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RESEARCH GRANTS UPDATES

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OUTLINE

- SSHRC Context and Priorities
- Grant Programs Update:
 - Insight
 - Connection
 - Partnerships
- Collaborative Initiatives

SSHRC CONTEXT AND PRIORITIES

Our role

Federal agency mandated to promote and support postsecondary-based research and training in the social sciences and humanities

Through grants, fellowships and scholarships SSHRC:

- **Trains** the next generation of talented, creative thinkers and doers
- **Builds** knowledge and understanding about people, cultures and societies
- **Drives** the innovations that address the challenges of today and tomorrow

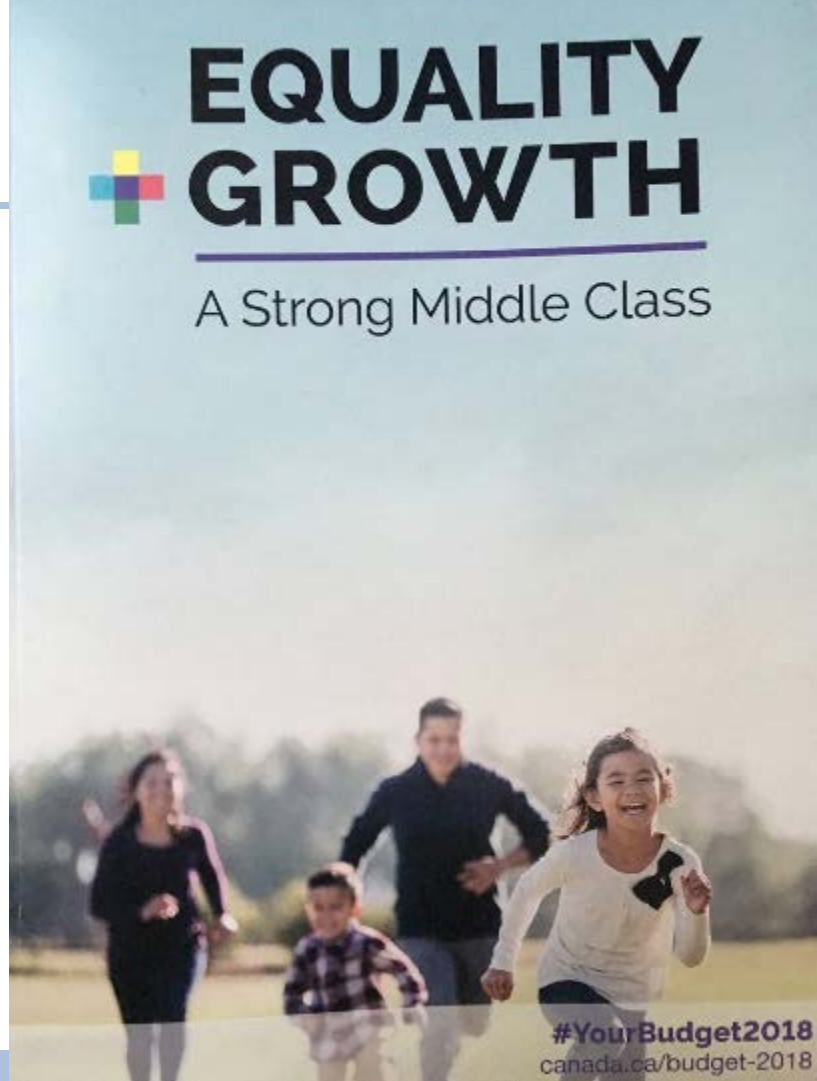


BUDGET 2018

- \$215.5 million over five years for **SSHRC**
- \$275 million over five year for the creation of a **NEW TRI-AGENCY FUND** to support research that is international, interdisciplinary, fast-breaking and higher risk.
- \$231.3 million over five year for the **RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND**.
- \$210 million over five year for the **CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS PROGRAM**
- \$3.8 million in 2018-2019 to develop a strategic plan that identifies new ways of doing **RESEARCH WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

EQUALITY GROWTH

A Strong Middle Class



CANADA RESEARCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CRCC)

- Mandated to achieve greater harmonization, integration and coordination of research-related programs and policies
- SSHRC's President, Ted Hewitt, is the first Chair of the CRCC
- Key priority areas are:
 - Support international, multidisciplinary, high-risk and rapid-response research
 - Respond to emerging areas of research
 - Equity, diversity and inclusion in research
 - Contributes to reconciliation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit
 - Support the development of talent

TRI-AGENCY FUND

→ Two proposed funding mechanisms:

