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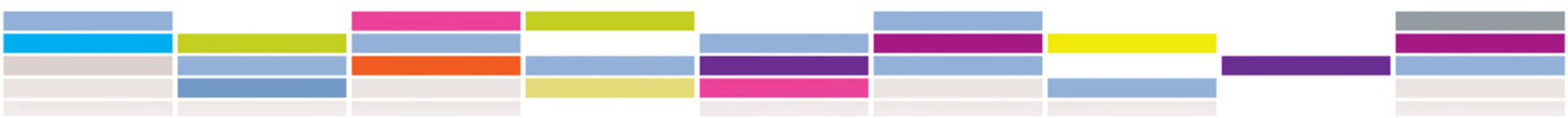
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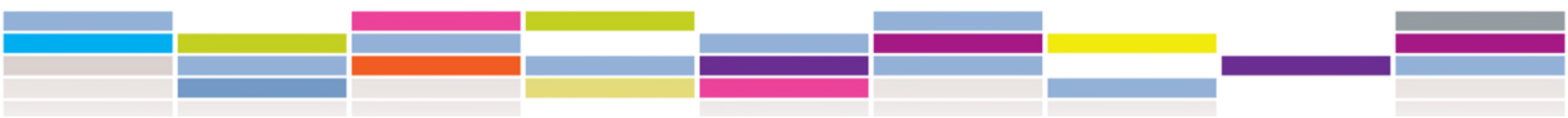
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About SSHRC, CIHR and Health Research BC

This funding opportunity is a joint initiative between Health Research BC, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

- Michael Smith Health Research BC is British Columbia's health research agency
- CIHR is the federal funding agency for health research that supports discoveries and innovations that improve health and strengthen the health care system
- SSHRC is the federal agency mandated to promote and support research and training in the social sciences and humanities.

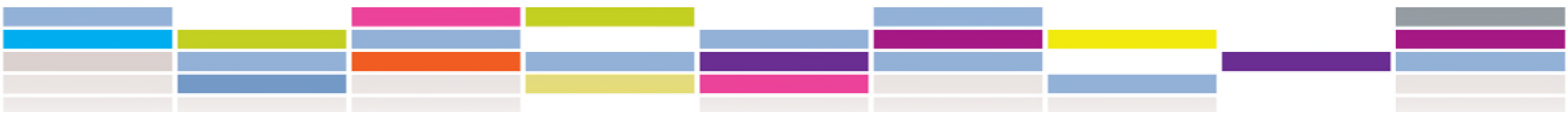


Context, Goals, and Objectives

Context: The Research on Research Institute (RoRI) was founded in 2019 to undertake and support projects in metaresearch.

Metaresearch: the application of rigorous methods and analysis to the practice of research itself—its methods, standards and assessment.

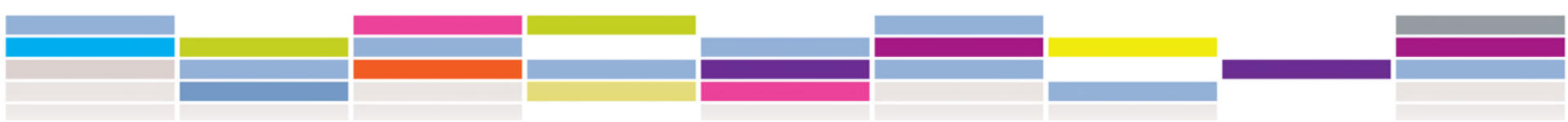
Overall goal of this initiative: to enhance national capacity for metaresearch and bring Canadian expertise and perspectives into the international dialogue on improving research funding practices.



About RoRI

A consortium of 20 partners, drawn from 13 countries and regions, with 9 ongoing projects:

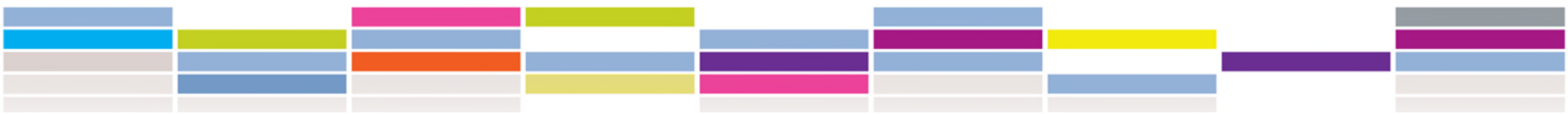
- **Matthew:** a study of cumulative advantages in funding allocation
- **GRAIL:** Getting responsible about AI and machine learning in research funding and evaluation
- **Undisciplined:** Future models of funding and evaluating transdisciplinary research
- **Peer Review:** Atlas of peer review
- **Narratives:** the uses and evaluation of researchers' narrative CVs
- **AGORRA:** A global observatory of responsible research assessment
- **Portfolios:** Research funding landscape analysis
- **Funder Data Platform:** Supporting data-sharing to unlock insights into research funding
- **MetaRoR:** A platform for open peer review of metaresearch
- **AFIRE:** Accelerator for innovation and research funding experimentation



