

SSHRC & NCTR Joint Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65

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Description

In response to the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) [3] (TRC) Call to Action 65, the Reconciliation Network in Response to Call to Action 65 is a joint initiative between the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) and SSHRC. This unique opportunity supports establishment of a national research program with multiyear funding to advance collective understanding of reconciliation.

One of the NCTR's goals is to provide educational and employment opportunities to Indigenous Peoples. In alignment with this, and in keeping with the principles and strategic directions in [SSHRC's Indigenous Research Statement of Principles](#) [4] and in the federal research funding agencies' strategic plan, [Setting new directions to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada 2019-2022](#) [5], this joint initiative is designated for research projects led by **First Nations, Métis Nation or Inuit researchers as applicant / project director**.

SSHRC and the NCTR invite teams led by First Nations, Métis Nation or Inuit researchers to submit proposals for new or existing formal partnerships that contribute to our collective understanding of truth and reconciliation. Proposals could, for example, address residential schools' history, or the ongoing legacy of residential schools and Canada's policies of assimilation in one or more areas, including child welfare, education, language and culture, health, and justice.

The [TRC noted](#) [6] closing residential schools did not end their impacts on Indigenous Peoples; Indigenous Peoples continue to experience systemic discrimination across sectors, which persists as part of government policies of assimilation and undermines reconciliation.

The NCTR and SSHRC recognize the experience of northern Inuit communities, and encourage Inuit-led teams to submit proposals focusing on the realities of the Inuit Nunangat.

As part of the Reconciliation Network, the teams funded under this initiative will participate in coordination activities managed by the NCTR in its role as coordination hub for the network. Teams will participate in:

- regular dialogue and networking among projects, under the guidance of the Reconciliation Network Coordination Hub;
- knowledge mobilization activities, which may include podcasts, conference panels, etc.;
- any conferences organized by the Reconciliation Network Coordination Hub, which may also result in publication of public reports exploring and highlighting research achievements; and
- activities to support the success of the network and the promotion of interactions between teams.

In their proposals, applicants should integrate the NCTR coordination hub into their knowledge mobilization plans, and discuss how they will work with the NCTR in their project (i.e., what resources you will need). For example, knowledge mobilization plans should include participation in network meetings and discussions with the hub knowledge mobilization coordinator. Each project is expected to propose and include a budget request for one knowledge mobilization activity for the entire network. The NCTR will make its resources available to the network teams.

The main objective of the Reconciliation Network in Response to Call 65 is to award grants to provide support for new and existing [formal partnerships](#) [7] over five years to advance research, research training and knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or [in-kind contributions](#) [8].

Eligibility

This funding opportunity is open to First Nations, Métis Nation and Inuit researchers affiliated with an [eligible Canadian institution](#) [9] (university, college, not-for-profit organization) at the time of application. First Nations, Métis Nation or Inuit researchers who maintain an affiliation with a Canadian postsecondary institution, but whose primary affiliation is with a non-Canadian postsecondary institution, are not eligible for [applicant](#) [10] status. Applicants are also invited to consult the [NCTR's list of partner organizations](#) [11] to expand their collaborations.

Applications can be submitted by a team of researchers consisting of at least one First Nations, Métis Nation or Inuit [applicant / project director](#) [10]. The team can be composed of participants, such as one or more [co-directors, co-applicants](#) [12] and/or [collaborators](#) [13]. The applicant / project director prepares the application with the team.

First Nations, Métis Nation or Inuit postdoctoral researchers are eligible to be applicants if they have formally established an affiliation with an eligible institution at the time of application and maintain such an affiliation for the duration of the grant period.

An administrative review for applicant eligibility will be jointly conducted by SSHRC and the NCTR. As this initiative supports Indigenous-led projects by Indigenous applicants, all applicants will be asked to self-identify. To help address concerns regarding the use of self-identification as a sole selection criterion for opportunities designated for First Nations, Métis Nation and Inuit applicants, applicants will also be required to:

- provide a brief overview of their community's history;
- describe their personal ties and experience in their community; and
- provide a contact from their community should a follow-up be required.

Guidance from the [SSHRC Indigenous Advisory Circle](#) [14] will be sought to validate the results of the administrative review of the documentation provided.

SSHRC and the NCTR will not advise prospective applicants on determination of eligibility regarding self-identification.

Maximum Project Value

Up to \$200,000 annually over five years, up to a total of \$1 million.

Project Duration

Five years plus an optional one-year automatic grant extension without additional funding.

Special Notes

Equity, diversity and inclusion

All applicants to SSHRC opportunities are encouraged to consider equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in [both research practice \(EDI-RP\) and research design \(EDI-RD\)](#) [15].

EDI-RP involves promoting diversity in team composition and trainee recruitment; fostering an equitable, inclusive and accessible research work environment for team members and trainees; and highlighting diversity and equity in mentoring, training and access to development opportunities.

EDI-RD involves designing the research so that it takes EDI into account, through approaches such as intersectionality, antiracist frameworks, gender-based analysis plus (GBA+) and disaggregated data collection, and analysis that includes consideration of diversity and identity factors such as, but not limited to, age, culture, disability, education, ethnicity, gender

expression and gender identity, immigration and newcomer status, Indigenous identity, language, neurodiversity, parental status/responsibility, place of origin, religion, race, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

The NCTR and SSHRC encourage projects to use [GBA+](#) [16].

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Monday, May 1, 2023 - 4:30pm	Please submit your complete application along with a signed OR-5 form to Research Services, resserv@uoguelph.ca [17]. Please also click "Submit" online in the Convergence Portal. Please consult your College Research Manager [18] well ahead of this deadline to learn more about resources available to you.
External Deadline	Monday, May 15, 2023 - 8:00pm	Applications will be forwarded by Research Services to SSHRC through the online Convergence Portal.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the [application form](#) [19] in accordance with [accompanying instructions](#) [20]. Applications must be submitted electronically by an authorized research grants officer, or equivalent, from the administering institution, who has financial signing authority and is not participating in the project.

For Questions, please contact partnershipgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca [21]

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