

SSHRC TO EVALUATE STANDARD RESEARCH GRANTS AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAMS

In keeping with its ongoing evaluation of programs, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is undertaking an external evaluation of its Standard Research Grants (SRG) and Research Development Initiatives (RDI) programs. The evaluation will assess the impacts of the programs, as well as their design and delivery. It is also hoped that this study will provide much valuable information that can be communicated widely on the results and achievements of SRG- and RDI-funded research.

SSHRC has contracted Goss Gilroy Inc., an independent research firm, to conduct the evaluation. The research will be based on several lines of evidence, including web surveys, focus groups, bibliometric analyses, interviews, and case studies.

The assessment may also provide other potential lessons to SSHRC and to the Canadian social sciences and humanities community on:

- the design and delivery of the SRG and RDI programs;
- perceived barriers to accessing SRG or RDI grants; and
- the impacts and results of SRG- or RDI-funded research, and its contribution to building knowledge and understanding.

We encourage all those contacted to participate in this important and timely evaluation.

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