

Research Commons Grant Clinic 2021 Call for Applications

The Research Commons is now accepting applications for the 2021 Grant Clinic, a program that provides a selected group of researchers comprehensive supports to develop applications for Canada's core Tri-Council operating grant competitions in Fall 2021: SSHRC Insight, NSERC Discovery and CIHR Project.

This year, the Grant Clinic will be offered in two streams, one for applicants submitting new applications and one for applicants re-submitting previously unfunded applications. Participants of both streams will be enrolled in a series of workshops, one-on-one tailored pedagogy with experienced grant development instructors and receive up to two external peer reviews from scholarly experts in their field.

Who is this the Grant Clinic for?

- Faculty members available to commit to steady grant development progress throughout April to August 2021 (while the schedule will be tailored to an individual's commitments, this program is for applicants who can dedicate time to write and develop in order to meet writing deadlines throughout the summer);
- Faculty members who meet at least one of the below criteria:
 - Faculty members who have never held (or have not held in the past 3 years) a SSHRC Insight, NSERC Discovery, or CIHR Project grant
 - Faculty members who have had success with one Tri-Council and want to apply to another Tri-Council.

Why should I participate in the Grant Clinic?

- You will work with highly experienced grant development instructors to develop your application;
- You will gain valuable insights and transferable skills for Canada's leading research programs that will foster a successful academic career.

How do I apply?

- Faculties will run their own transparent and open selection process for the Grant Clinic's New and Resubmission streams. Detailed application information will be coming from your Faculty Research Office.
 - NEW SUBMISSION STREAM: Each Faculty will have their own internal application process and deadlines.
 Faculties will submit the names of successful candidates to VPRI by March 1, 2021. The New Submission stream program will begin in mid-March and end in late August to early October (depending on the Tri-Agency).
 - RESUBMISSION STREAM: The official Re-Submission stream deadline for Faculties will be about 1 week after the Fall 2020 competition results for Insight, Discovery and Project Grants are released (~April 15). If Faculty members would be interested in the Re-Submission stream (assuming they were not successful), they are advised to ensure their Faculty Research Office is aware of this as soon as possible. The Re-Submission stream will begin late April and end in late August to early October (depending on the Tri-Agency).

If I am accepted into the program, what is my commitment?

• Below is a general outline of the formal commitments required of participants in the two streams. In addition to the hours indicated, it is expected that participants will engage in continuous independent grant development work and attend all of the scheduled meetings with the Grant Development Instructor throughout the Grant Clinic months. Meetings will be set around the faculty member's schedule.

New Applicant Stream

MID-MARCH

Successful applicants notified

LATE MARCH

Competition information session (2 hours)

APRIL

Independent work on development of proposal

MAY

Mock review workshop (2 hours)

First meeting with Grant Development Instructor to discuss proposal, plan writing strategy and set meeting schedule (2 hours)

Second meeting with Grant Development Instructor to review skeleton draft of application components (2 hours)

JUNE

Third meeting with Grant Development Instructor to review drafts and ensure on the right track (2 hours)

Fourth meeting with Grant Development Instructor to review drafts and discuss budget and justification (2 hours)

JULY - AUGUST

Fifth meeting with Grant Development Instructor to finalize complete draft application (2 hours)

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Complete grant draft ready for external peer reviews (deadlines differ for NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)

MID-AUGUST - OCTOBER

Review external peer reviewer comments with Grant Development Instructor (1 hour; deadlines differ for NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

Work with home Faculty Research Officer to submit final application to Tri-Council

Re-Submission Stream

END OF APRIL

Successful applicants notified

MAY

Mock review workshop (2 hours)

First meeting with Grant Development Instructor to review previous application and comments/scores to shape the improvement strategy for revision (1 hour)

MAY - JUNE

Independent work and revision on grant application with brief bi-weekly meetings with Grant Development Instructor

JULY

Submit complete grant draft to Grant Development Instructor for detailed review, followed by meeting to discuss how draft addresses reviewer comments (1 hour)

JULY - AUGUST

Independent work and final revision on grant application before external peer review

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Complete grant draft submitted for external peer reviews (deadlines differ for NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)

Review external peer reviewer comments with Grant Development Instructor (1 hour; deadlines differ for NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)

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If you have any questions about the Grant Clinic, please reach out to the Research Commons at rescom@yorku.ca.

If you have any questions about eligibility or selection processes, please contact your Faculty Research Office.