and host contributions will support the further development of the network and/or consortium in order to apply to a future Horizon Europe—Pillar II call for proposal;
- The nature and extent of training, mentoring and employability activities for students, emerging scholars and/or other highly qualified personnel, if applicable; and
- Details on how all activities can be undertaken within one year.
- CDRC codes for [Social Sciences](#) and [Humanities](#) scholars.

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*What does primary affiliation in social sciences and humanities mean?

The researcher must demonstrate via their CV and CV Details that their primary discipline or area of study is in a domain typically eligible for SSHRC support. If an applicant's primary affiliation and CV doesn't clearly show that they have carried out scholarly activities within the social sciences and humanities, the Personal Statement and Other relevant information sections may be used to justify that their research and career has included social science and humanities fields.

**Eligible funds may include payment to Graduate Research Assistants for activities such as planning.