1. **FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH FUND** – with two streams:
 - Stream 1 would support proof-of-concept projects, with funding up to \$1 million over three years
 - Stream 2 would support large projects to develop Canadian leadership in cutting-edge interdisciplinary research fields, with funding up to \$20 million over seven years
2. **SPECIAL CALLS** – to respond rapidly to urgent societal challenges



EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

- The CRCC has drafted an action plan with three strategic pillars:
1. **FAIR ACCESS TO RESEARCH SUPPORT** – current understandings of “research excellence” to be reviewed and reframed
 2. **EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION** – increase participation from underrepresented groups in the research enterprise
 3. **DATA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION-MAKING** – self-identification modules for applications



EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

- The CRCC has drafted an action plan with three strategic pillars:
1. **FAIR ACCESS TO RESEARCH SUPPORT** – tailored programs; increased feedback to improve future applications etc.
 2. **EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION** – increase participation of postdoctoral and early career researchers in peer review process to support their professional development etc.
 3. **DATA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED DECISION-MAKING** – common definition of who is considered “early career”, which will serve as baseline for ongoing analyses



INDIGENOUS RESEARCH CAPACITY AND RECONCILIATION

- Development of a **STRATEGIC RESEARCH PLAN** that identifies new ways of doing research with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities

- Engagement process with two streams:
 1. Granting agency engagement with Indigenous organizations and researchers leading to a **NATIONAL DIALOGUE** in March 2019

 2. **SPECIAL CALL**: Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation (Connection Grants) – leading to the development of position papers that will contribute to the National Dialogue



OPEN GOVERNMENT AND OPEN SCIENCE

- Third Biennial Plan to the Open Government Partnership (2016-18):
 - Commitment 14: Increase Openness of Federal Science Activities (Open Science)
 - Implement an **OPEN ACCESS** policy for scientific research funded through grants and contributions
 - Work toward the development of policies on digital **DATA MANAGEMENT** for research funded through the Granting Councils

- Contributes to the “Innovation, Prosperity, and Sustainable Development” Pillar



**Insight
Connection
Partnerships**

GRANT PROGRAMS UPDATE

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Fast Facts



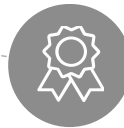
***\$380.2 million** for grants, fellowships and scholarships



\$0.94 out of every allocated dollar goes directly to fund researchers and students



Over 13,000 funding applications received



More than 4,300 new grants, fellowships and scholarships awarded



4,300 volunteer external assessors and experts support the review of funding applications.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

TALENT

Building the next generation of leaders and equipping them for research-intensive careers across the economy and society

- Master's Scholarships
- Doctoral Scholarships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships

INSIGHT

Fostering research-based knowledge about people

- Insight Development Grants
- Insight Grants
- Support to institutions

CONNECTION

Supporting the flow and exchange of that knowledge within and beyond academe.

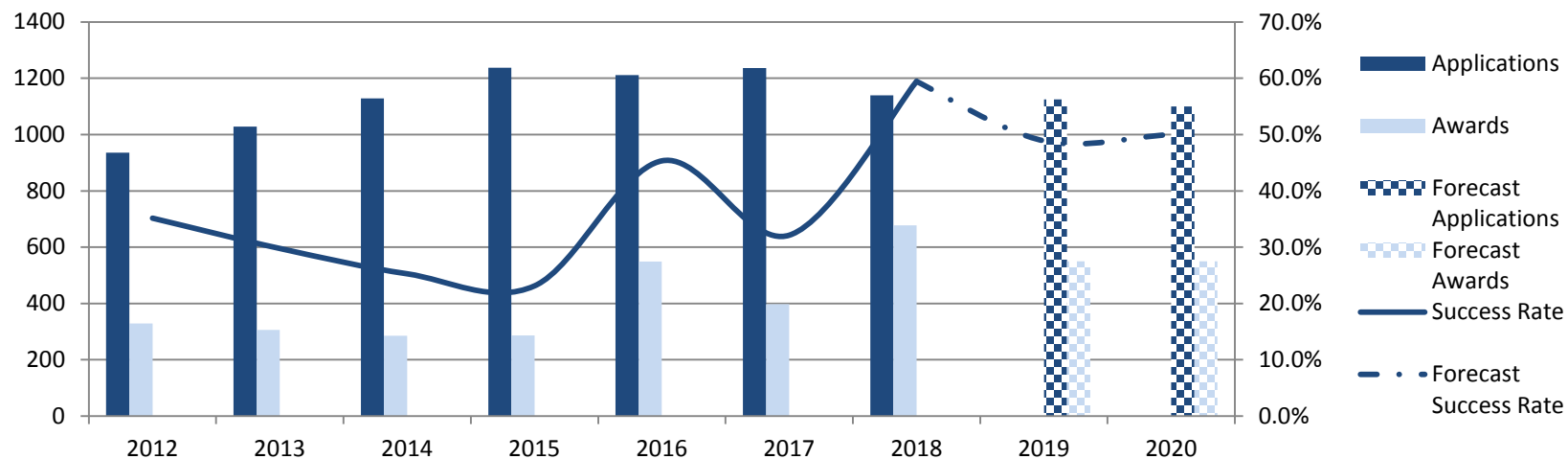
- Connection Grants
- Support for Journals
- Knowledge Synthesis Grants

