CANADIAN RESEARCH FUNDING
Opportunities for Researchers in Social Sciences and Humanities

High Commission of Canada
Canberra, Australia
November 2010
University research accounts for more than 1/3 of Canada’s research efforts, the highest proportion in the G8 countries.

Highest share among the G8 countries of private sector R&D investment by universities.

Highest rate of international co-publication with the U.S. – the world’s largest producer of research.

Has 1,755 Canada Research Chairs and many Research Centres of Excellence at universities across the country.
Canada spends more per capita on its education system than any other country in the G-8

More than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate programs

92 universities - from large, research-intensive… to smaller undergraduate teaching campuses
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: UNIVERSITIES

- Bachelor/Master/Doctorate system equivalent to those in the U.S. and Commonwealth countries
- Accessible and supportive professors
- Cutting edge technology and research labs
- Opportunities for co-operative education and internships, working on and off campus
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Overview of Canadian Research Funding

Federal Funding Programs
- Canada Research Chairs and Canada Excellence Research Chairs
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
- Understanding Canada: Canadian Studies

Other Organisations
- L'Association internationale des études québécoises (AIEQ),
- Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Research Grants Program (APFRG)
- Killam Trusts
Canada Research Chairs (CRC)

- National strategy to make Canada one of the world’s top countries for research and development
- Up to 2000 research professorships
- To date, 30% have been recruited from outside Canada.
- C$300 million a year to attract and retain world's most accomplished and promising minds. CRCs are tenable for 5-7 years.

www.chairs.gc.ca
Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC)

- Aims to increase knowledge and innovation in areas of strategic importance
- Funds cover the total cost of research
- Up to 20 Chairs created (competitively awarded)
- Up to C$10M per CERC over 7 years

www.cerc.gc.ca
VANIER CANADA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Similar in value and prestige to U.S. Fulbright, Australian Monash and U.K. Rhodes Scholarships

C$50,000 per year for up to three years

Nominees evaluated on academic excellence, research potential and leadership ability.

Canadian and international students are eligible to be nominated.

Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian university at which they will be enrolled in full-time PhD research training.

www.vanier-cgs-bes.gc.ca
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Open to Canadian and international researchers who have recently completed a PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree.

70 fellowships awarded each year.

Two-year fellowship worth $70,000 per year (taxable)
**BANTING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS**

Selection based on:
- research excellence and leadership in their area of expertise or research
- quality of the applicant's proposed research program
- institutional commitment and demonstrated synergy between applicant and institutional strategic priorities

Applications to the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Program must be completed in full collaboration with the proposed Canadian host institution.

Deadline for complete application submission is November 3

www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca
Funding for international collaborative research with Canada’s Social Science and Humanities Research Council

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

❖ The applicant (Principal Investigator/ Project Director)
❖ A co-applicant or co-investigator
❖ A collaborator

www.sshrc.ca
Funding for international collaborative research with Canada’s Social Science and Humanities Research Council

✿ Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)  
- Opportunity for collaborative international research - Canadian team plays lead role  
- From C$100,000 per annum for 7 years

✿ Community-University Research Alliances (CURA)  
- Supports creation of alliances between community organisations and postsecondary institutions  
- Development Grants of up to C$20,000  
- Full grants up to C$200,000 per annum for up to 5 years

✿ Research Development Initiatives (RDIs)  
- Supports initial stages of research  
- Up to C$40,000 over 2 years

✿ Research Communication Grants/ Workshops & Conferences  
- Supports workshops and conferences (in Canada) to facilitate transfer of research results among Canadian and international researchers  
- Workshops: Up to C$25,000 (fewer than 30 participants)  
- Conferences: Up to C$20,000-$50,000

www.sshrc.ca
Understanding Canada: Canadian Studies

• Government of Canada program in support of Canadian Studies abroad

• Aims to develop a greater knowledge and understanding of Canada, its values and its culture among scholars and other influential groups abroad

• In Australia and New Zealand program administered by Canadian High Commission in Canberra.

• Canadian Studies is research aimed at a better understanding of Canadian society and/ or culture

• All disciplines in social sciences and humanities may qualify (Purely scientific subjects and proposals that focus exclusively on technological or methodological issues are not eligible)

• Interdisciplinary studies on Canada encouraged

• Comparative studies with substantial Canadian content (usually 33% or more)
Priority Areas

• Priority may be given to projects with policy relevance for Canada
• Specific issues of importance for Canada:
  ➢ Bilateral or Regional Relations
  ➢ Peace and Security
  ➢ North American Partnership
  ➢ Economic Development and Competitiveness
  ➢ Democracy, Rule of Law, Human Rights
  ➢ Managing Diversity
  ➢ Environment / Energy
Understanding Canada: Programs for Individuals

Faculty Research Program (FRP)
- To assist individual academics to undertake short term research about Canada or aspects of Canada’s bilateral relations
- Up to C$6,200 (airfare and living expenses for up to 4 weeks)

Faculty Enrichment Program (FEP)
- To assist individual academics to develop and teach courses about Canada (including comparative courses with 50% Canadian content)
- Up to C$6,200 (airfare and living expenses for up to 4 weeks)

