

Social Sciences & Humanities researchers: optimize your SSHRC and other external grant applications by working with our **Grants Facilitator**, Dr. Adrian Kelly.

Overview

Working with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in support of its Strategic Research Plan, the **Grants Facilitator** assists Social Sciences and Humanities researchers with procurement of external funding. SSHRC and other grant competitions are very competitive. Grant applications put through substantive **content review** often have better chances of success.

Drafts of grant applications submitted to the Grants Facilitator **three weeks** in advance of the applicable deadline can be thoroughly vetted. In addition to ensuring that eligibility and budgetary requirements are being met, constructive criticism of research summaries and descriptions can be provided. Grant applications often are rejected because they fail to tell clearly and sufficiently the story of the research and its relevance. Give your application every chance of success. Finish a draft early, submit it for review, and be willing to revise.

The Grants Facilitator can also help researchers find other sources of funding, such as foundations or U.S. and international granting agencies.

This section of the FGSR website is a work in progress. If you feel that information is missing, please contact adrian.kelly@smu.ca with ideas and suggestions.

[Upcoming SSHRC Deadlines](#)

[SSHRC Insight Grants](#)

[SSHRC Insight Development Grants](#)

[Connection Grants](#)

[Partnership Grants](#)

[Partnership Development Grants](#)

In addition to working with the Grants Facilitator, you may find the following **resources** helpful.

[Grant Writing Checklist](#)

[Insight Grants Best Practices](#)

[Connection Grants: Key Elements](#)

Insight versus Insight Development Grants: What's the difference? Find out [here](#).

Here is a [link](#) to a slideshow on IDG strategy by a Queen's University professor

Successful Grant Applications. Researchers preparing SSHRC applications can access the [SSHRC Awards Search Engine](#) to identify successful applicants. Researchers are encouraged to contact the recipients directly to ask if they are willing to share their successful applications.

[SSHRC FAQs about PDGs and PDs](#)

[SSHRC Webinar about PGs](#)

Workshops and Information Sessions

Throughout the year, the **Grants Facilitator** will host application workshops. Check here for dates and times, and keep an eye out for email bulletins and other notices.

Consultations

Don't wait until grant season to let the Grants Facilitator know about your research. Effective applications can take up to three months of planning, writing, and revision. **Book a consultation** any time, and the Grants Facilitator will be happy to help you map out timelines and strategies.

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