Goals and Objectives - *continued*

Specific objectives:

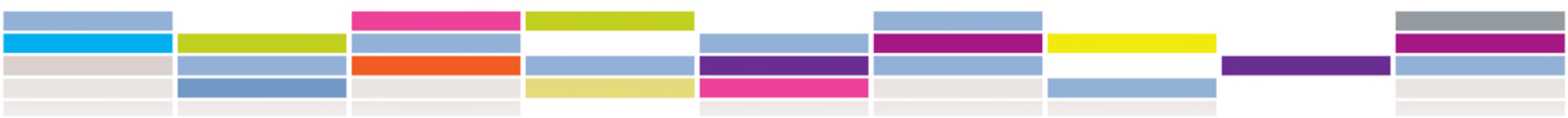
- To build knowledge and understanding on metaresearch
- To produce data on metaresearch that may have impacts on research and innovation policy and funding practices
- To support knowledge mobilization that contributes to these policies and practices
- To provide training for students and highly qualified personnel
- To build collaborations among researchers working on metaresearch



Key Characteristics

SSHRC, CIHR, and Health Research BC aim to fund approximately nine grants as part of this initiative.

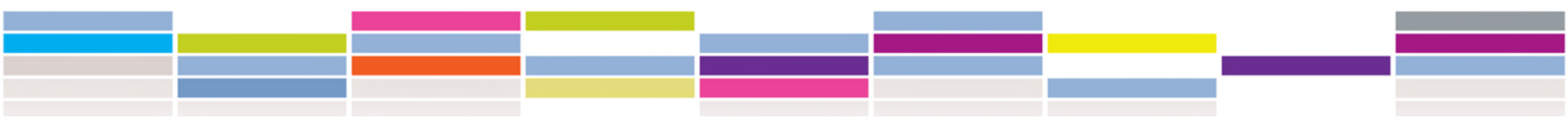
- **Value and Duration:** up to \$200,000 per grant over three years
- **Application Deadline:** February 20th, 2025 (8 p.m. Eastern)
- **Results announced:** Summer 2025
- **Award Start Date:** June 1, 2025



Eligibility

Applicants and institutions

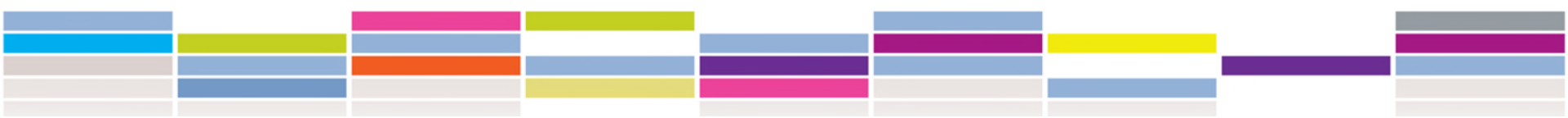
- Applicants must be primarily affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution that holds [institutional eligibility](#) at the time of application.
- Only post-secondary institutions with full institutional eligibility at SSHRC are eligible to hold grants.
- Institutions must contact institutional.eligibility@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca to begin the institutional application process or if they have questions about institutional eligibility.



Eligibility - *continued*

Applicants and institutions

- To be eligible for Health Research BC funding, applicants and/or co-applicants must be affiliated with a British Columbia-based institution eligible to receive Health Research BC funding.
- Postdoctoral researchers can be eligible for applicant status, depending on the policies of the host institution.
- Students are not eligible for applicant or co-applicant status.



Eligibility - *continued*

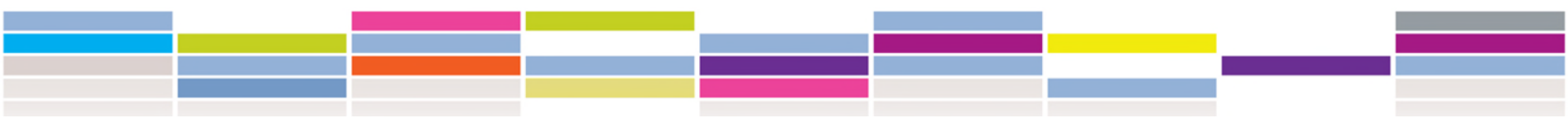
Co-applicants: Individuals (including postdoctoral researchers) are eligible to be [co-applicants](#) if they are formally affiliated with:

- **Canadian:** eligible postsecondary institution; not-for-profit organization; philanthropic organization; think tank; or municipal, territorial or provincial government.
- **International:** postsecondary institution (with a clearly outlined rationale)

Collaborators: Any individual who makes a significant contribution to the project is eligible to be a [collaborator](#).

- Do not need to be affiliated with an eligible Canadian postsecondary institution.
- Individuals from the private sector or federal government can only participate as collaborators.

Partner organizations: can be Canadian or international institutions or organizations (private, public or not-for-profit) of any type.

