

**Social Sciences & Humanities  
Research Council (SSHRC)  
Doctoral Scholarships  
(CGS-D and PGS-D)**

**September 2020**

# SSHRC Doctoral Awards

## SSHRC Scholarship Competitions:

- **SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships (PGS-D):**
  - \$20,000 a year for up to 48 months
- **Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS-D):**
  - \$35,000 a year for 36 months

Applicants apply for both awards by completing **one application form**. If you are eligible for both awards, SSHRC will automatically consider you for both competitions.

Brock University's quota: 11 awards

**Deadline date: October 17, 2020**

# Eligibility Requirements



Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada



Intend to pursue full-time graduate studies and research at the doctoral level in an eligible program.



Not have already held a doctoral award from one of the federal granting agencies



By December 31<sup>st</sup>, have completed no more than 48 months of doctoral studies

# SSHRC Doctoral - Subject Matter Eligibility

Applications to SSHRC must meet the following two criteria:

1. The proposed research or related activities must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities  
*(General Guidelines for Eligibility of Subject Matter)*
2. The intended outcome of research must primarily be to add to the understanding and knowledge of individuals, groups and societies.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Evaluation Criteria

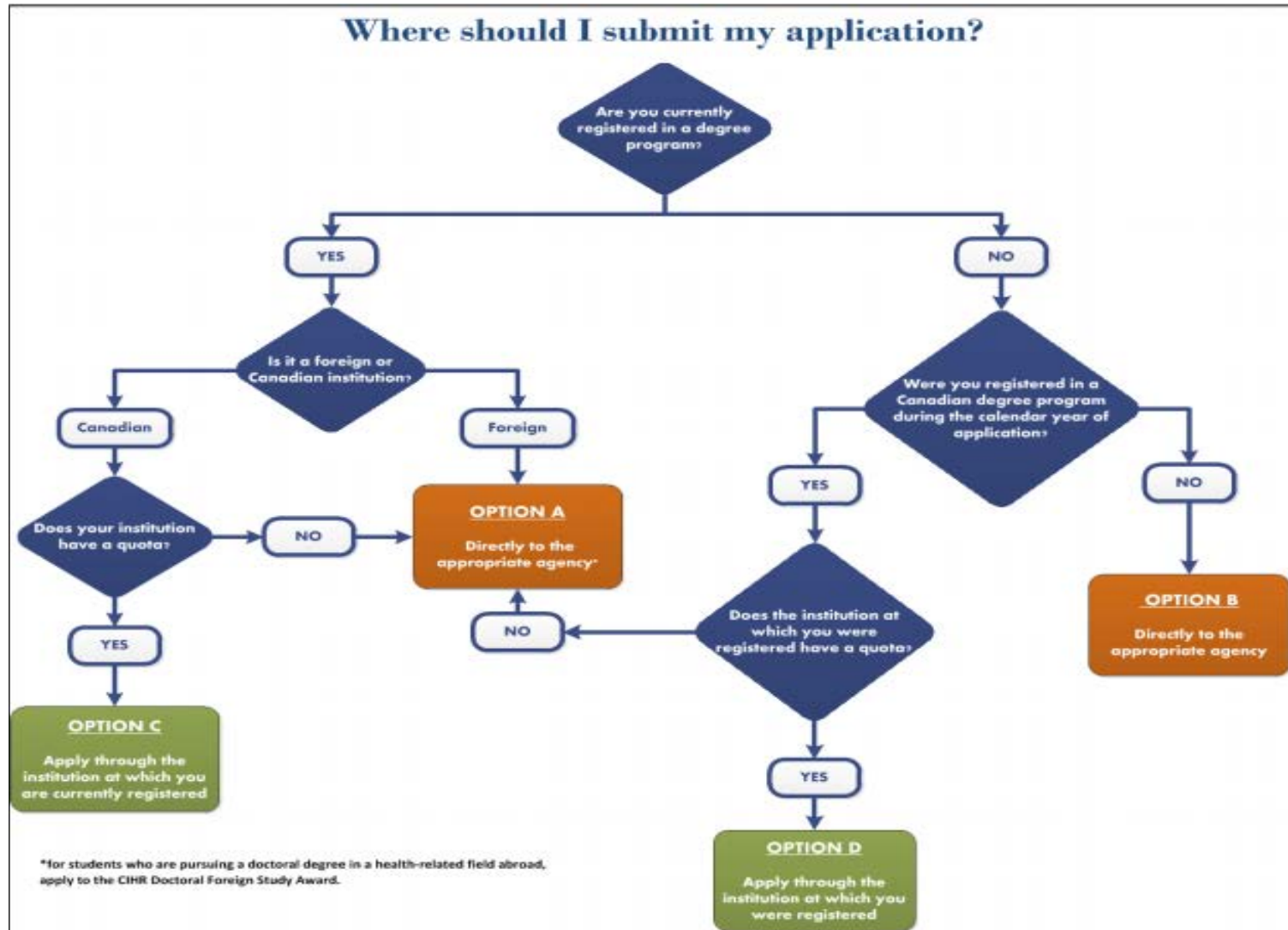
Research Ability  
& Potential

50%

Relevant Experience  
& Achievements

50%

# SSHRC Doctoral - Where to Apply



\*for students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health-related field abroad, apply to the CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Award.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Application

Application and Instructions:

<https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx>

## SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships

### Fall 2020 Competition

Overview	
Value	\$20,000 per year
Duration	12, 24, 36 or 48 months
Application deadline <input type="text" value="*"/>	<b>Directly to <u>SSHRC</u>:</b> October 17, 2020
	<b>Through a Canadian institution with a quota:</b> Contact your institution
Results announced	April 2021
Apply	<a href="#">Web CV, application and instructions</a>

# SSHRC Doctoral - Create an Application

[https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en\\_CA](https://webapps.nserc.ca/SSHRC/faces/logon.jsp?lang=en_CA)