Doctoral Student Research Award (DSRA)
- Assists doctoral students outside of Canada to undertake part of their doctoral research in Canada
- Students must be enrolled full-time in a PhD in the country where the application is made and their doctoral thesis must relate in substantial part to the study of Canada
- Award provides assistance towards international airfare (C$2,600), plus C$1,200 allowance per month for up to 6 months spent in Canada while doing research

Deadline: November 1
Examples of Recent Topics Awarded

FRP Grants
• Terra Nullius Again: Ego-tourism in remote spaces.
• Migrant Experiences in Franco-Canadian Writing

FEP Grants
• Museums and the Politics of Culture
• Comparative Indigenous Literatures

DSRA Grants
• Globalisation, Crime Control Policy and First Nations
• War and the Imperial Imaginary: Museums, exhibitions and visual displays of the First World War in Britain, Canada and Australia 1914-45
Canada-Asia-Pacific Award (CAPA)

- Assists scholars in universities or research institutes in the Asia-Pacific region to undertake short term research related to Canada and the region
- Individual or collaborative research
- Funds direct costs related to the research project, which may include a research trip to Canada
- Valued at C$5,000 - C$10,000

International Research Linkages (IRL)

- To promote and facilitate international collaborative research between research teams from Canada and one or more countries abroad
- Projects should aim to foster academic mobility and exchange of information (e.g. seminars, workshops, networks)
- Linkage grant does not finance research
- Up to C$10,000

**Deadline: November 24**
Understanding Canada: Programs for Organisations

Canada Conference Grant Program
• Supports higher learning institutions and organizations to hold conferences on Canada or on Canadian issues

Book Display Program
• Provides publications on Canada up to the value of C$1,000 to be displayed at major conferences

Program Development Grant
• Supports institutes of higher education or other organizations to develop or expand programs in Canadian Studies

Library Support Program
• Assists university libraries to strengthen their holdings of Canadian studies related materials

Student Mobility Program
• Supports institutes of higher education or other organizations to undertake initiatives involving exchanges, study tours, internships, scholarships, etc.

Canada Leadership Program
• Allows Canadian experts to participate in strategic forums abroad, on issues relevant to Canada and its foreign policy
ACSANZ is a multidisciplinary organization that recognises and encourages interest in Canadian Studies.

**Postgraduate Travel Award**
- Assists graduate students to spend up to 4 weeks in Canada to undertake research relevant to their thesis in Canadian Studies
- **Apply to ACSANZ by September 30**

**Undergraduate Essay Prize**
- Awarded to the best undergraduate essay on a Canadian topic or a comparative topic with at least 50% Canadian content
- **Apply to ACSANZ by October 30**

[www.acsanz.org.au](http://www.acsanz.org.au)
International Council for Canadian Studies (ICCS) Programs

Graduate Scholarships
• C$3,500 to assist Masters/PhD student to spend 4-6 weeks at a Canadian university or research site to undertake research relevant to their thesis in Canadian Studies

Best Thesis in Canadian Studies
• Thesis must be on a Canadian topic or a comparative work with at least 50% Canadian content and have been awarded within last 2 years
• Awarded certificate and travel to Canada

Postdoctoral Fellowships
• One to three month teaching or research fellowships at any Canadian Studies Centre (worldwide)
• Value: C$2,500 per month + return airfare; tenure 1-3 months

Apply to ACSANZ by September 30

www.acsanz.org.au
Understanding Canada: Canadian Studies Guidelines and Application Forms

- All Canadian Studies programs (including ACSANZ and ICCS programs)
- Guidelines available from the Canadian High Commission or ACSANZ

  www.australia.gc.ca

  www.acsanz.org.au
L'Association internationale des études québécoises (AIEQ)

- Aims to promote and develop Québec studies in Canada and abroad
  - Grants to foreign academics to develop courses on Québec
  - Research grants in Québec studies to promote knowledge about and understanding of Québec through the publication
  - Support for Québec participation in international conferences
  - Internships and postdoctoral scholarships located in Québec and abroad
  - Awards for excellence in Québec studies

www.aieq.qc.ca
Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada
Research Grants Program (APFRG)

• Supports research and informed discussion on Canada’s relations with Asia.

• Canada-Asia Agenda - awards up to $1000 grant for articles on current issues affecting Canada-Asia relations.

• Conferences

• Media Fellowships (valued at up to $10,000 each)

• Post Graduate Research Fellowships (valued at $35,000 for Master’s graduates and $38,000 for PhD graduates)

• Special Initiatives (maximum award of $25,000)

www.asiapacific.ca
IZAAK WALTON KILLAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Many generous awards available from the Killam Trust.

Offered by four Canadian universities

- Dalhousie University
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary

The application process and amount of awards vary by university

Open to all disciplines with no citizenship restrictions

www.killamtrusts.ca.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NON-CANADIANS

http://www.scholarships.gc.ca/
www.educationau-incanada.ca

Program finder, cost calculator and study permits information
Links to provincial, territorial and individual school information.

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