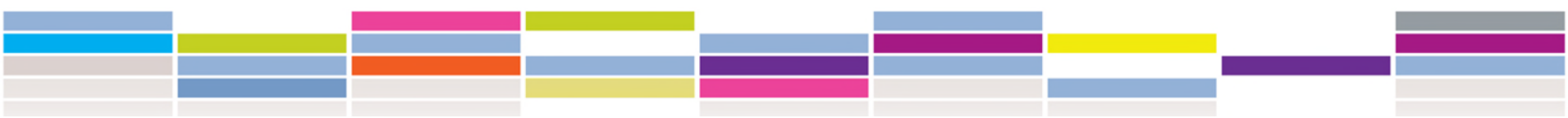


Evaluation and Merit Review

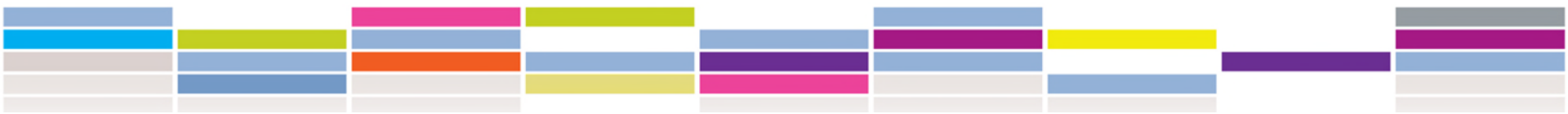
For this initiative, SSHRC will establish a merit review committee composed of experts in metaresearch from various disciplinary backgrounds.

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Challenge** – Aim and importance of the endeavour (50%)
- **Feasibility** – Plan to achieve excellence (20%)
- **Capability** – Expertise to succeed (30%)



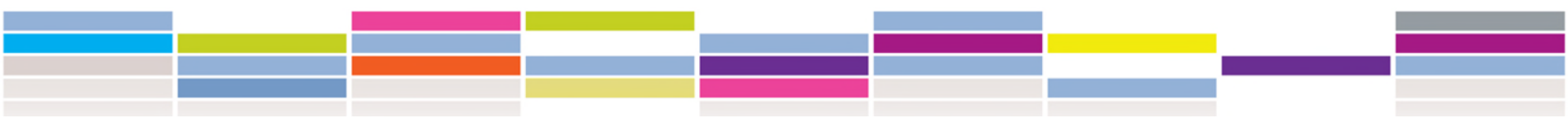
SSHRC POLICIES & GUIDELINES



Indigenous Research at SSHRC

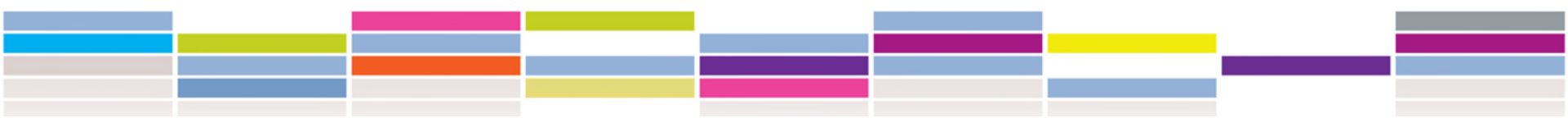
SSHRC has a number of tools specifically intended to support applicants working in Indigenous research, merit reviewers assessing applications related to Indigenous research, and communities and other research partners engaged in Indigenous research:

- [SSHRC's definition of Indigenous research](#);
- [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#); and
- [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans, Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada](#)



Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

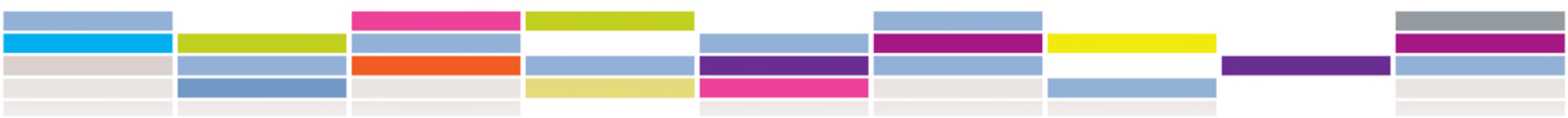
- SSHRC is committed to increasing equitable and inclusive participation in the research ecosystem, including on research teams, and to promoting the integration of considerations related to EDI into research design and practices.
- SSHRC has developed a [Guide to Addressing EDI Considerations in Partnership Grant Applications](#). It outlines expectations and provides definitions, examples, guiding questions and resources for applicants to draw on when incorporating EDI considerations in the development of their partnerships and conceptualization of their research projects.



