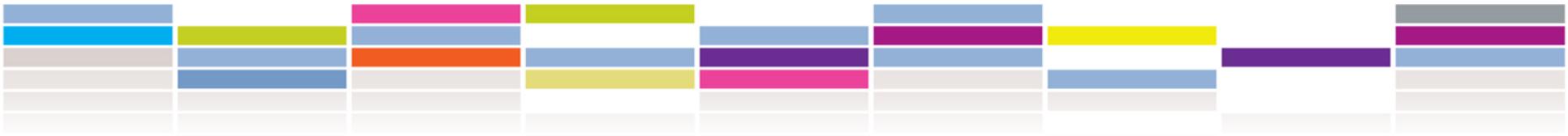# Partnership Engage Grants (PEG)

November 14, 2023

Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin by acknowledging that SSHRC is situated on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. As we are meeting in a virtual environment, we also acknowledge, from coast to coast to coast, the ancestral and unceded territory of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples that call this land home.

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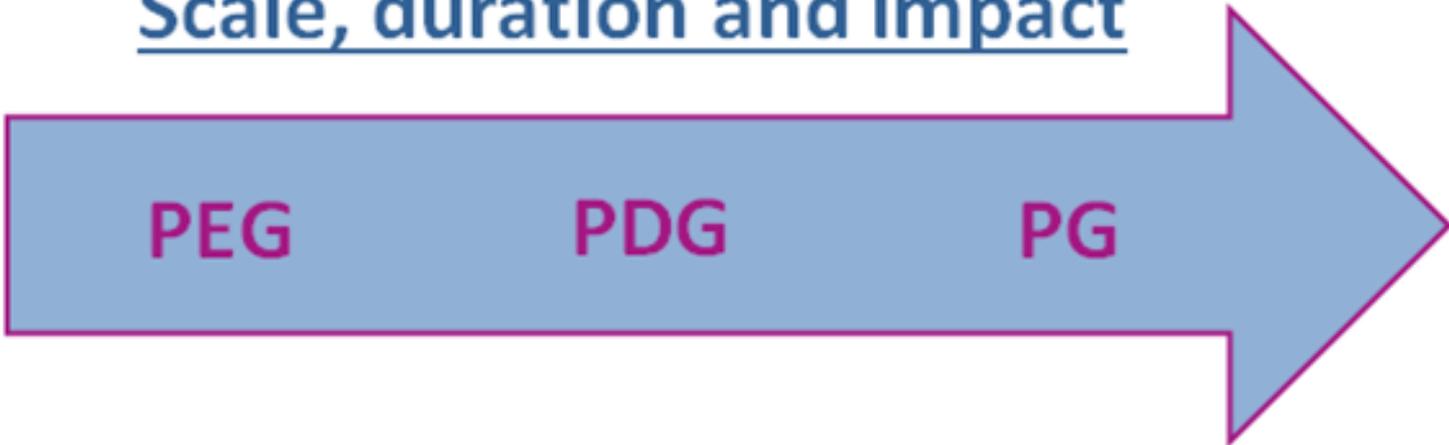
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Webinar Agenda

- PEG Objectives and Key Features

- Joint Initiative with Public Health Agency of Canada

- Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

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- Evaluation

- Partnerships Toolkit and Official Languages

- FAQs

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Fit within SSHRC's partnership suite

Scale, duration and impact →

PEG   PDG   PG

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Objectives

- The purpose is to respond quickly to the immediate needs, challenges and opportunities of non-academic organizations.

- The partner organization can be public, private, or not-for-profit.

- A short-term, small-scale **research** partnership between an academic researcher and a non-academic partner organization.

    - Cannot only be for knowledge mobilization.

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Key Features

- Valued between $7K and $25K over one year

- Four competitions per year (Mar. 15, June 15, Sept. 15, and Dec. 15)

- Quick turnaround from application deadline to results

- Simplified partner invitation process

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Public Health Agency of Canada – Joint Initiative

- **Goal**: to identify and advance socio-economic research for evidence-informed public health decision-making on selected public health priority topics in Canada

- The objectives of the joint initiative include:

  - Supporting evidence-informed public health policy making
  - Addressing horizontal public health policy needs
  - Broadening the understanding of socio-economic impacts of public health interventions
  - Examining issues related to data sources, gaps and potential remedial strategies

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Public Health Agency of Canada – Joint Initiative

- Applicants can apply to one or more of 12 themes listed on the [joint initiative webpage](#).

