

# Industry Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

## **Strategic Outcome**

*People: A First-Class Research Capacity in the Social Sciences and Humanities.*

## **Program Activity Descriptions**

### *Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes*

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) offers several award programs for advanced study and research in the social sciences and humanities at the master's, doctoral and postdoctoral level. These programs help train Canada's researchers and the leaders of tomorrow. In addition, SSHRC offers special fellowships to experienced researchers and supplementary awards to outstanding doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship recipients. Finally, two commemorative prizes recognize the extraordinary dedication and creativity of Canada's best researchers.

### *Canada Research Chairs*

In 2000, the Government of Canada allocated \$900 million to establish 2,000 research professorships - Canada Research Chairs - in universities across the country. Chair holders advance the frontiers of knowledge in their fields, not only through their own work, but also by teaching and supervising students and coordinating the work of other researchers. By helping Canadian universities and their affiliated research institutes and hospitals become world-class centres of research and research training, the Canada Research Chairs Program contributes to enhancing Canada's competitiveness in the global, knowledge-based economy, improving Canadians' health, and enriching our social and cultural life. Specifically, the program also seeks to: strengthen research excellence in Canada and increase Canada's research capacity by attracting and retaining the best researchers; improve the training of highly qualified personnel through research; improve universities' capacity to generate and apply new knowledge; and promote the best possible use of research resources through strategic institutional planning, and through collaboration among institutions and between sectors.

## **Strategic Outcome**

*Research: New Knowledge Based on Excellent Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities.*

## **Program Activity Descriptions**

### *Investigator-framed Research (theme area and subject defined by researcher(s))*

SSHRC research grants support individual and team projects and programs of research for which the applicant(s) proposes/propose the research topic and methodology. These range from individuals or small groups working in libraries and archives to large, multidisciplinary, collaborative projects with researchers, partners and assistants conducting fieldwork across the country.

### *Targeted Research and Training Initiatives*

SSHRC develops and funds programs to support strategic research programs, both on its own and in partnership with other fund providers, including government, private and community organizations. These programs generate new knowledge on pressing social, economic and cultural issues of particular importance to Canadians. One particular stream of strategic programs supports research that will contribute to better understanding of the impacts of the "knowledge-based economy" on Canada's economic, social, political and cultural life, and will help to improve Canadians' ability to influence the future for the common good.

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## *Strategic Research Development*

Strategic grants through programs in this program activity are available to faculty, post-secondary institutions, scholarly associations and non-profit organizations to explore, develop and define new perspectives, challenges, and priorities in conducting research, in disseminating research results, and in training new researchers. Strategic research development programs also help develop related research capacity through the promotion of new modes of research collaboration and partnerships.

## **Strategic Outcome**

*Knowledge Mobilization: The Transfer, Dissemination and Use of Social Sciences and Humanities Knowledge.*

## **Program Activity Descriptions**

### *Research Communication and Interaction*

Programs in this program activity support the communication and dissemination of research results to both academic and broader audiences through both traditional and innovative mechanisms.

## **Strategic Outcome**

*Institutional environment: A strong canadian science and research environment.*

## **Program Activity Descriptions**

### *Indirect Costs of Research*

In Canada, the provincial and federal governments jointly support academic research. The provinces provide the basic physical infrastructure and, supported in part by the Canada Health and Social Transfer, direct and indirect operating costs. The federal government funds the direct costs of research, mainly through the three national research granting agencies - the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The term "indirect costs" refers to the central and departmental administrative costs that institutions incur to support research, but are not attributable to specific research projects.