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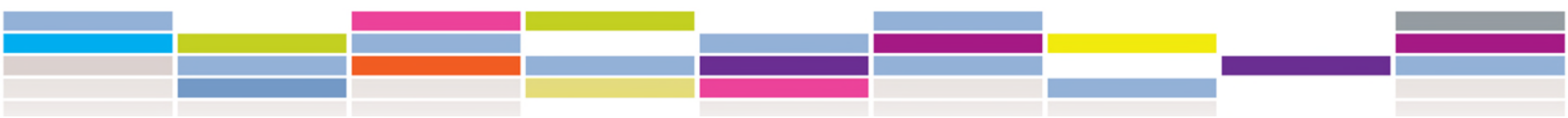
Confidentiality and privacy

Applicants must protect the privacy and confidentiality of all team members and trainees. How an individual self-identifies is considered personal and confidential information. If a team member's self-identification (e.g., gender, Indigenous identity, disability or racial background) is relevant to the research project, you may include that self-identity information only with their consent. Otherwise, self-identification information about any team member should not appear in the application.



Accessibility In Programs and Services

- Raising research community awareness of accessibility services
- Methods of communication
- Types of adaptive measures
- Information to include when requesting an adaptive measure
- For more details, please consult this [webpage](#), launched in 2023
- For further questions, contact accessibility-accessibilite@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.



STRAC POLICY **NEW**

- On January 16, 2024, the Government of Canada announced the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](#) (STRAC Policy).
- The policy operates using two lists that must be used in conjunction — a list of [Sensitive Technology Research Areas](#) (STRA) and a list of [Named Research Organizations](#) (NRO).
- Grant applications that involve conducting research and related activities that aim to advance a sensitive technology research area will not be funded if any of the researchers involved in activities supported by the grant are affiliated with, or in receipt of funding or in-kind support from, a university, research institute or laboratory connected to military, national defence or state security entities that could pose a risk to Canada's national security.

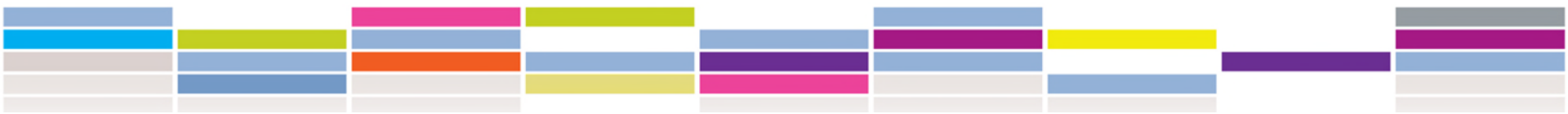
STRAC POLICY *NEW*

- In the application form, applicants will be asked if the proposed research grant aims to advance a STRA. **If not, no further action is required.**
- If so, applicants and other named roles (i.e., co-directors, co-applicants and collaborators) must complete attestation forms, available through a link in the application form, to certify they are not currently affiliated with an NRO.
- Those with named roles must provide the completed attestation forms to the applicant, who must save them as a single PDF and upload it to the STRAC Attestation module of the application form.

STRAC POLICY *NEW*

- ↘ For applications aiming to advance a STRA, the inclusion of completed attestation forms is an eligibility issue. However, whether an application aims to advance a STRA or not will **not** affect merit review.
- ↘ If an application aiming to advance a STRA is successful, any post-award additions of participants with named roles will require completed attestation forms.
- ↘ Grantees must also inform SSHRC if the nature of their research evolves such that activities supported by the grant would aim to advance a STRA. Grant recipients cannot proceed with these new research activities until the appropriate granting agency's approval has been obtained.
- ↘ For further guidance and FAQs: [Tri-agency guidance on the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC Policy\) - Research security \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Policy/Pages/Research%20Security.aspx)

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION




Preparing Your Application

Apply through the [Convergence Portal](#)

➤ Step 1: log into the portal

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Portal Account Users

Multi-Factor Authentication

Effective May 2, 2024, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) will be implementing Multi-Factor Authentication as a mandatory requirement for Convergence Portal access, as required by Government of Canada security policies.

Visit the [Multi-Factor Authentication](#) page for more information.

General

Prior to using the Convergence Portal, you must read the [Terms and Conditions](#) and [Convergence Portal User's Agreement](#). Utilization of this system signifies that you have read these policies and consent to the use of your personal information for administrative purposes.

For technical inquiries or assistance, please visit the [Have questions?](#) Page.

Login

Invalid sign-in attempt.

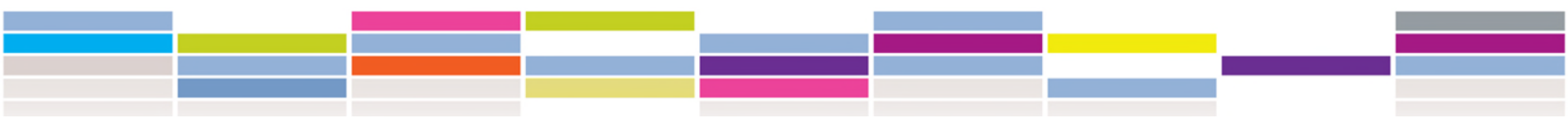
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- Step 2: select the funding opportunity

