



Trans-Atlantic Platform: Democracy, Governance and Trust

SSHRC and FRQSC Information Session

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Overview
- Application
- Evaluation
- Questions

OVERVIEW: CONTEXT

- The Trans-Atlantic Platform (T-AP) is a collaboration formed in 2013. It involves humanities and social science funders in Europe, North America South America and Africa.
- T-AP aims to enhance the ability of funders, research organizations and researchers to engage in transnational dialogue and collaboration. T-AP works to identify common challenges and promote a culture of collaboration and interdisciplinarity in social science and humanities (SSH) research by offering joint research calls in areas of strong potential for international collaboration.

OVERVIEW: COUNTRIES INVOLVED

Americas



Brazil

Canada



United States

Europe and Africa



Croatia

France



Poland

South Africa



Switzerland

United Kingdom



OVERVIEW: OBJECTIVES

- i. Improve and innovate our conceptualization and theorization of democracy, governance and trust.
- ii. Address topics aimed at collective responses to global challenges for democracy, governance and trust.
- iii. Empirically define and describe the opportunities, challenges, and crises relevant to democracy, governance and trust, from a historical, contemporary, or prospective perspective.
- iv. Offer diverse methodological, disciplinary, and cross-national perspectives on these topics.

OVERVIEW: OBJECTIVES

- v. Study or test interventions aimed at enhancing democratic processes, improving governance and rebuilding trust in formal and informal political systems, economic structures, cultural associations, education, and public institutions.
- vi. Advance knowledge through co-developing work programs with communities, educators, and key stakeholders in civil society, education and government.
- vii. Examine the role of digital media, tools, and technologies, in eroding or strengthening democracy, governance and trust, and the roles of education, cultural institutions and the law in shaping, facilitating, and restraining this role of digital media.

OVERVIEW: THEMES

- 1) Concepts, understandings, and models of democracy, governance and trust
- 2) Education
- 3) Media, information, and communication
- 4) Economies and economic systems
- 5) Identities, discrimination, marginalization, and inequalities
- 6) Ecosystems and environments
- 7) Epistemologies, knowledge, and expertise
- 8) History and culture
- 9) Power, authority, and conflict

OVERVIEW: AVAILABLE FUNDING

- The total funds available from each funding organization are outlined in a table in the call documentation.
- SSHRC has committed \$3M in total for successful Canadian teams.
- FRQSC has a total envelope of \$450,000 for Québec principal investigator who are part of a SSHRC-funded team.
- Applicants in Canada can request up to a maximum of \$275K over 24 to 36 months: \$200,000 from SSHRC and \$75,000 (plus indirect research costs) from the FRQSC.

OVERVIEW: TENTATIVE TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
June 15, 2023	Call launch
August 8, 2023	International webinar (led by FAPESP)
August 23, 2023	Canadian Webinar (led by SSHRC and FRQSC)
September 15, 2023	Deadline to submit the required notice of intent to apply (NOI) (<u>in English</u>)
November 6, 2023	Deadline to submit full application (SAGe, <u>in English</u>) and associated components to SSHRC (Convergence, <u>in French or English</u>) and FRQSC (FRQnet, <u>in French or English</u>)
March - June 2024	Expert Panel evaluation
July - August 2024	Notice of funding decisions
September 2024	Start date of awards

APPLICATION: GENERAL

- Visit the [T-AP webpage](#) to consult the call documentation and follow the proposal structure outlined in the Instructions to Apply document.
- Review the national addenda applicable to your proposed project. These documents contain additional information and instructions that must be followed to ensure that your project is eligible within the competition.
- A project may be declared ineligible if one or more funders are unable to proceed with project review (e.g., the project falls outside of its mandate).
- Familiarize yourself early with FAPESP's SAGE online submission system (e.g., create an account).

APPLICATION: CALL DOCUMENTATION

Call Core Documents

[DGT Call Scope \(English\)](#)

[DGT Call Scope \(French\)](#)

[DGT Call - Instructions to Apply \(English\)](#)

[DGT Call instructions to Apply \(French\)](#)

 Canada	Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)	\$450,000 CAD	\$75,000 CAD	Laurent Corbeil laurent.corbeil@frq.gouv.qc.ca	Addendum SSHRC and FRQSC – English version
	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)	\$3Mio CAD	\$200,000 CAD	partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca	Addendum CRSH et FRQSC – version française

APPLICATION: TEAM STRUCTURE

- Project teams are composed of:
 - Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI);
 - Co-principal investigators (co-PIs); and,
 - Team members (for SSHRC teams, team members include co-directors, co-applicants, and collaborators).
- Each project must have at least three eligible co-PIs from at least three different T-AP participating countries from both sides of the Atlantic. The team must nominate one of the co-PIs as the project's Lead PI.

