

# SSHRC Insight Development Grants (IDG) – Administrative Overview

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# Topics

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# The 2026 Competition has launched!

- **NEW** Increased funding limits (min. \$10K in a least one year, max. \$100K)
- SSHRC IDG Webinars (yesterday) – slides posted on [WR IDG page](#)
- SSHRC's Insight Development Grants page updated. Links to:
  - IDG instructions, Canadian Common CV (CCV) portal, SSHRC CCV instructions, IDG application form/Research Portal
- Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee – permanent option.
- IDG subject to [Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](#) (STRAC). Contact [researchsecurity@uwo.ca](mailto:researchsecurity@uwo.ca) with questions.

# IDG Competition Overview

Value	\$10,000 - \$100,000
Duration	1 to 2 years
Internal ORS deadline	No later than - <b>Monday, Jan. 19, 2026</b> (10AM)
Sponsor deadline	No later than - <b>Monday, Feb. 2, 2026</b> (10AM)
Results	June 2026 (Period: Jun. 1'26-May 31'28)
Applicant Eligibility	Affiliated* with Canadian postsecondary institution
Co-Applicant Eligibility	Canadian or International postsecondary
Collaborator Eligibility	Any individual. NB! Restricted budget.

\* At Western a faculty Applicant is required to have a research-eligible appointment. Postdoctoral applicants allowed, with ROLA proposal running through their research-eligible faculty Supervisor.

# Scholar Type – implications

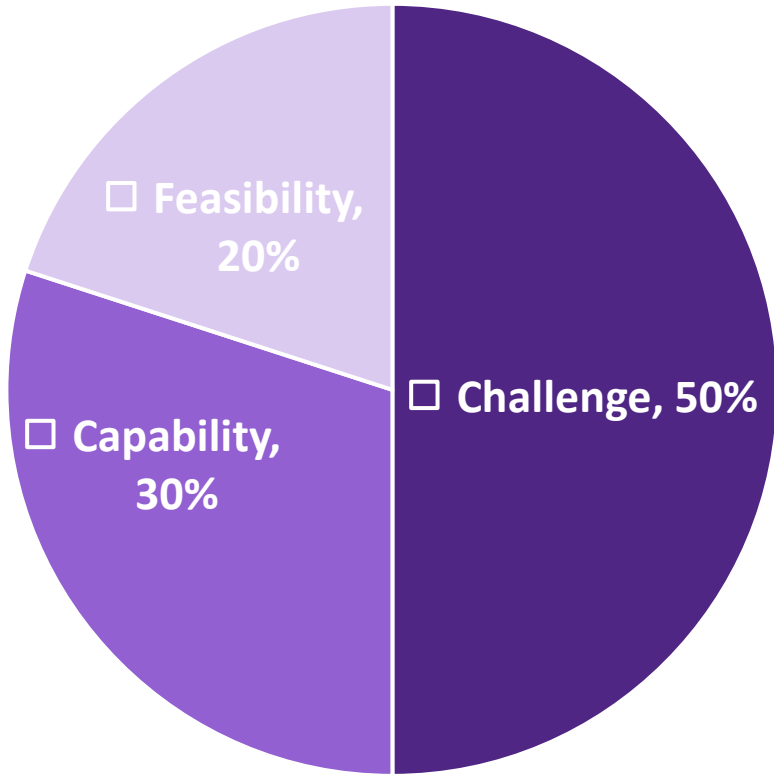
- Emerging Scholars

- By default, all project ideas are ‘new’.
- **Required** in the ‘Context’ section of the **Detailed Description** attachment to explain the relationship and relevance of the proposed research to their ongoing research. If the proposal represents a significant change of direction from your previous research, describe how it relates to experiences and insights gained from earlier research achievements.

- Established Scholars

- Must be exploring new research questions and/or approaches that are distinct from the applicant’s previous/ongoing research.
- **Required**, in a specific application **text box**, to clearly **justify** how the proposed research is distinct from their previous/ongoing research. Proposed projects should be clearly delimited and in the early stages of the research process.

# IDG Evaluation Criteria\*



**Challenge (50%)** - Proposal, Outcomes/Impacts, Training of HQP

- Aim and importance of the endeavour. The ‘What’.
- E.g. Originality and significance.

**Capability (30%)** – CVs, Past training of HQP, Past KMb activities

- The expertise to succeed. The ‘Who’.