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## List of Available Forms

The following table lists all available application forms. To fill out an application form for a particular program, click on the grant type. To view application instructions for that program, click on the button next to its name.

Program name	Grant type	Start Date	End Date (ET)
<b>Fellowships/Scholarships</b>			
Doctoral Awards Program	Doctoral Awards Program	Wednesday, July 17, 2019	Thursday, October 17, 2019 20:00:00
			Wednesday, September 18



# SSHRC Doctoral - Application Overview

## Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)

As of June 2018, all applicants are asked to self-identify their age, gender, Indigenous identity, and status as a member of a visible minority group or person with a disability.

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## Indigenous Applicants

Want to be considered?

- Select the “Option for Self-identified Indigenous Applicants” in the “application Profile” section of the application.
- Complete an allowable inclusion
  - Any special circumstance that may have impacted your academic or career path

**NOTE:** Applications involving Indigenous research count towards the institution’s quota unless the applicant has **also** selected the “Option for Self-Identified Indigenous Applicant” on the online application.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Application

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programmes-programmes/fellowships/doctoral-doctorat-eng.aspx>

A complete application consists of:

- SSHRC CV
- On-line SSHRC Doctoral Award application form
- Application Profile
- Program Information
- Areas of Study
- Research Proposal - upload max. 2 pages
- Bibliography / Citations - upload max. 5 pages
- Transcripts & official letter - upload
- Allowable Inclusion - upload max. 1 page, if applicable
- Research Contributions, Relevant Experience & Activities - upload max. 2 pages
- Justification pages for supplements and joint initiatives (only if applicable)
- Referees - Invitation to complete letter of appraisal

# SSHRC Doctoral – Research Proposal

- Maximum two pages
- Describe your program of study
  - Use clear, plain language
  - Avoid jargon, acronyms and highly technical terms.
  - Reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee

# SSHRC Doctoral – Research Proposal

If you are not currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program:

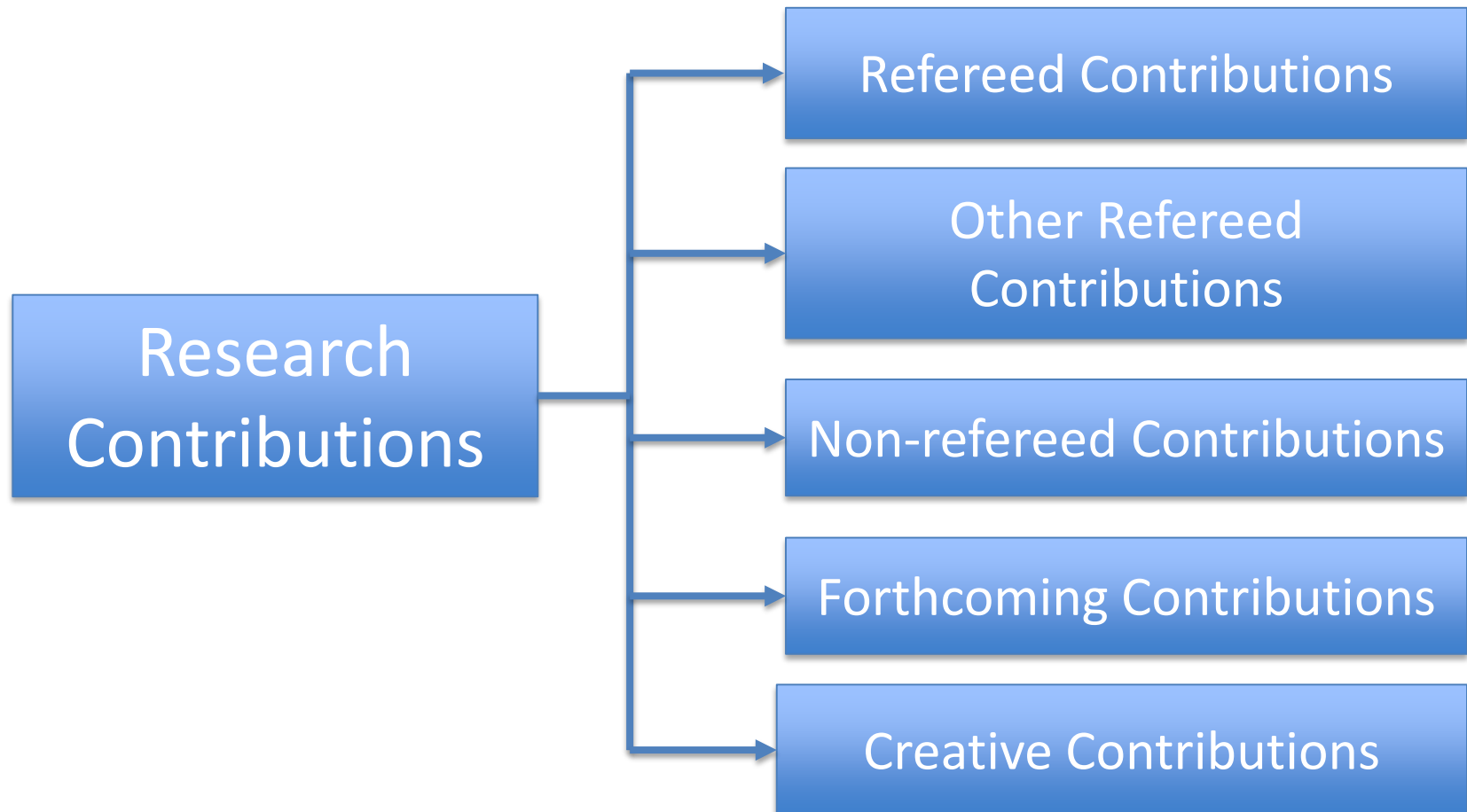
- Clearly state your current level of study;
- Give the title and a brief description of your master's thesis, if applicable;
- Identify the degree program which you will pursue including any relevant courses and provide an explanation for your choice; and
- Provide an outline of your doctoral thesis proposal, including the research question(s), context, objectives, methodology and contribution to the advancement of knowledge, and your special interests in the proposed area of research.