In its 2003 budget, the Government of Canada announced a new program to support the indirect costs associated with the conduct of academic research in institutions that receive research grant funds from any of the three federal granting agencies. This grant program recognizes the growing indirect costs of conducting publicly-funded academic research. The program was created to help postsecondary institutions maximize the investments in research in one of two ways: secure additional support for the indirect costs of conducting research or support their mandates to teach and provide community services. By financing a portion of the indirect costs incurred by postsecondary institutions and their affiliated research hospitals and institutes, the federal government both supports world-class research facilities and addresses the needs of smaller Canadian postsecondary institutions. The Indirect Costs program is administered by the SSHRC-hosted Canada Research Chairs secretariat on behalf of the three national research granting agencies

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**Program by Activities**

(thousands of dollars)	2007–2008 Main Estimates			2006–2007
	Budgetary		Total	Main Estimates
	Operating	Grants		
Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes	3,202	99,143	<b>102,345</b>	101,505
Canada Research Chairs	2,578	59,205	<b>61,783</b>	61,784
Investigator-framed Research (theme area and subject defined by researcher(s))	5,471	85,137	<b>90,608</b>	89,533
Targeted Research and Training Initiatives	4,428	12,936	<b>17,364</b>	23,657
Strategic Research Development	3,987	20,703	<b>24,690</b>	24,009
Research Communication and Interaction	1,568	20,805	<b>22,373</b>	20,732
Indirect Costs of Research	1,042	299,055	<b>300,097</b>	260,101
	<b>22,276</b>	<b>596,984</b>	<b>619,260</b>	581,321

**Transfer Payments**

(dollars)	2007–2008 Main Estimates	2006–2007 Main Estimates
<b>Grants</b>		
<i>Fellowships, Scholarships and Prizes</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>36,143,000</b>	35,359,000
Canada Graduate Scholarships	<b>63,000,000</b>	63,000,000
<i>Canada Research Chairs</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>59,205,000</b>	59,205,000
<i>Investigator-framed Research (theme area and subject defined by researcher(s))</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>85,137,000</b>	84,124,000
<i>Targeted Research and Training Initiatives</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>12,936,000</b>	19,363,000
<i>Strategic Research Development</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>20,703,000</b>	20,093,000
<i>Research Communication and Interaction</i>		
Grants and Scholarships	<b>20,805,000</b>	19,246,000
<i>Indirect Costs of Research</i>		
Indirect Costs of Research	<b>299,055,000</b>	259,055,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>596,984,000</b>	559,445,000

# Industry Standards Council of Canada

## Strategic Outcome

*Efficient and effective voluntary standardization.*

## Program Activity Descriptions

### *Accreditation*

Conformity assessment is the practice of determining whether a product, service or system meets the requirements of a particular standard. The Standards Council accredits six types of conformity assessment organizations: product certification bodies; testing and calibration laboratories; management systems registration bodies; inspection bodies; auditor course providers; and personnel certification bodies.

The Standards Council accredits organizations that develop standards in Canada. Accredited standards development organizations may submit their standards for approval as National Standards of Canada.

### *Information*

The Standards Council advises federal, provincial and territorial governments, industry organizations and non-governmental bodies on standards and conformity assessment related aspects of trade and regulatory policy. A major focus is to encourage governments and industries to make greater use of the National Standards System in regulatory activities and trade agreements.

The Standards Council offers Canadians the latest and most comprehensive information on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment in Canada and around the world through its web site, Information and Research Service and On-site Technical Library. The Standards Council also serves as Canada's World Trade Organization and North America Free Trade Agreement Enquiry Point.

### *Representation*

The Standards Council manages Canada's participation in the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission, two of the world's most important voluntary standardization bodies, and in regional standards organizations. It also encourages the adoption and application of international standards in Canada.

The Standards Council is also a member of a number of regional and international organizations that are developing agreements to ensure the international acceptance of conformity assessment results.

## Program by Activities

(thousands of dollars)	<b>2007–2008 Main Estimates</b>		2006–2007
	<u>Budgetary</u> Operating	<b>Total</b>	Main Estimates
Accreditation	1,228	<b>1,228</b>	1,228
Information	1,577	<b>1,577</b>	1,577
Representation	4,324	<b>4,324</b>	4,724
	<b>7,129</b>	<b>7,129</b>	7,529