SSHRC 2015
INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANT
Agenda:

• Overview
  • IDG vs. IG (objectives, eligibility, stats)
  • Emerging vs. Established
  • Evaluation Criteria

• Professor Alana Johns
  • adjudication process/assessment criteria
  • tips from a past committee member

• Writing the Proposal
  • SSHRC Research Portal
  • CCV
  • MRA

• Submission / Deadlines
• Tips & Contacts
## IDG vs. IG

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Emerging vs Established

- **Emerging Scholar**
  - Projects to develop new research questions/approaches
  - May build on graduate work and/or represent a continuation of overall research trajectory
  - Duration of project, ability to complete meaningful work in 2 years, international co-apps, competing against other emerging researchers

- **Established Scholar**
  - New research questions/approaches (*distinct from applicant’s previous/ongoing research*)
  - Clearly delimited project and in early stages
  - IDG is not intended to support ongoing research
2014 IDG Success Rates

U of T
62 applications (32 emerging/30 established)
Awarded 18 grants (29% success rate)

VS

National
1,128 applications
Awarded 285 grants (25% success rate)
68% awarded to emerging
Evaluation Criteria

**Challenge:**
The aim and importance of the endeavour (50%)

**Feasibility:**
The plan to achieve excellence (20%)

**Capability:**
The expertise to succeed (30%)
Adjudication Process

Professor Alana Johns

• Professor, Department of Linguistics
• Director, Aboriginal Studies Program
• Member, SSHRC 2013 & 2014 Insight Development Grant committees
• SSHRC Grant Holder
Writing your proposal

- SSHRC Research Community Portal
- Canadian Common CV
- MRA
New for 2015

Changes to funding opportunity
• No Priority Areas, but can select Future Challenge Area
• New evaluation scale with more gradations

Changes to application form
• Improvements to Scholar Type and Career Interruptions sections

Changes to CCV
• Can now import publication data from several databases
• More readable formatting
Check status is verified

Check correct attachments are present

Preview/print

Click for instructions

Paste confirmation

Invite co-investigators
Research Portal

• Identification and Activity Details (mandatory)
• Summary of Proposal (problem/issue/contribution) (mandatory)
• Revisions since Previous Application (optional)
• Roles and Responsibilities (mandatory)
• Roles and Training of Students (mandatory)
• Knowledge Mobilization Plan (mandatory)
• Expected Outcomes (mandatory)
• Funds Requested from SSHRC (mandatory)/Other Sources
Research Portal (cont’d)

ATTACHMENTS:
• *Detailed Description*— (Objective/Context/Methodology - headings)
• Timeline
• List of References
• CCV

INVITATIONS:
• Co-applicants and collaborators accept and upload their CCVs

SSHRC technical support [webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) or 613-995-4273
### Funding CV - List of Sections

**You have error(s)**

**Funding Source:** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

**CV Type:** SSHRC

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Important Notice

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CCV

- Applicants, Co-Applicants and Collaborators register and create accounts
- Select SSHRC module, even if you have a CCV for another agency
- Invite Co-applicants and Collaborators early
- Contributions - last 6 years (Feb. 2009)
- Confirmation #

CCV Instructions:
Technical Help: webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
MRA (My Research Applications)

- U of T Internal Review/endorsement
  Log in and create request
- Deadline: January 29th, noon

MRA Log-in: https://ppm-wd.utoronto.ca/irj/portal/
My Research Helpline: 416-946-5000 RAISE@utoronto.ca
UofT Resources

Department/division

• Business officer (compensation, travel, supplies costs)
• Grant writing support (peer review, archived applications, internal deadlines)
• Research Manager

Guide to Financial Management

http://www.finance.utoronto.ca/gtfm.htm
• UofT travel policies and per diems

Research Services

• Website http://www.research.utoronto.ca/research-funding-opportunities/insight-development-grant/
• Tip-sheet
• Research Services SSHRC team

Sheila Van Landeghem, Research Funding Manager
Sarah Scott, Research Funding Officer
Madison Knott, Research Funding Administrator
SSHRC Resources

• Funding opportunity description

• Guidelines for Effective Research Training

• Video walkthrough

• Tri-Agency Use of Grant Funds guidelines

• SSHRC program staff (funding opportunity questions)
  insightdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca or 613-996-6976
Writing tips from previous committee members:

• Prepare your proposal with the Assessor/Committee in mind – follow their evaluation checklist.
• Provide sufficient detail to allow informed assessment by (multi-disciplinary) committee members.
• Coherence: connect overall goals of new or continuing projects with past/ongoing research.
• Be explicit as to whether or not the research is new, emerging, or a continuation.
• Take time to address/define your outcomes (traditional/activities/community partnerships).
• ‘Educate’ the committee- very persuasive in demonstrating a range of research goals and objectives.
• Have your grant proposal read by colleagues who have been successful in previous competitions.
• Present a challenging topic (originality)- but novelty alone not enough, why important?
• Convey and inspire confidence.
• Clearly establish the need for the research and funds (importance).
• Strike a balance between ambition and realism.
• Importance of explaining outreach (activities/community partnerships/traditional) definition personal.
• If emerging discuss why you can do it.
• Plan, organize and monitor your project well.
• Methodology (specific in describing data, resources and procedures: who, what, where, how?)
Weaknesses:

• Crowded presentation
• Ill-defined roles
• Unsubstantiated claims
• Inflated budget- items not justified
• Schedule-unrealistic timeline
• Typos and budget errors
• Incomplete/out-dated literature reviews
• Lack of theoretical rationale
• Lack of specificity and justification in methodology
• No link between conceptual framework and methodology
• Emerging – tend to have large project ideas (need to simplify and make it more focused)
Submission

Deadlines:

Completed SSHRC application (including CCV) : February 2^{rd} – 9am
Completed MRA form : January 29^{th} - noon

Contact: sja.scott@utoronto.ca

Good luck!

A good proposal won’t save a bad idea
but a bad proposal could result in a good idea not being funded