



SSHRC EXPLORE RESEARCH GRANT (SERG) 2020 COMPETITION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

The SSHRC Explore Research Grant (SERG) program supports research pursuits through the funding of fully developed research proposals. Researchers are especially encouraged to provide high-quality student training opportunities and to propose collaborations with others from different, but complementary, disciplines.

This program is not intended to support ongoing, established programs of research. Therefore, priority will be given to support the following categories of principal investigators:

- 1) new faculty members (applicants who have been independent academic investigators for five years or less) who are looking to initiate/build their program of research,
- 2) investigators who have not held external research funding (grants/contracts) awarded between January 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019 and plan to re-engage in research with future externally funded proposals, and
- 3) investigators looking to conduct pilot work to move into a new area of research and who have not been principal investigator on externally funded research grants/contracts awarded between January 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019.

SSHRC Explore Research Grants are funded by the SSHRC Institutional Grant program and therefore, subject areas must meet SSHRC's mandate. The Internal Research Grant (IRG) program supports applications that meet the mandates of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). Please visit "[Selecting the Appropriate Federal Granting Agency](#)" for more information on agency mandates. Applicants cannot apply for both an IRG and the SERG in the same competition year.

VALUE: up to \$5000 for a one-year term

APPLICATION DEADLINE & COMPETITION RESULTS:

Deadline: **December 2, 2019 by 4pm**

Notification: February 2020

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Tenured, Tenure Track, Term and Sessional UPEI Faculty in Arts, Business, Education, Nursing, Science, or Sustainable Design Engineering, and Librarians, who are employed by UPEI at the time of application and for the duration of the award. A professor emeritus or adjunct professor may apply as co-applicant with a tenure/tenure-track UPEI faculty member. Please review general information below for other eligibility considerations.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Grants support the direct costs of research e.g., research assistance, operating expenses, research travel/subsistence, manuscript preparation, materials and supplies, etc. Ineligible expenses include: consultation fees paid to other faculty members, subcontracting of research, purchase of books, retro-active

research expenses, and grant over-expenditures. Grants may not be used to travel for the purpose of attending a conference for dissemination of results.

- Applicants may hold only one internal research grant at a time. Grants are awarded for a 'stand-alone' project; thus, if the proposed project is linked to past research projects, applicants are required to briefly describe how the proposed research project differs from those projects and how it is linked to an overall research program (200 words).
- Applicants who received an IRG or SERG in 2019 **are not eligible to apply** for an IRG or a SERG in the 2020 competition, and applicants who receive an IRG or SERG in the 2020 competition **will not be eligible to apply** for an IRG or an SERG in the 2021 competition, in order to distribute funds to a greater number of applicants.
- **For further information, please consult the 'UPEI Internal Funding – General Regulations' document (http://files.upei.ca/research/internal_funding_general_regulations.pdf) or contact Leslie Cudmore, Research Grants Coordinator, at 566-0709 or lcudmore@upei.ca**