

# Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Overview and Challenges



## SSHRC CRSH

### Overview

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports postsecondary-based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences. Through its Talent, Insight and Connection programs, and through partnerships and collaborations, SSHRC strategically supports world-leading initiatives that reflect a commitment to ensuring a better future for Canada and the world. SSHRC also oversees the delivery of a number of tri-agency programs, including the Canada Research Chairs and other research chairs programs, and the New Frontiers in Research Fund, which supports international, interdisciplinary, fast-breaking and high-risk research.

### Challenges

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#### Challenge 1

##### Living within Earth's Carrying Capacity

How have different sectors (such as fisheries, energy, mining, forestry, agri-food, human health and wellness, education, the arts, banking and insurance, technology, military / defence / national security, and tourism and recreation) responded to minimize risks related to severe environmental challenges?

#### Challenge 2

##### Living within Earth's Carrying Capacity

How might First Nations, Métis and Inuit knowledge systems and experiences contribute to efforts to address sustainability challenges on a national and international scale?

#### Challenge 3

##### Working in the Digital Economy

How are innovative education initiatives, work-integrated learning programs, and grassroots movements (e.g., online courses, massive open online course [MOOCs], not-for-profit educational platforms, apprenticeships, video games/massively multiplayer online role-playing games [MMORPGs], makerspaces, etc.) preparing individuals for employment in the digital economy?

#### Challenge 4

##### Working in the Digital Economy

How has COVID-19 driven innovation and adaptation in the workplace?

#### Challenge 5

##### Transit and Mobility

What might be the longer-term impacts and challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic for different transport modes, on commuting patterns and/or broader individual socioeconomic habits and preferences (e.g., telework, retail development trends, car use, consumption choices)?

#### Challenge 6

##### Transit and Mobility

How might changing commuting patterns, remote work arrangements, and public health concerns (such as those experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic) affect public transit ridership, the use of active transportation options, and overall modal shift?

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