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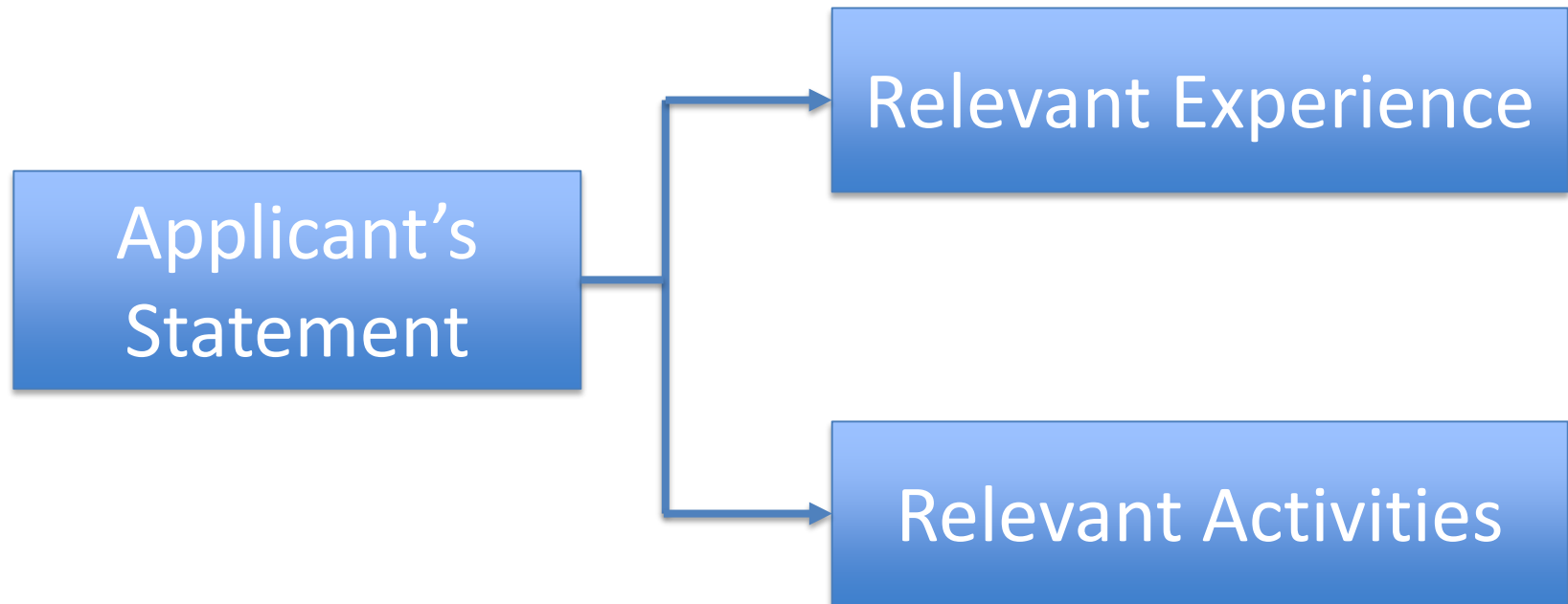
If you are currently enrolled in a doctoral degree program:

- Clearly state your current level of graduate study;
- Indicate what stage you are at in your thesis/research project;
- Provide the name of your supervisor of doctoral studies, if known;
- Provide an outline of your thesis proposal or research project, including, for example, the research question, context, objectives, methodology and contribution to the advancement of knowledge; and
- Describe what you hope to accomplish during the award tenure and what will remain to be done before you obtain your degree.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Research Contributions, Relevant Experience & Activities



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# SSHRC Doctoral – Attachments

Please ensure your attachments are presented according to these specifications outlined in the instructions:

- typed or word processed, single-sided, on 8 ½" x 11" (21.5 cm x 28 cm), white paper;
- single-spaced, with no more than 6 lines of type per inch;
- body text in a minimum 12 pt Times New Roman font;
- all margins set at a minimum of ¾" (1.87 cm);
- your name appearing within the set margins at the top right corner of every page.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Choice of Referees and Submission of Letters of Appraisal

## Choice of Referee:

- you may select referees from beyond the academic community
- Notify your referee of the electronic invitation early!
- Give them ample time to provide a meaningful evaluation

## Electronic Submission of Letters of Appraisal:

- Invite referees via an automated email generated by the SSHRC online system
- Cannot submit your application until both appraisals have been submitted by your referees

