

SSHRC: Canada-UK Artificial Intelligence Initiative

Updated Information

Webinar contact correction. To register your interest for the webinar, email aiukcanada@esrc.ukri.org [1]

Sponsor

The Canadian agencies include the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) [2]; the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council](#) [3]; and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) [4]. The four UKRI research councils involved are the [Arts and Humanities Research Council](#) [5]; the [Economic and Social Research Council](#) [6] (ESRC); the [Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council](#) [7]; and the [Medical Research Council](#). [8]

For More Information

Webinars for potential applicants to this call will be held on **July 17, 2019**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in one. The webinars will be hosted by ESRC and are open to participants from Canada and the UK. They will provide information on the requirements of the call and will provide an opportunity for questions and answers about the call specification and application process. An English webinar will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. BST (11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. eastern), and a French webinar will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BST (12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. eastern).

Spaces will be limited, so we encourage you to register your interest early by emailing aiukcanada@esrc.ukri.org [1]. When registering your interest, please indicate which webinar time you wish to join. Registration for the webinars will close on July 12.

For additional information, please visit the [SSHRC website](#) [9] and the [ESRC website](#) [10] for

- Program guidelines
- Application forms
- Evaluation criteria

Description

SSHRC is pleased to announce the launch of a new interdisciplinary and international funding opportunity between the three Canadian federal research funding agencies and four research councils from the [UK Research and Innovation \(UKRI\)](#) [11].

The Canadian agencies and UKRI are jointly supporting collaborations in Artificial Intelligence (AI) between stakeholders in Canada and the UK. The aim is to build competitive and resilient

economies and maximize the social and health benefits. Proposals will be required to demonstrate a significant degree of interdisciplinarity, with research that cuts across at least two of the following research domains:

- social sciences and humanities;
- health and biomedical sciences; and
- natural sciences and engineering (including computational and/or mathematical sciences).

In addition to promoting interdisciplinary AI, this call will support the development of responsible AI while establishing new partnerships and enhancing infrastructure and training between researchers in Canada and the UK. The outputs and outcomes of this research should allow for uptake by relevant stakeholders where possible.

[More information can be found on the Call specifications](#) [12]

Eligibility

Both PIs should clearly indicate which domain they represent and what their project will focus on to ensure interdisciplinary. The UK PI and Canadian PI must represent different domains.

Team members and/or stakeholders from non-academic sectors (ie industry, government or nongovernmental participants, patients and citizens) may be included where relevant. (See the [Canadian Addendum](#) [13] and the [UK Addendum](#) [14] for further information.)

The project team must include:

- Researchers representing research that cuts across at least **two** of the following domains:
 1. social sciences and humanities
 2. health and biomedical sciences
 3. natural sciences and engineering (including computational and/or mathematical sciences).
- A country-specific Principal Investigator from both Canada and the United Kingdom who must be clearly identified
- The Principal Investigator based in Canada leading the Canadian component must be an independent researcher and appointed at an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution at the time of application (see the Canadian Addendum) to be considered for Canadian agencies funding
- A Principal Investigator at a UK research organization eligible for UKRI funding. (For proposals within the remit of the MRC also see the additional information in section 1.1 of the MRC's standard Guidance for Applicants). For additional requirements please see the UK Addendum

Funding Availability

Up to £8.2 million in funding will be made available for this joint research call. Canada and the UK will support up to approximately 10 collaborative teams

Maximum Project Value

Canadian applicants can request up to \$173,333 per year for a total of \$520,000 per project.

Indirect Costs

0% Canadian funding

Project Duration

up to three (3) years

Special Notes

Tri-agency documents:

- [Canadian Tri-agency Addendum](#) [13]
- [Terms and Conditions for Applying for Canadian Tri-agency Funds](#) [15]
- [Tri-agency National Financial Form](#) [16]

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, August 19, 2019 - 6:00pm	Intention to Submit: The Intention to Submit on electronic form [17] is compulsory. To be completed and submitted by applicant directly to sponsor.
Internal Deadline	Thursday, September 5, 2019 - 11:59pm	Full Application: Canadian Applicant to submit a copy of application and complete Tri-agency documents along with a complete OR5 form to: research.services@uoguelph.c

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External Deadline	Thursday, September 12, 2019 - 11:00am	Full Application: ESRC is the coordinating agency. Documents for this funding opportunity are available on ESRC's website [19]. All proposals for this call will be submitted through the Joint Electronic Submissions [20] (Je-S) system. The Je-S system is in English only. However, competition materials (see call documents [21] below) are available in French upon request, and applications can be submitted through the Je-S system in English or French. Applicants who wish to write their proposal in French must contact SSHRC [22] in advance for more details.

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- [2] <http://www.cihirisc.gc.ca/>
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- [9] http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/canada-uk_ai/index-eng.aspx
- [10] <https://esrc.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/canada-uk-artificial-intelligence-initiative-building-competitive-and-resilient-economies-and-societies-through-responsible-ai/>
- [11] <https://www.ukri.org/>
- [12] <https://esrc.ukri.org/files/funding/funding-opportunities/canada-uk-ai-call-specification/>
- [13] http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/canada-uk_ai/addendum-annexe-eng.aspx
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- [18] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>
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