PARTNERSHIPS

Within the academic community and between academe, industry, government, not-for-profits and communities

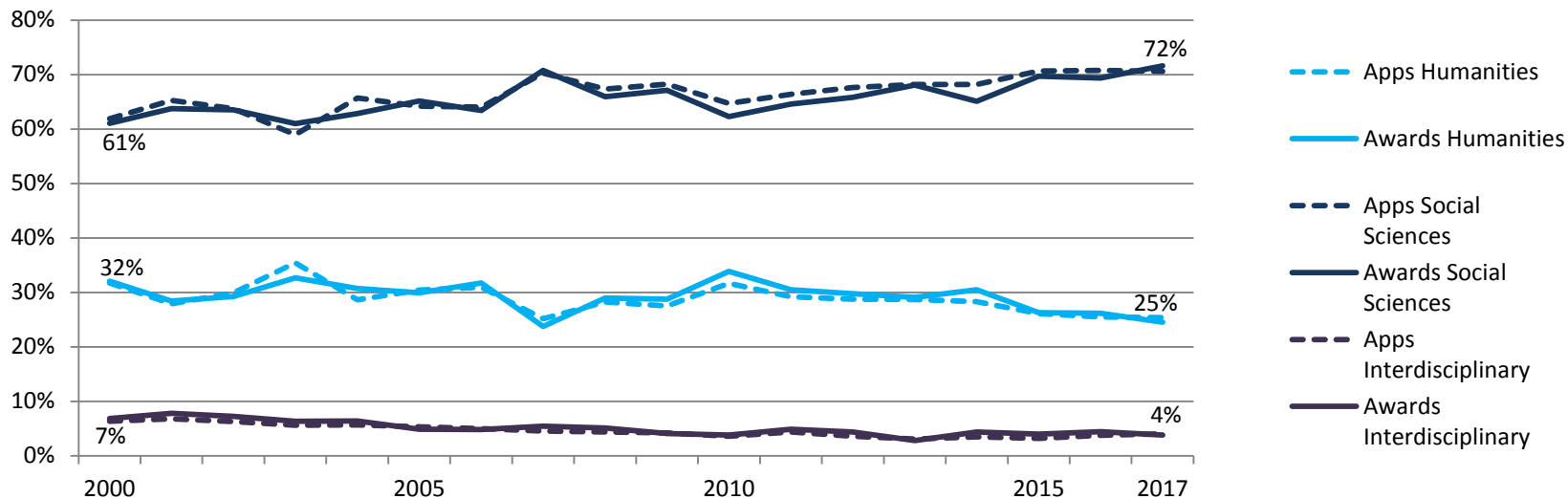
- ↳ Partnership Development Grants
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- ↳ Partnership Engage Grants

INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



Funding Opportunity	Year	Program Parameters	Results
IDG	2017-2018	Value: \$7,000 to \$75,000 Duration: 1 to 2 years Emerging Scholars with Equal Success	Applications received: 1138 Awards: 677 Success Rate: 59.5% Researchers Supported: 1769 Total Investment: \$38,048,922

DECLINE IN HUMANITIES APPLICATIONS



What we heard ...