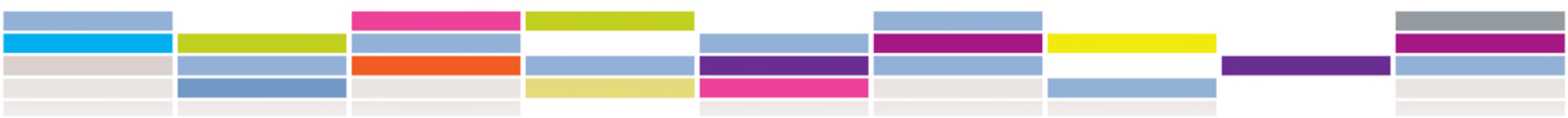
Funding Opportunities

Applications	Awards	Funding Opportunities		
<p>Please note: Submission deadline dates and times are presented in local time.</p>				
Agency	Name	Stage ↑	Deadline	Actions
NSERC	CCI Technology Access Centres Grants	Application	2025-01-21 8:00 PM	Create Application
NSERC	CCI Applied Research and Development Grants	Application		Create Application
NSERC	Applied Research Tools and Instruments grants	Application	2024-11-20 8:00 PM	Create Application
SSHRC	Research on Research Joint Initiative	Application	2025-02-20 8:00 PM	Create Application

Preparing Your Application

Application Sections

1. Applicant eligibility
2. CV Documents and Details
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5. Participants (invited)
6. Partner organizations
7. Fields of research
8. Keywords
9. Summary of proposal
10. Proposed budget
11. Certifications, licenses and permits
12. Sensitive Technology Research Areas
13. Reviewer exclusions (if any)
14. Supporting documents



Preparing Your Application

Application Section: Participant Eligibility (5 steps)

- Step 1: Project director eligibility
- Step 2: Affiliations
- Step 3: Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) self-identification
- Step 4: Fields of research
- Step 5: Keywords

Step 2 of 5: Affiliations

You must add all of your current affiliations and identify your primary affiliation.

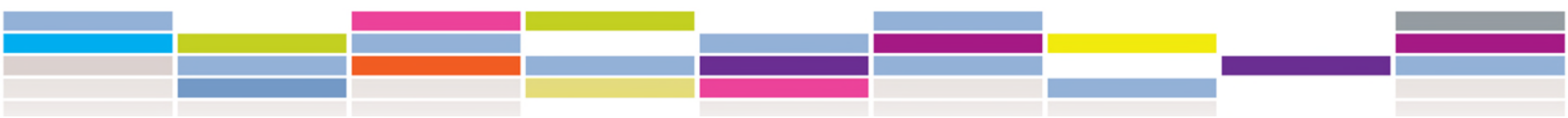
Applicants must be affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution that holds institutional eligibility at SSHRC. Grant funds can only be administered by an eligible Canadian Institution that holds [institutional eligibility](#). Please contact institutional.eligibility@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca to learn more.

Add Affiliation

Primary ↑	Date ↑	Organization and Department	Position	Actions
	2021-11-15 - present	ZZZ-INTERNAL TESTING ENVIRONMENT - Test Department	Test Position	Edit

Application Affiliation


Choose the affiliation associated with this application (required)



Preparing Your Application

Application Section: CV Documents

CV Documents

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[PDF view](#)

Application ID:	1017-2024-00148	Administering organization:	[REDACTED]
Applicant:	[REDACTED]	Funding opportunity:	Research on Research Joint Initiative
Title:			

Add supporting documents to the list below, if applicable. Please consult the [application instructions](#) for the specific funding opportunity to which you are applying for CV requirements, if applicable.

All attachments must be converted to Portable Document Format (PDF) before they can be attached to the application.

Document Name	Stage	File	Status	Actions
CV	Application	Required		Upload file

Preparing Your Application

Application Section: CV Details

CV Details

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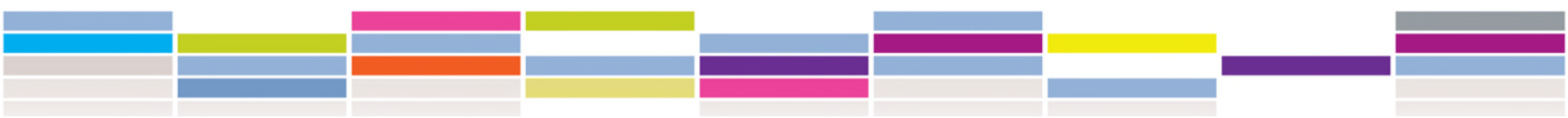
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Applicant:	[REDACTED]	Funding opportunity:	Research on Research Joint Initiative
Title:			

Affiliations (Employment)

You must provide at least 1 employment experience that is an academic, research, professional or industrial position you have held.

[Add New Affiliation](#) [Add existing affiliation](#)

Primary ↓	Date ↓	Organization and Department	Position	Actions
✓	2024-09-12 - present	[REDACTED]	Professor	Edit Remove



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Application Section: Application Details

✓ Application Details
✓ Invitations
📌 Participants
✓ Partner Organizations
✓ Fields of Research
✓ Keywords
📌 Summary of Proposal
✓ Proposed Budget
✓ Certifications, Licenses and Permits
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📌 Supporting Documents
Finalize and Submit

Application title (required)

Provide a short, descriptive title for your proposal in nontechnical terms. Restrict use of acronyms (e.g., UN, NATO). Use uppercase for only the first word of the title, proper nouns and acronyms.