APPLICATION: TEAM STRUCTURE (EXAMPLE)

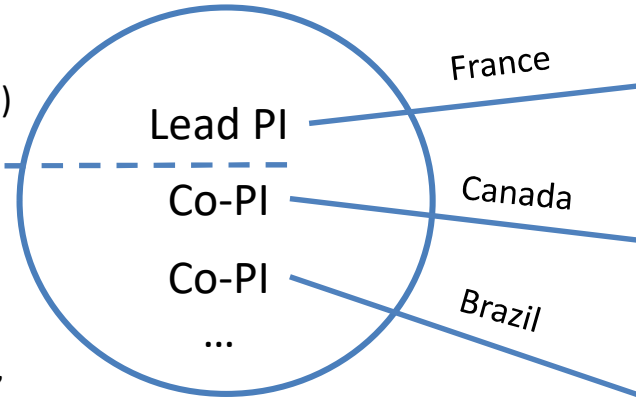
Responsibilities

1. Submits NOI to FAPESP
2. Submits Full Proposal (SAGe)



1. Submits Supplementary Information to National Funders (for SSHRC, through Convergence and for FRQSC, through FRQnet)

Principal Investigators



Team Members

Roles based on ANR roles.

SSHRC roles: Co-directors, co-applicants, and collaborators.

Roles based on FAPESP roles.

Eligibility check:

- At least three eligible PIs from three different participating countries ✓
- Both sides of the Atlantic represented ✓
- NOI, Full Application, and SSHRC/FRQSC components submitted by deadlines ✓

APPLICATION: NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

- The Lead PI must submit a **NOI** form by **September 15, 2023 (11 p.m. eastern)**. Proposals whose Lead PI has not submitted a NOI form by the deadline will not be considered for evaluation.
- The NOI must be completed online using the [electronic form](#). The Lead PI of the project must complete and submit the NOI on behalf of the research team and keep a copy of the receipt generated when the form is submitted. Up to three themes can be provided in the NOI.
- While project details and co-PIs may be modified upon proposal submission, it is expected that **neither the Lead PI nor the selected themes will change**.

APPLICATION: NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

APPLICANTS' DETAILS

Lead Principal Investigator

Name

Organisation

Email address

Country

List of all co-Principal Investigators

Name

Organisation

Funders

- São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
- Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC)
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- Agence Nationale de la recherche (ANR)
- National Science Centre (NCN)
- National Research Foundation (NRF)
- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
- UK Research and Innovation (AHRC)
- UK Research and Innovation (ESRC)
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

Themes – Choose at most three

- 1. Concepts, understandings, and models of democracy, governance and trust
- 2. Education
- 3. Media, information, and communication
- 4. Economies and economic systems
- 5. Identities, discrimination, marginalization and inequalities
- 6. Ecosystems and environments
- 7. Epistemologies, knowledge, and expertise
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Summary of the proposal (max. 250 words)

APPLICATION: SYSTEMS AND DEADLINES

- The Lead PI must submit application to FAPESP's [SAGe system](#) on behalf of team by **November 6, 2023 (11 p.m. eastern)**.
- The Lead PI and Co-PIs must also submit supplementary documentation to their national funder, as outlined in the country-specific addenda.
- Canada-based Lead PIs and Co-PIs must submit supplementary documentation to SSHRC through its [Convergence Portal](#) by **November 6, 2023 (8 p.m. eastern)**. For those also submitting to FRQSC (through [FRQnet](#)), the deadline is **November 6, 2023 (4 p.m. eastern)**.

APPLICATION: FULL APPLICATION CONTENTS

1. Research Proposal: Project overview; Research description; Bibliography; Narrative résumés (Lead PI and co-PIs only)
2. Budget: Budget summary and funders' budget forms (collated together). For Canadian teams, this includes both the Funds requested from SSHRC document and the Budget justification document.
3. Additional Documents file: All additional documents required by national addenda. For Canadian teams, there are no additional documents that need to be provided in this section.
4. Consent Form
5. Proof of NOI submission

APPLICATION: SSHRC COMPONENT

- Determine who will be the PI for the Canadian team.
- Canadian addendum outlines requirements and provides instructions.
- Canada-based PI must complete the SSHRC component through Convergence.
- Co-directors and co-applicants must be invited to join the application by the PI. Collaborators do not need to be invited but must have agreed to participate.

