The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) has recently announced a partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) to fund more projects under the Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative. CIHR will provide support to social sciences and humanities projects on the themes of race, gender and diversity that include a focus on health. This is in addition to SSHRC support for social sciences and humanities projects on the themes of race, gender and diversity that do not necessarily have a focus on health.

The main goal of the Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative, launched in August 2021, is to fund community-based and community-led research partnerships with postsecondary institutions that are grounded in the lived experience of underrepresented and/or disadvantaged groups and that analyze the causes and persistence of systemic racism and discrimination. It is expected that the three-year partnership grants offered under this initiative will serve as hubs for challenge-oriented, community-led and community-based intersectional research and knowledge mobilization activities, and can be used to incubate new research partnerships.

To contribute to this initiative, CIHR will join SSHRC to co-fund up to 16 social sciences and humanities projects with a focus on various health research areas, representing a total of $3.6 million over three
years. Learn more about how CIHR is supporting this SSHRC initiative and what research priority areas will be included.

The main SSHRC-funded Race, Gender and Diversity Initiative competition will fund up to 20 projects.

- Duration: 3 years, plus a two-year unfunded extension
- Value: Up to $80,000 in each of Years 1 and 2, and up to $290,000 in Year 3
- UofT internal deadline (for receipt of MRA and online submission of final application): 10 November 2022
- Results announced: March 2022

All applications must be submitted to SSHRC as described on the SSHRC RGDI webpage, using the Convergence Portal. Applicants must be affiliated with a SSHRC-eligible Canadian institution (universities, colleges, not-for-profit organizations) at the time of application.

For information on institutional approval, the UofT internal deadline, and grant-writing resources, please see the Research Services RGDI webpage.