- Grant size perceived as barrier
- Deterred by low success rates

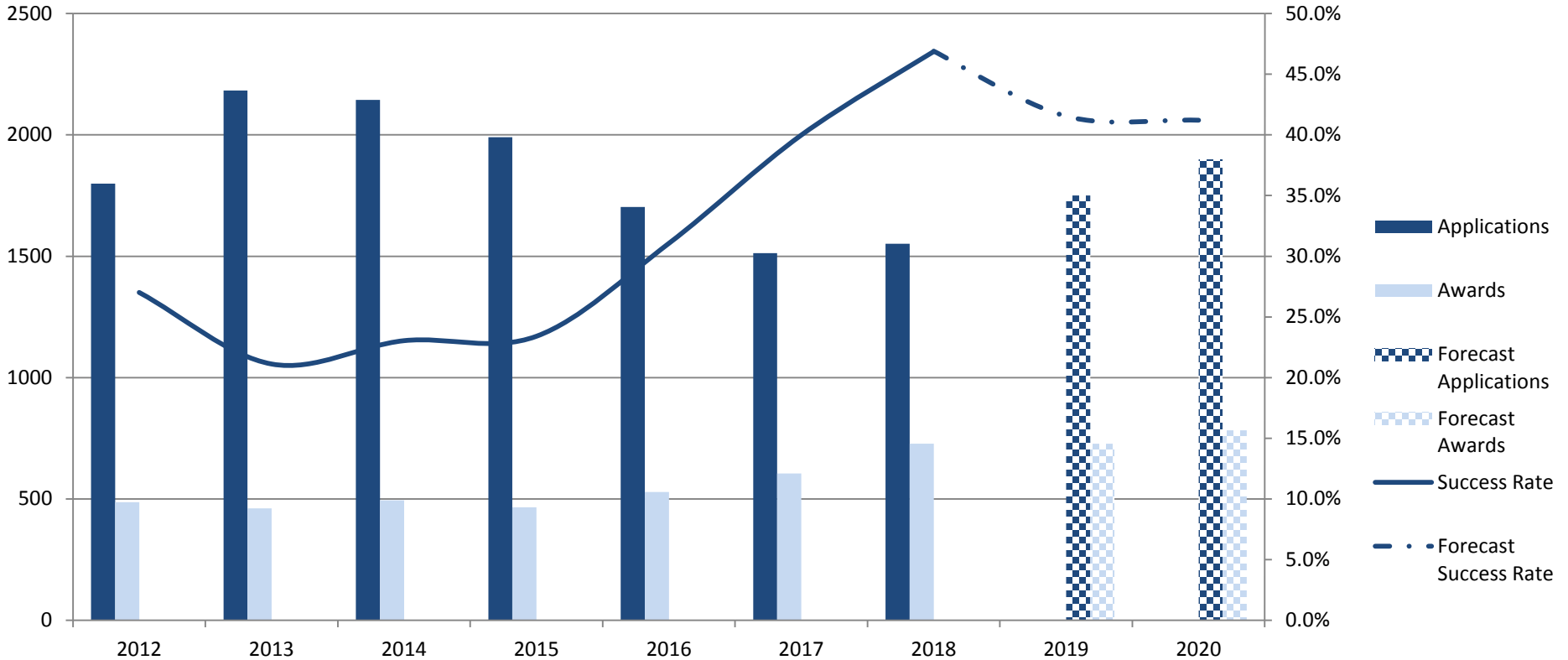
Changes made to Insight Grants in 2017-18 to address these and other issues

INSIGHT GRANTS: 2 STREAMS

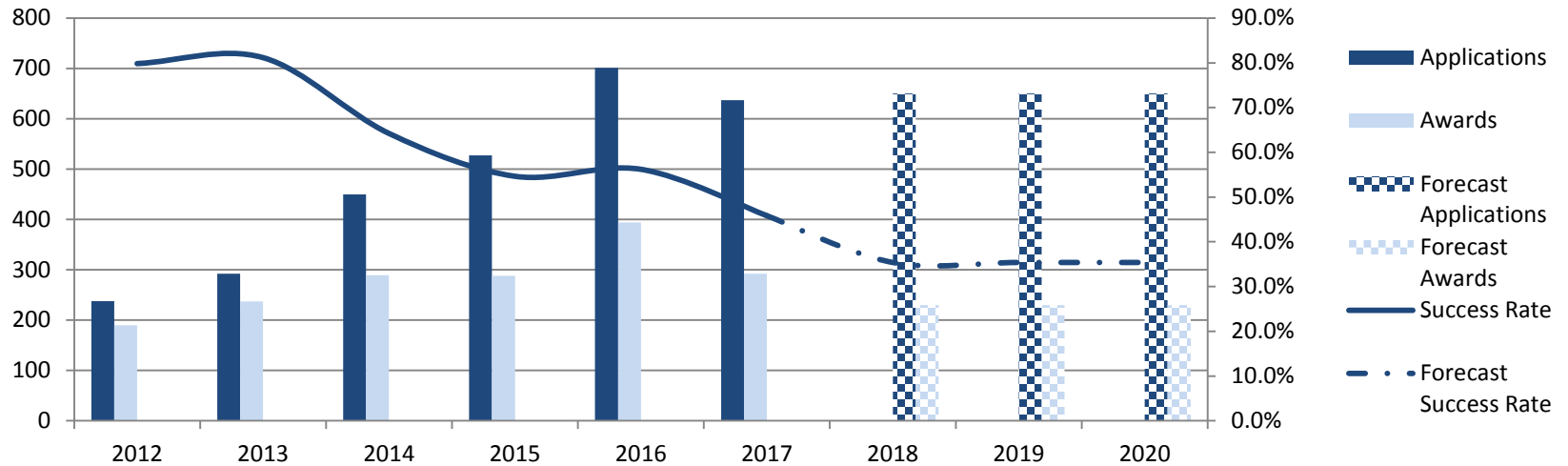
Stream A	Stream B
Duration: 2-5 years Value: \$7K to \$100K *Success rate significantly higher than Stream B	Duration: 2-5 years Value: \$100K to \$400K
736 Applications / 376 Awards Success Rate: 51.6% Total Invested: \$29,303,649 Researchers Supported: 839	815 applications / 351 Awards Success Rate: 43.5% Total Invested: \$72,359,391 Researchers Supported: 1363