Shared Information
✓ Application Details
Invitations
✓ Participants
✓ Collaborators
✓ Fields of Research
✓ Keywords
✓ Summary of Proposal
✓ Proposed Budget
✓ Certifications, Licenses and Permits
✓ Supporting Documents
Finalize and Submit

APPLICATION: SSHRC COMPONENT

Applying through
Convergence Portal

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Funding Opportunities

Applications Awards Funding Opportunities

Please note: Submission deadline dates and times are presented in local time.

Agency	Name	Stage ↑	Deadline	Actions
NSERC	CCI Applied Research and Development Grants	Application		Create Application
SSHRC	Open Research Area 8	Application	2023-11-14 5:00 PM	Create Application
SSHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy	Application	2023-10-20 8:00 PM	Create Application
SSHRC	Trans-Atlantic Platform Democracy, Governance and Trust	Application	2023-11-06 8:00 PM	Create Application
Tri-agency	New Frontiers in Research Fund - Global	Registration	2023-10-09 8:00 PM	Create Application

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Due to COVID-19, many deadlines are being revised. Learn more about the [impacts of COVID-19 on programs managed by SSHRC](#), including tri-agency programs managed through the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS).

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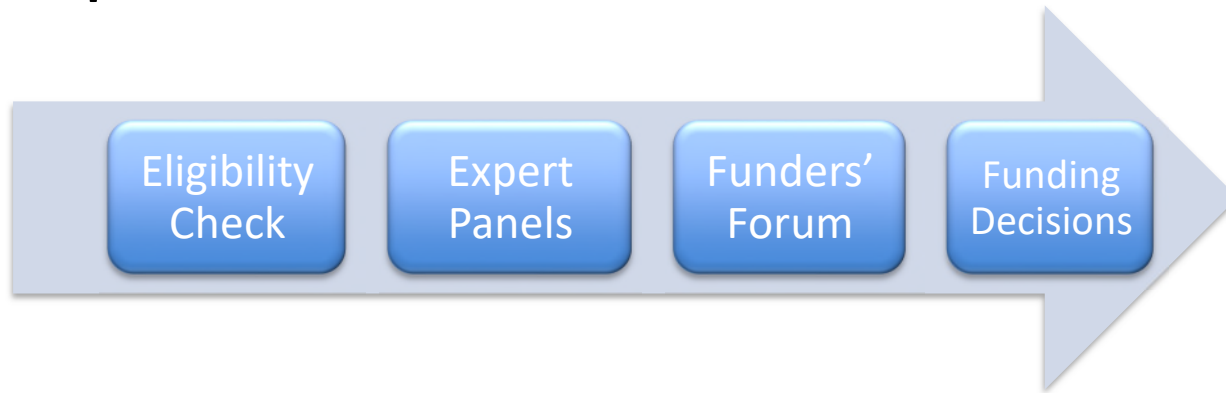
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APPLICATION: FRQSC SUPPLEMENT

- FRQSC supplements awarded based on rankings of panel's evaluation of application submitted and availability of funds.
- **Maximum total grant of \$75,000** per team plus indirect research cost
- A Québec researcher who is part of an international team that has applied to both the FAPESP and SSHRC, and who is the principal investigator in Canada, can request the supplement from the FRQSC.
- The supplement can be requested by completing the required form in the FRQSC electronic portfolio (FRQnet) and attaching the requested documents. See Canadian Addendum for details of the procedure.
- If the supplement is awarded, the applicant assumes the role of Principal Investigator under the Common General Rules.
- Only one supplement may be awarded per team, which is administered by the FRQSC.
- The deadline for submitting an application to the FRQSC is the same as for the Transatlantic Platform, November 6, 2023.

EVALUATION: CRITERIA AND PROCESS

- **Evaluation criteria (weighted equally):** (1) Intellectual merit; (2) Relevance to the call; (3) Quality, innovation and feasibility of the research plan; (4) Broader impacts; and (5) Partnership and planning.
- **Evaluation process:**



QUESTIONS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada:

- T-AP support: partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca
- Technical support helpdesk (SSHRC Convergence Portal):
websupport@convergence.gc.ca

Fonds de recherche du Québec—Société et culture:

Laurent Corbeil, laurent.corbeil@frq.gouv.qc.ca

514.873.2114, ext. 4290

T-AP Website: <https://transatlanticplatform.com/>

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