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*The following note is being sent on behalf of Gail C. Murphy, VP Research & Innovation and Darrin Lehman, Chair, President's Advisory Committee on Major Awards (PACMA)*

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2019 SSHRC IMPACT AWARDS**

### **The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**

The SSHRC Impact Awards are designed to build on and sustain Canada's research-based knowledge culture in all research areas of the social sciences and humanities. The awards recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or completely by SSHRC.

The Office of the VP Research & Innovation is seeking strong nominations for these competitions. Institutions are limited to one nomination per award. **Self-nominations are not permissible.**

The Office of the VP Research & Innovation will activate an internal selection process for applications. We encourage departments, divisions, institutes, schools, and faculties to consider nominations of women and those from other underrepresented groups.

The following awards are available to faculty members:

**Gold Medal (\$100,000):** The Gold Medal is SSHRC's highest research honour. It is awarded to an individual whose sustained leadership, dedication and originality of thought have inspired students and colleagues alike. The recipient's achievements in research must have significantly advanced understanding in their respective fields of research in the social sciences and humanities. The exceptional quality and impact of the recipient's research, and their ongoing efforts to share the results, of this work must have greatly enriched Canadian society, and contributed to social, cultural, economic and intellectual life in Canada and/or internationally.

#### **Insight Award (\$50,000):**

The Insight Award recognizes outstanding achievement arising from a single or multiple research projects funded partially or completely by SSHRC. It is given to an individual or a team of six people maximum (including the nominee) whose project or projects have significantly contributed to knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world. The research outcomes must have led to demonstrable impact within the nominee's fields of research and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community. In the case of a team project or projects, the nominee must be the principal investigator. If successful, this person will receive the award on behalf of the team.

**Connection Award (\$50,000):** The Connection Award recognizes an outstanding SSHRC funded initiative to facilitate the flow and exchange of research knowledge within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community. It is given to an individual or team whose project has engaged the campus and/or wider community, and has generated intellectual, cultural, social and/or economic impacts.

**Partnership Award (\$50,000):** The Partnership Award recognizes a SSHRC-funded [formal partnership](#) for its outstanding achievement in advancing research, research training or knowledge mobilization, or developing a new partnership approach to research and/or related activities. It is awarded to a formal partnership that, through mutual co-operation and shared intellectual leadership and resources, has demonstrated impact and influence within and/or beyond the social sciences and humanities research community.

*Note: For information about the SSHRC Talent Award (postdoc & doctoral applicants) please visit the following Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies website: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/sshrc-talent-award>*

## **PRELIMINARY SELECTION - Documents required by February 5, 2019**

For this preliminary stage, all individual and team nominations should contain the following documents, and should be submitted directly to Manager, Faculty Awards & Prizes, Brenda Carrier [brenda.carrier@ubc.ca](mailto:brenda.carrier@ubc.ca) by February 5, 2019.

1. One page rationale (**maximum of 500 words**) as to why the individual or team should be considered for this award (please review SSHRC's selection criteria when writing the 500 word rationale)
2. An updated SSHRC CV

Before considering a nomination, please carefully review the SSHRC criteria: [http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/impact\\_awards-prix\\_impacts-eng.aspx](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/impact_awards-prix_impacts-eng.aspx)

**NEXT STEPS:** Candidates/teams selected to advance will be notified on February 11. We will then ask you to complete the full package for submission to SSHRC. Institutional sign-off will be provided by the VP Research & Innovation. The VPRI Office will submit the final nomination to SSHRC.