- As predicted, we noted that more applications were submitted to Stream A by researchers in the Humanities, but also in some social sciences disciplines such as Economics, Management, Business and related fields.
- Both streams were adjudicated by the same committee and received the same rigorous level of merit review, including input of external assessors
- Committee received separate budget envelopes dedicated to each stream

INSIGHT GRANTS



CONNECTION



Funding Opportunity	Year	Program Parameters	Results
CG	2017-2018	Value Events: \$7,000-\$25,000 Value Outreach: \$7,000-\$50,000 Duration: 1 year	Applications received: 637 Awards: 294 Success Rate: 46.2% Total Investment: \$7,177,907

PARTNERSHIPS

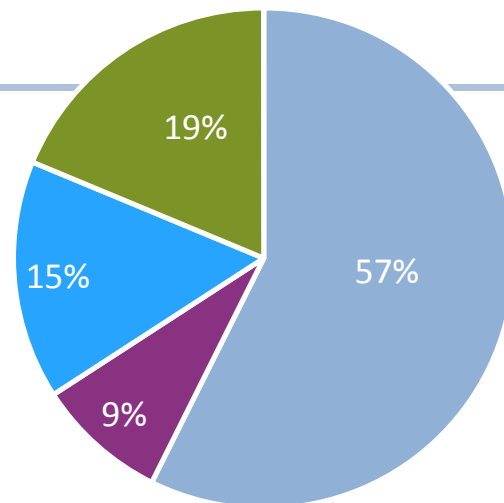
SSHRC funds partnerships through Partnership and Partnership Development Grants to:

- ↳ conduct research;
- ↳ mobilize knowledge; and,
- ↳ train future researchers.

For 2017-18, **800** new Partners are expected to contribute **\$60.3 M** over 7 years.

Between 2012 and 2017 SSHRC support facilitated...

- **440** formal partnership projects
- **3,900** partner organizations
- **\$287 M** in partner contributions (cash and in-kind)



POST-SECONDARY | **\$34.6 M**

GOVERNMENT | **\$5.1 M**

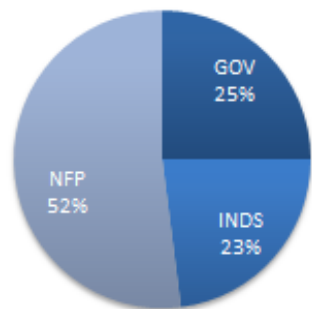
INDUSTRY | **\$9.3 M**

NOT-FOR-PROFIT | **\$11.3 M**

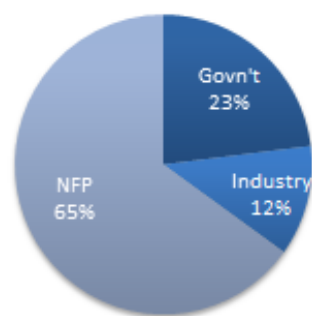
NEW PARTNERSHIP ENGAGE STREAM

Funding Opportunity	Year	Program Parameters	Results
PEG	2017	Value: \$7,000 to \$25,000 Duration: 1 year	Applications received: 214 Awards: 108 (Success Rate 51%) Total Investment: \$2,600,000

