**Bridge Funding Program**

**For Research in the Social sciences and humanities**

**The Office of the Vice-President of Research and Innovation (VPRI), in partnership with the Support Programs to Advance Research Capacity (SPARC), is pleased to continue the Bridge Funding Program to support researchers who wish to improve and re-submit applications that were unsuccessful in the preceding Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) competition cycle.**

**Guidelines**

* VPRI awards have a maximum value of $5,000. **Matching support equivalent to 50% of the amount requested from VPRI must be provided** by a UBC Faculty and/or Dept/School (e.g., $5,000 from VPRI + $2,500 from UBC sources = total award of $7,500).
* **Awards are for a maximum duration of 1 year. There are no funding extension beyond that time.**
* **Note that if a researcher has received Bridge Funding once, and is subsequently unsuccessful in one of the SSHRC competition dates as listed below, then they may apply for Bridge Funding a second time. Unfortunately, third applications are not eligible for funding.**
* **Allowable expenses are outlined in the** [UBC Finance Regulations](https://finance.research.ubc.ca/renewal-initiative-overview)**. Eligibility questions may be directed to SPARC.**
* A mandatory progress meeting to provide additional feedback and support to applicants must be scheduled with SPARC, and/or, if applicable, with the applicant’s grant facilitator, prior to the corresponding SSHRC program’s application submission deadline.

**Eligibility Requirements**

* **Before applying, matching funds must be approved by the faculty member's Head of Department/Unit. A** [Research Project Information Form](https://research.ubc.ca/support-resources/forms-tools-resources/research-project-information-form) **(RPIF) must signed by their Department/Unit Head, and, where appropriate, their Dean.**
	+ **See the “**[How to fill out your RPIF for Bridge Funding](https://sparc.ubc.ca/sites/default/files/2024-06/How%20to%20fill%20out%20your%20RPIF%20for%20Bridge%20Funding.docx)**” document on the SPARC website**
* **Applications for the Bridge Funding Program must be for an application to SSHRC that was adjudicated in the most recent competition and that will be re-submitted to the following SSHRC competition cycle (see deadlines on SPARC’s** [SSH internal funding opportunities](https://sparc.ubc.ca/sshrc-programs/ssh-internal-funding-opportunities) **page).**
* **Approval of applications to the Bridge Funding Program is subject to availability of funds.**

**Application submission requirements**

* **The Bridge Funding Application Form (see below).**
* **SSHRC reviews and scores from the unsuccessful application:**
	+ **Notice of Decision**
	+ **Committee Evaluation (if received)**
	+ **External Assessments (IG only)**

**Note: Before submitting, ensure the above documents open in PDF. If they do not, open them in a browser then print to PDF.**

* [RPIF](https://research.ubc.ca/support-resources/forms-tools-resources/research-project-information-form) **signed by Department/Unit Head and Dean (where appropriate).**
* Completed applications must be submitted by email to sparc.hampton@ubc.ca. UBC Okanagan applicants should submit their applications directly to the UBCO Office of Research Services, who will forward them to SPARC on their behalf.

**Bridge Funding Application Form**

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| **Identification** |
| **Applicant family name**      | **Given Name**      | **Academic Rank**      |
| **Faculty**      | **Department**      |
| **Eligible SSHRC Program**  |
| **[ ]  Insight Development Grant** | **[ ]  Insight Grant** | **[ ] Partnership Development Grant** | **[ ] Partnership Grant** |
| **Summary of Research Project (max. 1 page)** |
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| **Plan to Improve Application to the SSHRC Eligible Program (max. 1 page)****The plan should include how the applicant will address the SSHRC adjudication committee’s comments of the preceding competition, as well as any other plans to improve his/her application.** |
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| **Amount of Funds Requested from Bridge Funding Program** |
| VPRI (max. $5000): $ | Faculty/Department: $ |
| **Budget Justification (max. 1 page)****Eligible expenses include student research assistant or coordinator salaries; relevant expenses and associated travel costs for knowledge-sharing, planning or data collection activities such as team meetings, roundtables, consultations, interviews or other; publication costs; or other justified expenses aimed at improving the SSHRC grant application. For more information on eligible expenses, please refer to the** [UBC Finance Regulations](https://finance.research.ubc.ca/renewal-initiative-overview)**.**  |
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