Language of the application (required)

Choose the language in which the application will be submitted.

- English
 French

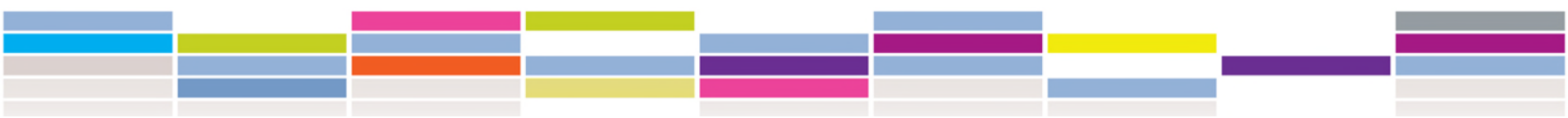
Does your proposal involve Indigenous research as defined by SSHRC? (required)

Indigenous Research

If your application involves Indigenous research, it will be reviewed in the context of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's (SSHRC) definition of [Indigenous research](#) and its [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#).

- Yes
 No

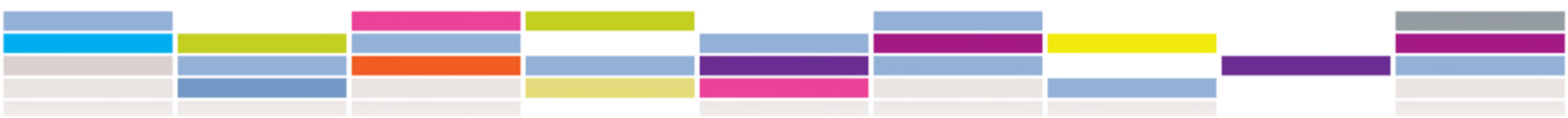
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Application Section: Invitations

- Co-applicants and collaborators must be invited by the Project Director through the Convergence Portal.
- Co-applicants must then complete their own eligibility flow. Once they have access to the application, they must complete the CV documents and CV details sections.
- Collaborators will be asked to provide basic information about affiliation, keywords, and areas of research, as well as consent for information disclosure.



Preparing Your Application

Application Section: Invitations

List of Invitations

Invite Participant

Name ↑	Role	Status	Date	Actions
[REDACTED]	Co-Applicant	Invited	2023-05-25 3:36 PM	Cancel Resend
[REDACTED]	Co-Applicant	Invited	2023-05-25 3:36 PM	Cancel Resend

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Preparing Your Application

Application Section: Participants

- The Project Director is required to ensure that all participants' sections have been completed before finalizing and submitting the full application.
- If a participant has not completed their section of the application, they must be manually removed from the list of invitations by the Project Director prior to submission.

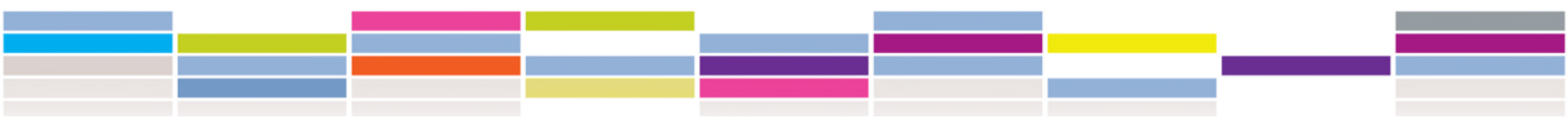
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Below are Participants for this application.

To add a new Participant, invite them from the "Invitations" section item on the left hand navigation menu. Participants must be eligible in order to sign up.

You **must** remove all participants with pending eligibility status prior to submitting.

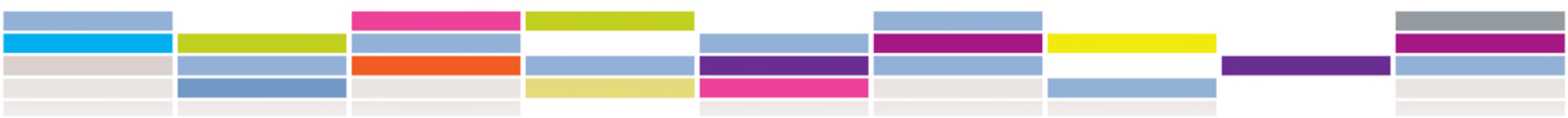
Name ↑	Role ↑	Status	Actions
Hunter, Natalie	Collaborator	Complete	Remove Participant
Baker, Joseph	Project Director	Information not finalized	



Preparing Your Application

Application Sections: Partner Organizations

- Partner organizations are **not** invited through the Convergence platform, only listed.
- List the [partner organizations](#) that have agreed to participate. If the organization to which the applicant is affiliated wishes to participate as a partner organization, the Project Director must list it in this section.
- Upload letters of support from each partner organization in the **Supporting Documents** section. The letter of support should follow the model of other SSHRC partnership funding opportunities.