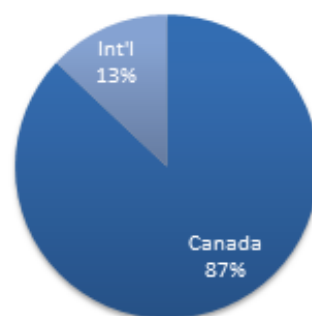
Contributions by sector



Representation by sector

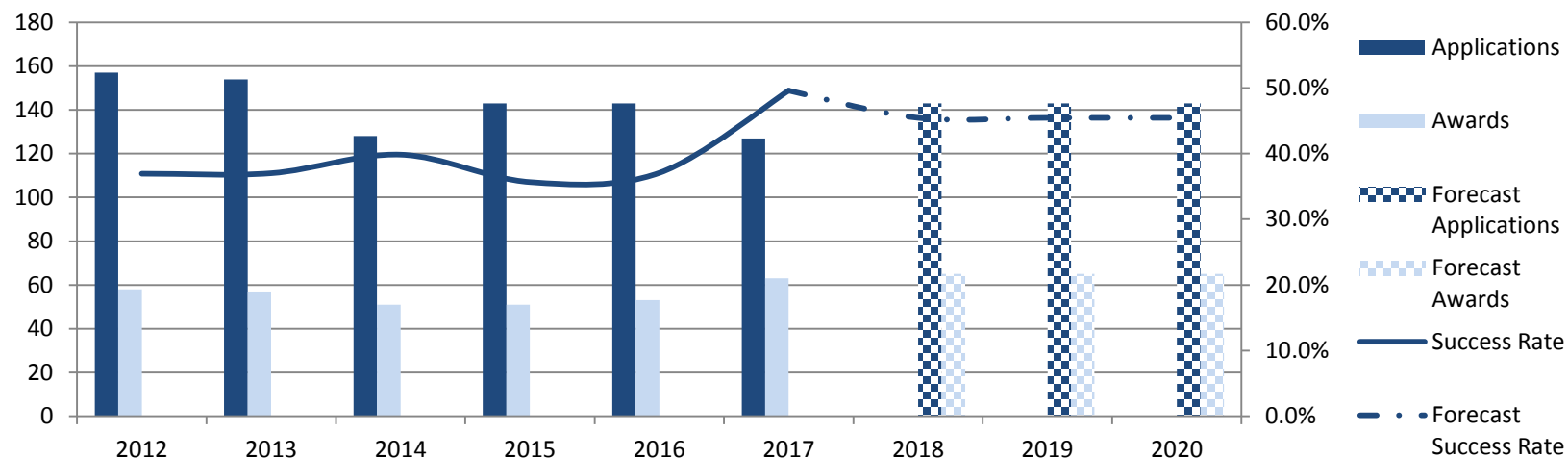


Partner location



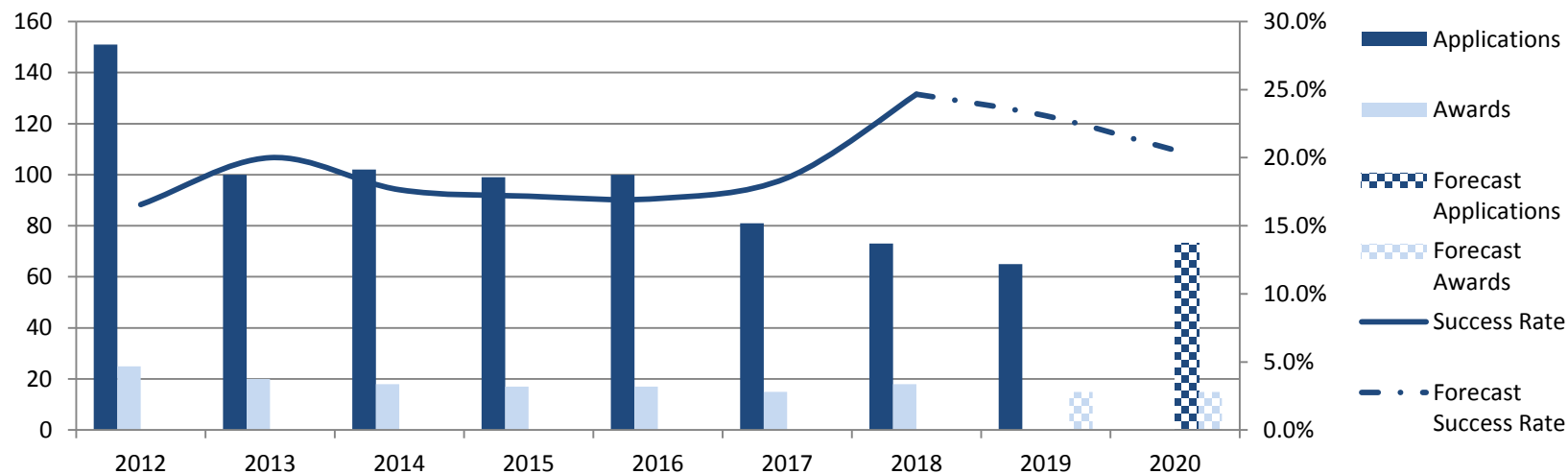
Next deadline: September 15, 2018

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



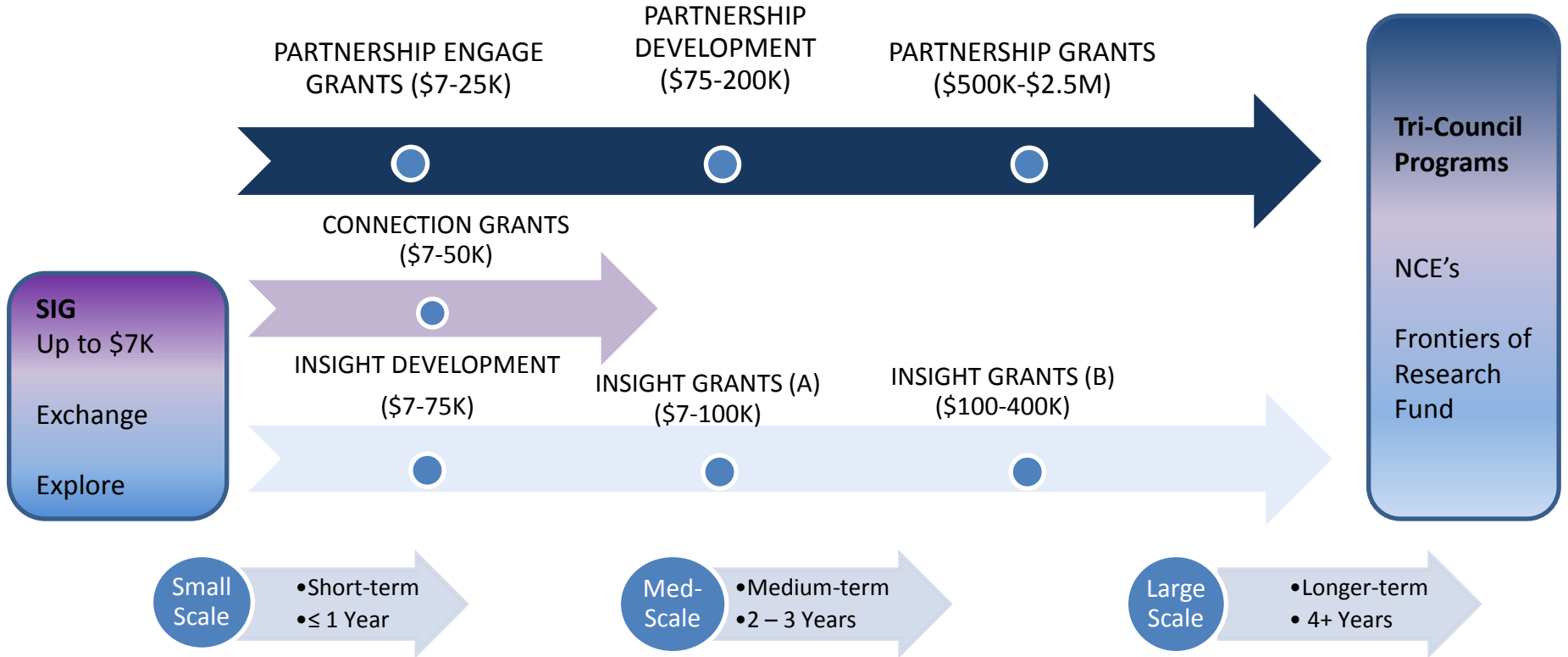
Funding Opportunity	Year	Program Parameters	Results
PDG	2017-2018	Value: \$75,000 to \$200,000 Duration: 1 to 3 years	Applications received: 127 Awards: 63 Success Rate: 49.6% Researchers Supported: 619 Total Investment: \$11,851,065

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS



Funding Opportunity	Year	Program Parameters	Results
PG	2017-2018	Value: Up to \$20,000 (stage 1) Max. \$500,000/year up to 2.5 million in total (stage 2) Duration: 4 to 7 years	Applications received: 73 Awards: 18 Success Rate: 24.7% Total Investment: \$44,865,443

