

## USask SSHRC Insight Program Bridge Funding Program Guidelines (Insight Grant and Insight Development Grant)

### Overview

SSHRC Insight Program Bridge Funding supports the re-application of USask faculty whose scores ranged within or below the funded sextiles of projects in the IG or IDG competitions but were not funded.

**The number of Bridge Funding awards is dependent on funding available and adjudication committee decisions.**

- **Insight Grant Bridge Funding awards will be up to \$20K**
- **Insight Development Grant Bridge Funding awards will be up to \$10K**

Only one (1) application for this program per applicant per calendar year will be accepted. Faculty may receive only one (1) bridge funding award every two (2) years.

Spending Timelines:

- **SSHRC IG Bridge Funding** must be spent ***within two competition deadlines*** from the funding award date.
- **SSHRC IDG Bridge Funding** must be spent ***by the next available competition deadline*** from the funding award date.
- No extensions will be provided for IG Bridge Funding. One extension for IDG Bridge Funding may be approved for exceptional circumstances by the adjudication committee.
- Unused funds remaining at the end of the spending period will be returned. Any over-expenditure is the sole responsibility of the recipient. All expenses must abide by the [Tri-Agency Financial Administrative Guide](#).

The Adjudication Committee will be comprised of Associate Deans of Research (ADRs) and the SSHRC Leader.

### Guidelines for Applicants

#### 1. Eligibility Criteria:

- The nominated Principal Investigator must be a USask faculty member with a university appointment that extends beyond the requested application funding period.
- The nominated Principal Investigator must hold a USask appointment that is eligible to hold research funds.

- Normally, the following must be met:
  - Applications underwent formal USask SSHRC Internal Review.
  - Applications adjudication ranking fell within or one below the sextile of funded applications.
  - Applications met the Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives (RASI) compliance deadline.
- If the Bridge Funding submission pertains to the SSHRC Insight Development Grant program, Principal Applicants must agree to re-apply to the IDG program for the next competition.
- If the Bridge Funding submission pertains to the SSHRC Insight Grant program, the Principal Applicants must agree to re-apply to the IG program within the next two competition deadlines from the funding award date.

**Priority will be given to:**

- applications with higher sextile rankings;
- applicants who have not previously received bridge funding support;
- applicants who are not receiving concurrent bridge funding from another source; and
- emerging scholars who are able to hold research funds at USask.

## **2. Procedure to Apply:**

- Applications must be submitted in [UnivRS](#) (Note: When adding key information in the new project application choose *SSHRC Insight Program Bridge Funding Office of the Vice-President Research under Agency Program*)
- Applicants must submit a **single PDF document** which includes copies in the following order:
  - USask SSHRC Bridge Funding Program Application form (A copy of the application form can be found at our Tri-Agency website under *SSHRC Insight Program Bridge Funding*)
  - The original SSHRC Insight or Insight Development grant that was submitted
  - SSHRC Insight or Insight Development Grant review documents

## **3. Deadline to Apply:** Fully complete applications must be submitted in UnivRS by **August 15, 2025. (applications should be submitted via UnivRS and should have undergone academic approvals prior to August 8, 2025).**

## **4. Reporting and Support**

- Awardees are encouraged to meet regularly with their local college/school Associate Dean Research and Research Facilitator and/or the Tri-Council SSHRC Team within the Office of the Vice President Research (SSHRC Leader and Research Development Specialist) for support on use of Bridge funds for improving the upcoming SSHRC application.
- Awardees will be required to provide an update on the progress of the award to the Tri-Council SSHRC Team within the OVPR at or about the midpoint of the award period.
- Awardees will be required to submit an achievement report within six months of the end of the grant period, inclusive of any extension. Recipients who do not submit an achievement report will be ineligible to receive future Bridge funding until the report is submitted.

**Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

Please contact Kristina Rissling Olson at [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca) for any questions.

## SSHRC Insight Program Bridge Funding Application

- This Funding Program supports USask faculty to re-apply for SSHRC funding if their scores ranged within or one below the funded sextiles of projects in the Insight Grant or the Insight Development Grant competition.
- Faculty may receive only one (1) bridge funding award every two (2) years.
- **Participation in Internal Review is mandatory to receive Internal Bridge Funding.**
- **Applications must have met RASI Compliance Deadline to ensure they were fully reviewed before submission.**
- No extensions will be provided for IG Bridge Funding. One extension for IDG Bridge Funding may be approved for exceptional circumstances by the adjudication committee.
- Unused funds remaining at the end of the spending period will be returned. Any over-expenditure is the sole responsibility of the recipient. All expenses must abide by the [Tri-Agency Financial Administrative Guide](#). Funds may be rescinded if it is found they have been used inappropriately or for purposes other than to support a re-application for SSHRC funding.
- Prior to completing the application form, please ensure you have read the Program Guidelines.
- Upload and submit the completed application form along with the original SSHRC Insight or Insight Development Grant that was submitted, and any SSHRC review documentation through [UnivRS](#).
- Please adhere to the application deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Only faculty whose colleges/schools have agreed to participate in the SSHRC Insight Bridge Fund Program are eligible to receive Bridge funding.

### Applicant Details

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Department/College:</b>
<b>Position:</b> Tenured Tenure-Track Term Other: _____	<b>Year of first appointment:</b>  <b>Date of term completion*:</b> *Must be employed under a contract with USask for a period sufficient enough to make it feasible to carry out the proposed research project and/or travel.
<b>Scholar Type:</b> Are you an Emerging Scholar or an Established Scholar? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <span>Emerging</span> <span>Established</span> </div>	

**It is your choice to self-identify in one or more of the equity deserving groups as defined by the Tri-Agency\*:**

\*Please note this information is being collected for program statistical purposes and will not be part of award adjudication.

Indigenous Peoples (First Nations,  
Inuit and Metis)

Persons with Disabilities

Women and Gender Equity-Seeking Groups

Racialized Individuals

Members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities

**For which grant are you requesting Bridge Funding:**

Insight Grant

Insight Development Grant

**The Original Application submitted to SSHRC:**

Went through Internal Review?

Met RASI Compliance Deadline?

**Total amount of funds requested:**

**Research Description:** Please provide a brief description (half a page) of how you intend to use the bridge funding