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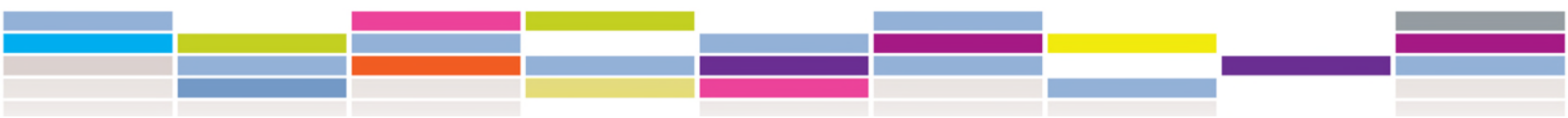
Application Sections: Fields of Research, Keywords, and Summary

List the fields of research and keywords that best describe the current research proposal.

Provide a clear summary of your proposal indicating:

- Overall goal and objectives
- Challenges or issues to be addressed and expected significance of the work
- Breadth of the partnership and the meaningful engagement of the partner organizations involved (where applicable)

The summary is limited to 2,500 characters, including spaces.



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Application Section: Proposed Budget

- Enter the funds requested from the funding partners by year
- Since this is a three-year initiative, use the boxes for **years 1 to 3 only**

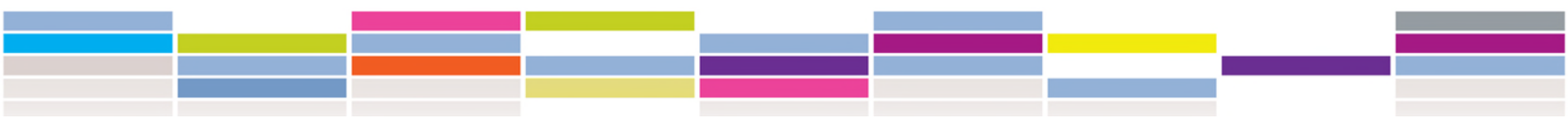
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Enter the funds requested from SSHRC by year below. Ensure that your proposed budget does not exceed the maximum amount that can be requested per year or the maximum number of years that may be requested as outlined in the detailed instructions to applicants for the specific program or funding opportunity to which you are applying.

Please ensure that the total amounts requested from SSHRC correspond with those submitted in the **Funds requested from SSHRC** detailed budget table in the Supporting Documents section.

You must enter budget details for each year of the project up to a maximum of 10 years. For example, if the funding opportunity to which you are applying is for grants with a duration of 3 years, include the budget requested for years 1-3, but leave years 4-10 blank.


Year 1	<input type="text" value="\$ 0"/>	Year 2	<input type="text" value="\$ 0"/>
Year 3	<input type="text" value="\$ 0"/>	Year 4	<input type="text" value="\$ 0"/>



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Application Section: Sensitive Technology Research Areas

- If your projet aims to advance a Sensitive Technology research area, select 'yes'. Otherwise, select 'no'

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Sensitive Technology Research Areas

In accordance with the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC\)](#), the applicant must indicate whether research and related activities funded by this grant will aim to advance any of the areas in the [Sensitive Technology Research Areas \(STRAs\) list](#).

- The STRA list covers technologies at various stages of development, notably where the concern is advancement of an STRA during the course of the research and related activities.
- Research that will merely use an existing application of technology is not considered as aiming to advance any of the listed areas.
- Research areas outside the listed subcategories are not considered sensitive for the purposes of this policy.

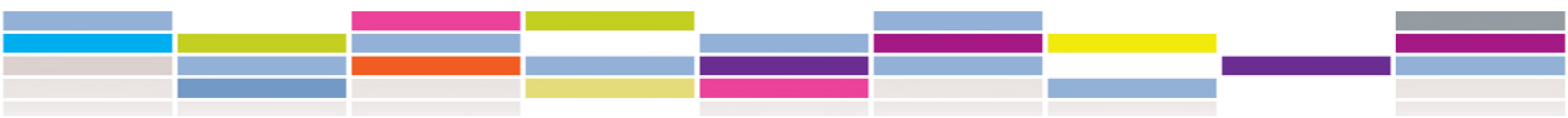
For more information, read the [tri-agency guidance](#) for this policy.

Will the proposed research and related activities funded by this grant aim to advance any of the listed STRAs? (required)

Yes

No

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Application Section: Sensitive Technology Research Areas

Will the proposed research and related activities funded by this grant aim to advance any of the listed STRAs? **(required)**

- Yes
 No

If you answered "Yes" to the above question, you must complete and attach Attestation for Research Aiming to Advance Sensitive Technology Research Areas forms to your grant application – in the **Supporting Documents section** - to comply with the policy.

If you answered "No", you will not need to take any further steps under this policy.

Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) Attestation

In accordance with the [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern \(STRAC\)](#), all researchers involved in activities funded by a grant that will aim to advance a [Sensitive Technology Research Area \(STRA\)](#) must review the [list of named research organizations \(NROs\)](#) to ensure they are not affiliated with, or receiving funding or in-kind support from, any listed NRO.