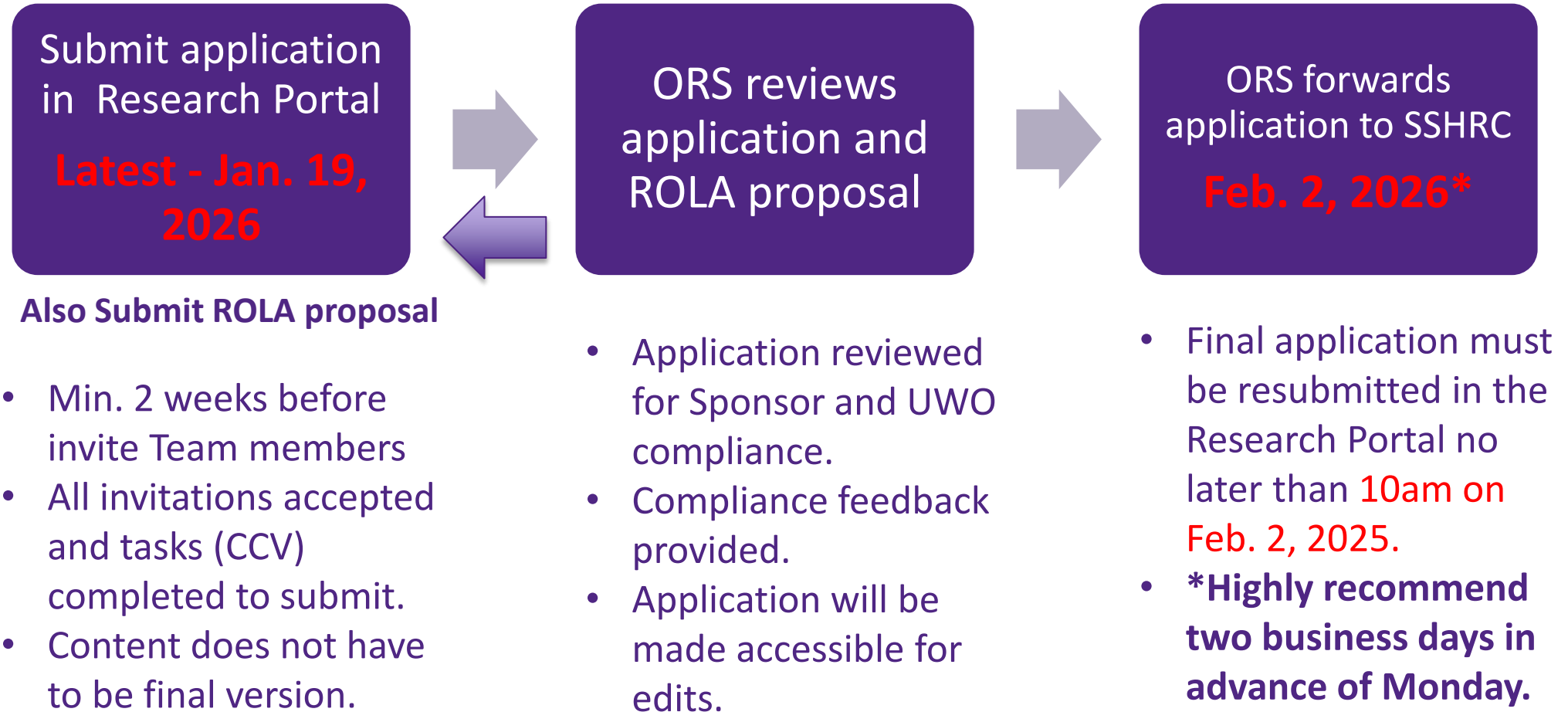
**Feasibility (20%)** – Budget, KMb Plan, Timelines

- The plan to achieve excellence. The ‘How’.

# Budget Considerations


- Works on principle of '*minimum essential funding*'
  - Be reasonable and justify proposed expenditures
  - Relate clearly to research objectives and methodology
- Cannot remunerate anyone on the Research Team (applicant, co-applicant, collaborators). **Exception:** [Tri-agency guideline on remuneration for Indigenous people participating in funded projects](#)
- Funds cannot be used for Collaborator research costs (only travel and subsistence related to information exchange, planning and dissemination)
- Funds cannot be used for remuneration and/or travel and subsistence costs of presenters or guest speakers.
- Time release/course buy-outs not an eligible SSHRC request
- Refer to: [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#)

# ORS Review and Submission Process





# Starting an application: Research Portal

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Research Portal

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Welcome to the Research Portal

### Account

The Research Portal is intended for use only by individuals participating in the preparation of applications for funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), in the administration of awards, and in the merit review of applications.