SPECTRUM OF SCALE, DURATION AND IMPACT



ELIGIBILITY OF HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH

- SSHRC has expanded its funding of health-related research projects with a focus on social sciences and humanities.
- Eligible projects include:
 - General well-being and work-life balance related topics
 - Health policy and management
 - Health ethics
 - Social construction of health and health behavior
- Certain areas remain ineligible:
 - Clinical education
 - Clinical research and therapy
 - Kinesiology and epidemiology
- Contact us if uncertain; we are happy to review a one-page summary (Francois.Simard@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

HORIZON 2020

- Canadian researchers who are collaborating with European researchers
- Migration research projects
- Canadian researchers can request \$75,000-\$200,000(CDN) for 1-3 years from SSHRC and IRCC
- Researchers from Québec may be eligible for an additional \$50,000(CDN) from the FRQSC
- For more information:

partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca



HORIZON 2020

H2020 Migration Call Topics and Deadlines	EC Budget
DT-MIGRATION-06-2018-2019 Addressing the challenge of migrant integration through ICT-enabled solutions	€8.00 million
MIGRATION-01-2019 Understanding migration mobility patterns: elaborating mid and long-term migration scenarios	€9.00 million
MIGRATION-03-2019 Social and economic effects of migration in Europe and integration policies	€9.00 million
MIGRATION-07-2019 Call specifically welcomes research collaboration with Canada International protection of refugees in a comparative perspective	€9.00 million

ONGOING COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES



Defense Research Initiative *(Insight, 2015-current)*

Target areas are: Military organizational culture change, trust in autonomous intelligent systems, trust in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings

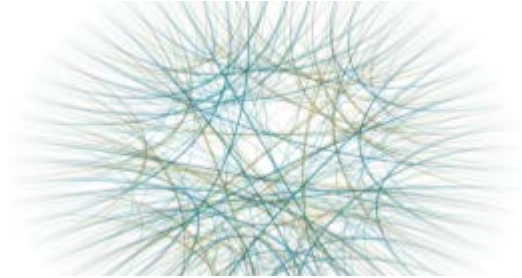
Offered with the Department of National Defense Research Initiative.



Sport Participation Research Initiative *(Insight/Talent, 2005-current)*

Target areas are: Participation, System performance, values and ethics, major games and events, economic and social development

Offered with Sport Canada to study quality sport participation.



Societal Implications of Genomics Research *(Insight/Partnerships/Connection, 2016-current)*

Offered with Genome Canada to understand the societal implications of genomic innovations characterized as “disruptive”

TRANS-ATLANTIC PLATFORM – SOCIAL INNOVATION

- T-AP SI call to be launched fall 2018, with application deadline in February 2019 (TBC)
- Collaborative initiative between international funders from 8 countries to increase understanding of societal transformations and the role of social innovation
- Open to teams with members from at least three of these countries, and must include partners from both sides of the Atlantic
- Canadian applicants may request a maximum of \$175,000 for up to 36 months:
 - \$100,000 from SSHRC
 - \$50,000 - \$75,000 (+ indirect costs) from FRQSC (eligible Quebec applicants)
- For more information, contact: anna.torgerson@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca



COLLABORATIVE HOUSING RESEARCH NETWORK

- Joint Initiative with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

- Applicants can apply to create either as the National Knowledge Mobilization Hub or to a Thematic Research Node:
 1. Housing for Those in Greatest Need
 2. Community Housing Sustainability
 3. Northern Housing
 4. Sustainable Housing and Communities
 5. Balanced Supply of Housing

- **Phase 1 PDGs** - \$80,000 for 1 year.

- **Phase 2 PGs:** invited to apply to the PG formal stage to complete a Network proposal

- **Deadline:** November 15th 2018, 8pm EST

- **Contact:** partnershipdevelopment@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca



ONGOING COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

- **NEW!** Streamlined SSHRC-Mitacs joint application process.
- Creating more opportunities for SSH researchers.
- Increasing the participation of SSH students and postdoctoral researchers in valuable internship opportunities.
- Mitacs and partner organizations invested more than \$2.2M in talent, through internships, over the past 5 years.



DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US

- You can find lists of our Program Officers contact information on our website or send your request to one of our funding opportunity general inboxes.
- Keep an eye out for upcoming webinars!
- A few tips for your application preparation:
 - Be creative and ambitious with KM plan.
 - Provide justification: Do not presume adjudication committee members are familiar with the work, or with the specific terminology and particularities of the field of specialization.
 - Give a special attention to budget and provide good justification
 - Ensure student's work/training is meaningful.

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