## Referee Requirements:

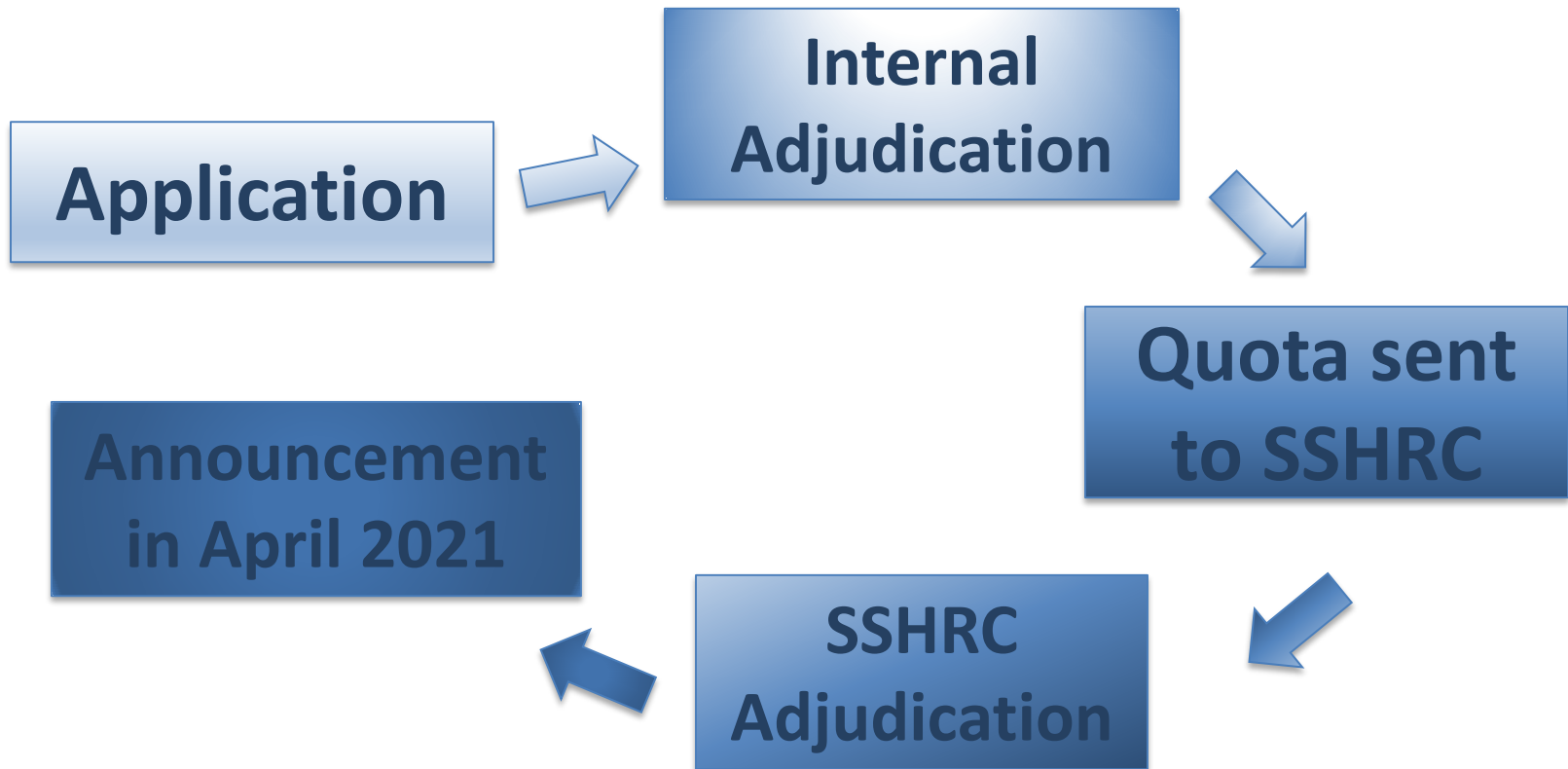
- each referee is allotted one page each and additional letters will not be accepted

# SSHRC Doctoral - Transcripts

You must include all undergraduate and graduate transcripts.

- SSHRC will accept official and certified copies of transcripts only. SSHRC will not accept Web-based, faxed or photocopied transcripts.
- If you are already registered in your program of study at the time of application, you must submit an official transcript for this program, regardless of the number of months completed, to demonstrate registration in the program. **This requirement also applies to programs of study started in the fall session of the year of application.**
- Official transcript(s) must be included with your application package. Scan each page, along with one copy of the legend(s), in a pdf format (.pdf extension), unprotected. Maximum file size of 10 Mb.

# SSHRC Doctoral - Competition Results



# SSHRC Doctoral - Tips & Suggestions

- Be clear and concise
- Avoid repetitiveness
- Check spelling and grammar
- Don't be modest
- Order your transcripts
- Ask your referees to provide your assessments

# SSHRC Doctoral - Contact Information

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Email: [gradfunding@brocku.ca](mailto:gradfunding@brocku.ca)

General Inquiries

Email: [fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:fellowships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

Telephone: 1-613-943-7777

Thank you and Good Luck!