Before using the Research Portal, you must read the [Terms and conditions](#) and [Transparency](#) (see below). When you login and use this system, it means that you understand these policies and conditions and you consent to the use of your personal information for administrative purposes.


**Notice: Maintenance Window**

This system will normally be unavailable to users Saturdays from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. (eastern), as well as on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (eastern).

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# CCV – SSHRC version



The screenshot shows the Canadian Common CV (CCV) website. At the top, there is a blue header with a red maple leaf logo and the text "Canadian Common CV" and "www.ccv-cvc.ca". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Français", "Home", "Contact Us", "Help", and "Login". The main content area has a date stamp "2023-11-20 16:41 EST". On the left, there is a sidebar with a "Common CV" section containing links: "About us", "Partners", "News", "Contact us", and "Help". The main content area contains a paragraph: "The Canadian Common CV (CCV) allows researchers to enter their CV data once and output it in formats suitable for submission to CCV Network member organizations. The CCV Network is a partnership of federal, provincial and non-governmental research granting agencies." followed by a "Learn more" link. At the bottom, there is a footer with "Modified: 2023-11-09 17:07", a "Top of Page" link, and an "Important Notices" link.

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NOTE for new users!

Required consistencies when creating Research Portal account and CCV Portal account:

- First name
- Last Name
- Email address

# Competition Statistics (6 yrs)

	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
SSHRC - IDG	UWO	National	UWO	National	UWO	National	UWO	National	UWO	National	UWO	National
No. submitted	22	1256	15	1175	30	1055	33	1203	47 (45)	1369	68 (67)	1660
Emerg. submitted	11	782	8	751	14	658	21	756	28 (27)	828	33 (34)	918
Est. submitted	11	474	7	424	16	397	12	447	19 (18)	541	33	742
Total \$ requested	\$1.27M	\$78.1M	\$1.02M	\$75.15M	\$2.00M	\$67.75M	\$2.10M	\$78.78M	\$2.99M	\$89.72M	\$4.59M	\$109.34M
No. awarded overall	15	563	7	662	17	589	14	579	14	590	38	879
Emerg. # awarded	8	353	4	429	10	368	11	363	11	365	16	495
Est. # awarded	7	210	3	233	7	220	3	216	3	225	22	384
Total \$ awarded	\$0.81M	\$32.30M	\$0.45M	\$39.51M	\$1.03M	\$35.27M	\$0.82M	\$35.47M	\$0.86M	\$36.81M	\$2.48M	\$55.68M
Success rate	68.2%	44.8%	46.7%	56.3%	56.7%	55.8%	42.4%	48.1%	31.1%	43.1%	57.6%	53.0%
Emerg. success rate	73%	45%	50%	57%	71%	56%	52%	48%	41%	44%	49%	54%
Est. success rate	64%	44%	43%	55%	44%	55%	25%	48%	17%	42%	67%	52%
Avg. \$ requested	\$58,480	\$62,191	\$68,274	\$63,959	\$66,885	\$64,219	\$63,758	\$65,489	\$66,477	\$65,590	\$69,526	\$65,865
Avg. \$ awarded	\$53,863	\$57,375	\$63,579	\$59,676	\$60,727	\$59,877	\$58,402	\$61,256	\$61,177	\$62,389	\$65,284	\$63,341



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# Appendix – Emerging Scholar

[Applicants](#) identifying themselves as an emerging scholar must demonstrate that they have not applied successfully, as principal investigator or project director, for a grant offered through SSHRC, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, or the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Emerging scholars may, however, have previously held or currently hold knowledge mobilization grants and/or SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants.

In addition, they must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. have completed their highest degree no more than six years before the competition deadline (SSHRC considers only the date of completion of the first doctorate); or
2. have held a tenured or tenure-track postsecondary appointment for less than six years; or
3. have held a postsecondary appointment, but never a tenure-track position (in the case of institutions that offer tenure-track positions); or
4. have had their careers significantly interrupted or delayed for health or family reasons within the past six years.

# Appendix – Established Scholar

Someone who has established—or who, since the completion of his or her highest degree, has had the opportunity to establish—a record of [research achievement](#).

‘Record of research achievement’:

Includes any identifiable contributions made by applicants to the advancement, development and mobilization of knowledge related to the disciplines supported by SSHRC.

Example of grants previously/currently held as Principal Investigator:

- SSHRC Insight Grant or Insight Development Grant
- CIHR Operating Grant
- NSERC Alliance and/or Discovery Grant
- New Frontiers in Research Funds, such as NFRF - Exploration