## NEW SSHRC GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD - SSHRC IMPACT AWARDS

The SSHRC Impact Awards are a renewal of former SSHRC awards. The five annual awards recognize the highest achievements in social sciences and humanities research, knowledge mobilization and scholarship supported by SSHRC, and are entitled <u>Gold Medal</u>; <u>Talent Award</u>; <u>Insight Award</u>; <u>Connection Award</u>; and <u>Partnership Award</u>.

Information regarding these awards is available online at: <a href="http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/awards-prix/index-eng.aspx">http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/awards-prix/index-eng.aspx</a>

#### **Nomination Process**

<u>Institutions eligible to administer SSHRC funding</u> are invited to put forward nominations for all SSHRC Impact Award categories. Each institution may submit only one nomination for each award in a given year, for a maximum of five SSHRC Impact Award nominations.

### Eligibility

#### A nominee must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada at the time of nomination;
- be an active social sciences and humanities researcher or student;
- hold or have held SSHRC funding pertinent to the award category;
- be in good standing with SSHRC;
- o be affiliated with an institution eligible to administer SSHRC funds; and
- o if the recipient of an award, maintain affiliation with an institution eligible to administer SSHRC funds.

### Nominees:

- cannot nominate themselves;
- can be nominated in two sequential years for the same award, following which two years must pass before they can next be nominated in the same category:
- can be nominated in only one category in any year; and
- o can be nominated in a subsequent year for a different SSHRC Impact Award.

Note: Current members of SSHRC's governing council are not eligible to be nominated.

# **The Nomination Package**

Every nomination package must include the following components - (a) a covering letter of *up to two pages* that includes:

- the name, current position and institution of the person proposing the nomination;
- the Award category;
- o the name, position and affiliation of the nominee and any co-applicants;
- o a brief summary of the SSHRC-funded work that is being put forward for consideration;
- the names, current positions, affiliations and areas of expertise of three referees who support the nomination;
  and
- o the signature of the nominating institution's president or his/her delegate.

(b) an attachment of up to four pages demonstrating the rationale supporting the nomination, including:

- the significance, challenge and impact of the achievements for which the nomination is being put forward;
- the quality and scope of training and mentoring provided to students, emerging scholars and other highly qualified personnel, and indication of the nominee's career level;
- o a description, including evidence of research achievements, and, where applicable, impact and outcomes of the initiative;
- examples of success in widely sharing, and encouraging application of, resulting knowledge and benefits within and/or beyond the academic community; and
- evidence that outcomes resulted in significant and positive impacts in Canada and/or internationally.

### A SSHRC CV and Consent form:

All nominees and any co-applicants must submit a signed copy of the <u>SSHRC CV web form</u> and <u>Consent to Disclosure</u> of Personal Information.

In the case of team Insight and Connection award nominations, and Partnership award nominations, a <u>SSHRC CV must</u> <u>be submitted</u> for each co-applicant.

Supporting information for nomination rationale:

#### For the Gold Medal:

Include up to 15 pages listing research contributions and outcomes from throughout the nominee's career.

#### For the Talent Award:

Include up to three pages briefly summarizing the work undertaken, including SSHRC file number(s). The summary should support the rationale for the nomination by describing the impact, research outcomes, and other pertinent contributions resulting from the nominee's research and/or research-related activities.

## For the Insight, Connection and Partnership awards:

Include up to five pages briefly summarizing the work undertaken, indicating all relevant SSHRC file number(s). The summary should support the rationale for the nomination by describing the impact, research outcomes, and other pertinent contributions from the research and/or research-related activities.

### A promotion plan:

Nominations must include up to two pages outlining the commitment and strategy of the nominating institution to promote and celebrate the impact and outcomes of the nominee's achievements. Proposed outreach activities could include: a lecture series, workshops, videos, press releases, advertisements, social media engagement or other similar activities.

## Letters of support from three referees:

Three letters must be provided in support of the nominee. Referees must be established authorities in the field who have not worked with the nominee on the project being recognized, are not affiliated with the nominee's current institution, and do not have a personal relationship with the nominee.

Note: In the case of the Talent Award, referees may be affiliated with the nominee's current institution.

# Letters of support **must**:

- be dated and signed;
- o include the referee's name, position, affiliation, email address and telephone number;
- o include the name of the nominee and the period of time and capacity in which the referee has known the nominee; and
- offer an overall assessment of the nominee's accomplishments, including examples of how these achievements fulfill the evaluation criteria outlined above.

Referees should not send their letters directly to SSHRC, but, rather, to the institution making the nomination.

Note: SSHRC must honour nominees' requests to see letters of support; however, the identities of referees will not be disclosed. All information provided to SSHRC is subject to the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act.

## For potential Brock graduate student nominees:

Please e-mail one page of material (point form is fine) to the Dean of Graduate Studies via Joanne Kremble <jkremble@brocku.ca> indicating which award you are nominating a student for, and considering what is required for the nomination, on what basis the nominee would be a strong applicant from Brock for this award.