- Applications are submitted through SSHRC's on-line system using the PEG application form.

- Up to 12 projects will be funded through this initiative.

- **Applicants must use the title of the joint initiative to identify their application**: "Advancing Socio-Economic Research for Evidence-Informed Public Health Decision-Making" **and must add this title in the list of keywords**.

- **Deadline**: December 15, 2023, at 8pm EST

NEW! Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

- As of June 2023, SSHRC applicants to Partnership Engage Grants, Partnership Development Grants, Partnership Grants – Stage 2, and Insight Grants can simultaneously apply for Mitacs Accelerate internships.

- Mitacs Accelerate supports research internships between students and postdoctoral researchers and Canadian non-academic organizations (i.e., for-profit corporations, eligible not-for-profit corporations, municipalities, and hospitals). Each internship is cost-shared by Mitacs and the organization hosting the internship(s).

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NEW! Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

Main advantages of pursuing this joint initiative:

- Strengthen training and mentoring plans;

- Access additional funding for student and postdoctoral researchers;

- Reinforce engagement with partners and stakeholders; and,

- Develop skills and qualifications of students and postdoctoral researchers.

NEW! Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

- To participate in this joint initiative, applicants must select "Mitacs Accelerate" from the joint initiative drop-down list in the SSHRC application form and submit a completed Accelerate application form to Mitacs within one week of the deadline of the SSHRC funding opportunity.

- Applicants will also be asked to provide summary information in their SSHRC application about the proposed internship(s).

- SSHRC merit review committees will consider the associated Mitacs internships as part of the application's overall training and mentoring plans, but they will not be evaluating the Accelerate applications.

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NEW! Mitacs Accelerate Joint Initiative

- Mitacs will conduct an internal merit review of Accelerate applications, taking into consideration the SSHRC merit review committee's evaluation of the SSHRC application.

- When the SSHRC application is unsuccessful, but still recommended for funding by the merit review committee, the applicant retains the option of pursuing funding for the Accelerate internships, so long as they can demonstrate value and feasibility without the associated SSHRC project funding.

- To access the Accelerate application form, contact a Mitacs Advisor, noting that you intend to apply through this joint initiative.

Participants on PEG applications

People on the research team

- **Applicant**: Applicants must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that holds institutional eligibility.

- **Co-applicant**: eligible if from Canadian postsecondary institutions or other Canadian institutions such as not-for-profit organizations, philanthropic foundations, think tanks, or municipal, territorial or provincial governments; and international postsecondary institutions

- **Collaborator**: any individual who makes a significant contribution to the project is eligible, including those not eligible as co-applicants (e.g., participants from private for-profit sector, federal government, independent researchers)

Organizations - Partner

- **Only one** Canadian or international organization from the public, private or not-for-profit sector can be involved as a partner organization.

- Postsecondary institutions and scholarly associations are not eligible as partner organizations.

- We would like to highlight that industry partners are eligible and welcome to participate as a partner organization.

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Organizations - Partner

- The partner organization:

    - Actively participates in the partnership and contributes in a meaningful way to the success of the endeavor;
    - Supports the activities of the formal partnership by sharing in intellectual leadership or providing expertise;
    - Provides cash and/or in-kind contributions; and
    - Submits a letter of engagement outlining its role and support for the project.

- The partner organization must be at arm's length (independent) from the academic institution and the applicant.

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Organizations - Contributor

- **Contributor**: Any organization that makes cash and/or in-kind contributions and supports the project but is not actively involved in its activities. Contributions from these organizations are listed in the "Funds from Other Sources" section of the application.

  - Contributing organizations do not provide a letter of support; only a letter from the partner organization will be accepted.

Electronic submission process and acknowledgement of receipt of applications

- SSHRC will acknowledge receipt of your electronic application form and will assign you an application number. Cite this number in all correspondence with us.

- **Applications remain available for download via the SSHRC online system for 30 days after the deadline**, after which they are deleted.

- Draft applications not accessed during a period of 12 months will be deleted.

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Evaluation criteria

- **Challenge (60%):** relevance of research to partner; originality/significance/expected contribution; lit review, theory, methods; training; and impact.

