

Guaranteed Minimum Funding

The University of Alberta will be providing minimum funding guarantees for doctoral students. Supervising professors have several options for helping to secure funds for their graduate students.

External Funding

SSHRC Insight Grants

Awarded annually, for a duration of two to five years, a [SSHRC Insight Grant](#) can be used to fund a research assistantship for a PhD student and/or fund their research. The provision of student training is an important aspect of the application and budget. Video guidance is available from the College Office of Research webpage.

SSHRC Insight Development Grants

Awarded annually, for a duration of one to two years, a [SSHRC Insight Development Grant](#) supports both emerging and established scholars. For established scholars, consider writing the application with your student to fund their program.

Mitacs Accelerate

Working with a partner in the not-for-profit or business sector, a [Mitacs grant](#) can provide a paid internship for a doctoral student as well as research experience with the supervising professor. The partner organization could be a non-governmental organization, an Indigenous organization, or a company. Check out the Mitacs website, with application support available from the Research Partner Network.

Other Tri-Agency Funding

SSHRC is one of three national granting agencies. NSERC and CIHR also provide funds to support the training of highly qualified personnel. The Research Partner Network can provide advice for both NSERC and CIHR grant competitions.

Who to ask for help?

Contact your Research Partner for one-to-one grant development advice. If you're in the Faculties of Arts or Education, contact Research Partner Craig Taylor; if you're in the Alberta School of Business or the Faculty of Law, contact Research Partner Syliva Ijeoma Madueke. See further: [Research Partner Network](#)

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Funding from internal sources can help support pilot projects, research project development, and new research directions, enhancing the potential for future external funding success.

Internal Funding

Kule Institute for Advanced Study (KIAS)

KIAS is an endowed institute supporting research across the arts, humanities and social sciences, focusing on research with the potential for national or international recognition. Both the KIAS research team grant and the research cluster grant can include funding for PhD students, and PhD students can be listed as team members. See further: [Funding | Kule Institute for Advanced Study](#)

Killam Research Fund

Administered by the University of Alberta's Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) (VPRI), the Killam Research Fund supports research, scholarship and creative activities to advance objectives in the fine arts, humanities and social sciences. It provides cornerstone, connection, and conference travel grants. See further: [Internal Research Funding | Research + Innovation](#)

Specialized Options

Indigenous Engaged Research Grant Program

Administered by the Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) (VPRI), the Indigenous Engaged Research Grant Program can assist with both the relationship-building phase of a new project and the knowledge mobilization activities with community partners in a project's later stages. Funds are allocated twice per year, with application deadlines in March and October. See further: [Internal Research Funding | Research + Innovation](#)

China Institute

Faculty research grants, and travel grants, are available from the China Institute for research on China-related studies or Canada-China relations. See further: [Funding | China Institute](#)

Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research (PTJC)

If your research is Japan-related, with the potential to scale up to create significant impact, check out PTJC's seed grant program. See further: [PTJC Seed Grant Program | Prince Takamado Japan Centre for Teaching and Research](#)

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