You must submit [attestation forms](#) from the researchers with named roles in the application (as specified in the application instructions). By completing the attestation form, the researchers with named roles certify they have read, understand and are compliant with this policy. Should your application be successful, you and your research team(s) will also be required to comply with the policy **for the duration of the grant that aims to advance one or more STRAs**.

Completed attestation forms may be shared with Government of Canada departments and agencies, for the purposes of national security assessment and to validate compliance with the policy.

For more information, read the [tri-agency guidance](#) for this policy.

Applicants must collect attestation forms from all researchers with named roles in the application, and save them as a single PDF file, which you can upload in the Supporting Documents section.

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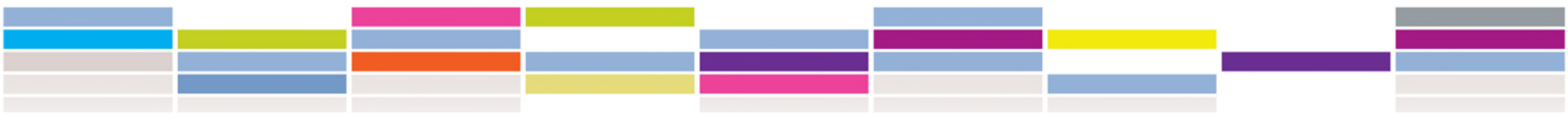
Upload supporting documents below, as applicable. Follow the requirements outlined in the [instructions to applicants](#) for the specific strategic or joint initiative to which you are applying. Those instructions will specify the supporting documents that are required and the page limits. Ensure that you do not exceed the page limits outlined in the instructions to applicants.

Document Name	Stage	File	Status	Actions
Project Description	Application	Required		Upload file
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Finalizing your Application

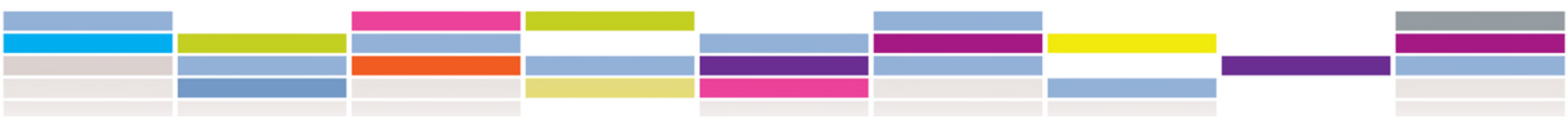
- Review your application to ensure that it is complete. Follow the prompts from the **Finalize and Submit** section to submit the application to your research administrator for review and approval.
- **Remember:** the applicant-project director must verify that all participants have completed their sections and finalized their information. If a participant's section is not complete and it's time to submit, the participant must be removed from the application.
- There is still another step before SSHRC receives your application: the research administrator at the host institution must forward it to SSHRC. Once the research administrator has forwarded the application to SSHRC, no changes can be made.



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Tips

- Ensure proposal addresses the evaluation criteria
- Involve team/partners in preparing the application
- Help participants through the invitation process as needed
- Consider the formatting and ease of reading for the reviewers
- Consider your audience
- Proofread and review PDF



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Useful Resources

Tips for applying for partnership funding:

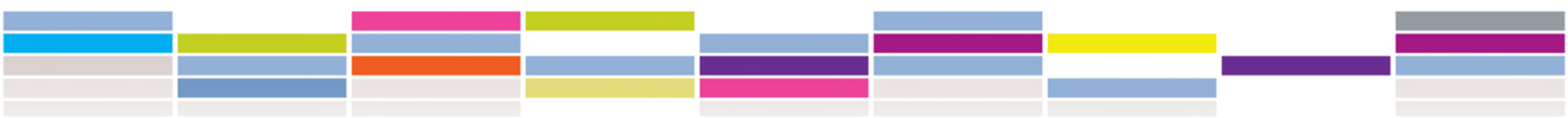
- [Partnerships Toolkit](#)

Budget:

- [Tri-Agency Guide to Financial Administration](#)
- [Guidelines for Cash and In-Kind Contributions](#)
- [Salary Research Allowances](#)

Guidelines:

- [Regulations Governing Grant Applications](#)
- [Guide to Addressing Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Considerations in Partnership Grant Applications](#)
- [Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research](#)
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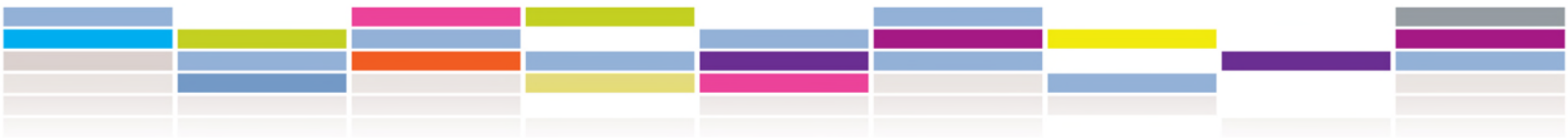
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