- **Feasibility (20%):** probability of success; involvement of partner; budget and contributions; and KMb.

- **Capability (20%):** past experience (e.g., publications, KMb activities, training, etc.).

Feedback

	PEG
Scores	Yes
Sextile category	Yes
Ranking	Yes, if funded
Descriptors	Yes, if unsuccessful and discussed
Additional comments	Yes, if applicable
External reports	No

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Partnership Toolkit

- Recently updated with resources and tips from past Partnership Grant project directors and coordinators

- The tool-kit includes:

  - tips for applicants
  - tips for managing partnerships
  - resources such as webpages, documents, tools, reports, briefs, newsletters, videos
  - frequently asked questions
  - brief videos with project directors

- **SSHRC website: About SSHRC → Partnerships → Tool-Kit**

Official Languages

SSHRC is committed to the equitable treatment of all applications submitted to the agency in either official language. SSHRC supports Canada's official languages and Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs) by ensuring that:

- applications can be submitted to SSHRC in either official language;

- program officers provide service to research community members in the official language of the community member's choice;

- there is balanced representation of both official language communities in the merit review process; and

- merit assessment can be carried out in both languages.

For program performance, SSHRC measures application and award rates, in line with tri-agency measures on equitable access to funding opportunities for designated groups.

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FAQs

- Is my project eligible? Your project must involve research activities in the social sciences and/or humanities and there must be a non-academic partner organization.

- Is my partner eligible? The partner organization can be Canadian or international, but it must come from a non-academic sector (i.e., not a postsecondary institution nor any organizations or associations affiliated with them).

  - Industry partners are welcome.

- Am I eligible to apply? You must be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution.

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FAQs

- Are students eligible to apply? No.

- If a researcher and a partner have worked together in the past, are they still eligible? Yes, PEG supports new and existing partnerships.

- Are events or outreach activities eligible? Not on their own; there must be a strong research component within each project.

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FAQs

- Can I submit a PEG application and an application to another SSHRC funding opportunity at the same time? Yes, provided that they are for distinct projects.

- Can I hold a PEG and another SSHRC grant at the same time? Yes, for distinct projects.

- How many PEG applications can I submit as the applicant in a calendar year? One.

- Can I submit a PEG application if I hold a PEG award from a previous calendar year? Only after the end date on your NOA has passed.

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FAQs

- Can a partner organization be involved in more than one PEG application? Yes, given that the applications are not addressing the same research question(s).

- Is there a minimum expected contribution from the partner organization? No dollar minimum, but a contribution of some kind is expected and can be described in the letter of engagement.

- Can the contributions be in cash or in-kind? Yes, either or both are acceptable.

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FAQs

- Can other organizations, besides the partner, make contributions to the project? Yes. The applicant can enter these contributions in the "Funds from Other Sources" module in the application form.

- Can I add the potential funding from the Mitacs joint initiative as a contribution in my PEG application? No.

- Does PEG have an automatic one-year extension? Yes.

FAQs

- When will the results be announced for each competition? Approximately 9 weeks after each application deadline.

- How will PEG applications be adjudicated? Through a competitive process that involves one or more multidisciplinary committees.
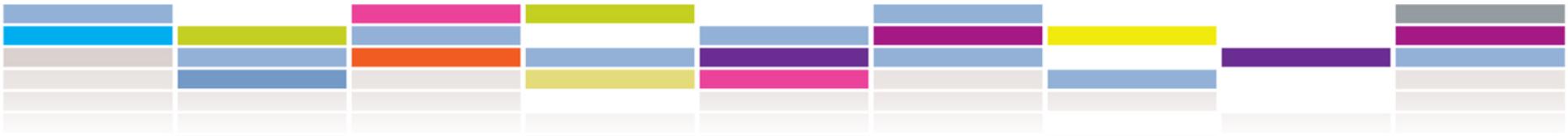
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FAQs – PHAC Joint Initiative

- Can I apply to the PHAC joint initiative and the December PEG competition? Yes, with different proposed projects.

- Can I apply to the PHAC joint initiative if I currently hold a PEG award? Yes.

- Is the subject matter of my project eligible? While the project must be within SSHRC's mandate globally, the project must also respond to one of the 12 themes.

- How many applications will be funded? Up to 12.

- Can I participate on an application if I am a PHAC employee? No.

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