



# SSHRC UPDATE

## 2017 CARA REGIONAL MEETINGS

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NOVEMBER 2017

### Tri-agency Policies and Initiatives

#### *Renewal of Institutional Agreement*

Any institution that administers funds on behalf of any of the tri-agencies (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) must sign the *Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions* (hereafter, the Agreement). The Agreement is renewed (reviewed, revised as necessary, resigned) every five years. The current Agreement ends on March 31, 2018.

Over the past months, a tri-agency working group has reviewed the Agreement and proposed changes that simplify the language, reduce redundancies and offer greater flexibility to institutions. An on-line community consultation was carried out in the summer (July 12 to August 30). Individual letters signed by the heads of the three funding agencies were e-mailed to stakeholder groups and to the president/CEO of each institution that is a current signatory, copying other representatives from their institution (usually the VPR and a financial officer). The consultation email explained the need and process for the Agreement renewal and directed them to a website where they could review the proposed changes and give their feedback. The response rate was 66.9% and spread fairly evenly across the different types of organizations and regions of the country.

Overall, institutions were pleased with the changes. The consultation highlighted areas where language was still unclear. The agencies have revised the Agreement in light of the results of the consultation. In January 2018, the new version of the Agreement will be sent electronically to institutions for their signature. The revised Agreement will be valid from April 1, 2018 until March 31, 2023.

#### *Tri-Council Harmonization and Research Training Awards*

In an effort to achieve greater administrative efficiencies, to align pre- and post-award processes and to harmonize program design elements, the granting agencies continue to collaborate in their harmonization efforts. Recent advancements in this area include:

- Paid parental leave for all agency training award holders as well as for research trainees paid from agency grants.
- Increase in leave for relevant work experience to one year for all research training award holders.
- Changes to award holder forms to improve consistency and accuracy of information requested.
- Improvements to the Tri-agency Research Training Award Holder's Guide to increase clarity and readability.
- Terms of reference for a stakeholder focus group on CGS-D harmonization are being finalized with membership to be confirmed in early 2018.



## SSHRC Programs

### *Joint Initiatives*

[Sport Participation Research Initiative](#) (Insight Grants, Postdoctoral Fellowship Supplements, Doctoral Award Supplements)

A Sport Canada and SSHRC joint initiative to study quality sport participation. Target areas are: Participation, System performance, Values and ethics, Major games and events, Economic and social development

[Healthy and Productive Work](#) (Partnership Grants - by invitation only)

A CIHR and SSHRC joint initiative examines the intersection between health and social sciences in maintaining healthy, inclusive, and productive workforce.

[Defense Research Initiative](#) (Insight Grants and Insight Development Grants)

The Department of National Defense and SSHRC joint research initiative provides supplemental funding to IG/IDG recipients. Target Research Areas are: Enabling sustained and effective military organizational culture change; developing trust in diverse organizational teams and in cross-cultural settings; Trust in autonomous intelligent systems.

[Societal Implications of Genomics](#) (Insight and Connection programs, relevant Knowledge Synthesis Grants competitions)

The Genome Canada and SSHRC joint initiative promotes social sciences and humanities research and related activities aimed at expanding understanding of the potential for new and emerging genomic innovations to profoundly affect society.

### [Mitacs](#)


Drawing on SSHRC's merit review to pre-qualify SSHRC-funded projects for Mitacs Accelerate and Mitacs GlobalLink.

### [Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Advanced Scholars Program](#)

The QES program was expanded this year thanks to a \$2.5 million contribution from SSHRC and \$10 million contribution from International Development Research Centre.

23 Canadian universities will receive 4 years of support for QES-Advanced Scholars projects. More than 450 researchers at the doctoral, postdoctoral and early-career levels are undertaking global research projects, contributing to improved talent exchange between Canada and low- and middle-income countries.

For a complete list of the projects, please visit: [winning proposals](#)



### [Centre For International Governance Innovation \(CIGI\) - International Law Research Program](#) (SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships)

SSHRC has partnered with CIGI to provide additional research training support for postdoctoral scholars studying in the following areas: Economic Law; Environmental Law; Intellectual Property Law; International Indigenous Law and Traditional Knowledge.

Meritorious candidates to SSHRC's postdoctoral fellowships competition are submitted to a selection process at CIGI. Selected scholars will receive \$80,500, plus an \$18,000 research allowance.

### [Parliamentary Internship Programme](#)

SSHRC is proud to have supported the Parliamentary Internship Programme since 1978 through a grant to the Canadian Political Science Association.

The programme is a work-study experience for Canadian university graduates in all disciplines through which the interns assist MPs from all parties and build public knowledge of Parliament by conducting and disseminating research on Parliament and Canadian politics.

Each year the Parliamentary Internship Programme receives applications from university graduates from across Canada to spend a year working at Parliament, assisting MPs. The call for applications is launched in the fall. Please encourage graduate students and recent graduates to apply.

### [Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes](#) (SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships)

SSHRC invites SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship holders and applicants to connect with the Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes to explore the possibility of organizing a residency with one of the consortium's centers or institutes. Consortium member residencies can help SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship holders strengthen their research, and can provide them with new research training and career development opportunities.



## *Funding Opportunity Updates*

### INSIGHT GRANTS - TWO STREAMS

#### What is it?

SSHRC offers applicants the choice of two streams within the IG funding opportunity. The two-stream approach is intended to respond to the needs of the research community while offering a solution to the increasing monetary pressure on research funding.

#### Main Features

- Stream A (duration of 2-5 years) will be for requests ranging from \$7,000 to \$100,000
- Stream B (duration of 2-5 years) will be for requests ranging from \$100,001 - \$400,000
- Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of merit review, including the input of external assessors
- Committees will receive separate budget envelopes dedicated to each stream. Stream A would have a target success rate significantly higher than Stream B
- Researchers are not currently permitted to apply to both IG and IDG in the same calendar year. However, with the introduction of this new stream, unsuccessful applicants from IDG 2017 were permitted to apply for a Stream A or Stream B IG in 2017

#### Why is it being offered?

The new, two-stream approach for Insight Grants responds to concerns raised by both researchers and peer reviewers: namely that there is a perceived bias encouraging larger and longer grants and that there are currently no options for established scholars seeking smaller grants to support ongoing research.



## SSHRC INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS (SIG)

### What is it?

Through its SSHRC Institutional Grants (SIG) funding opportunity, SSHRC provides annual block grants to help eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions fund, through their own merit review processes, small-scale research and research-related activities by their faculty and students in the social sciences and humanities. SIG funds are intended to help Canadian postsecondary institutions strengthen research excellence in the social sciences and humanities.

### Supplementary funding for small institution (< 250 FT faculty in SSH)

SSHRC recognizes the importance of supporting smaller institutions and is committed to assisting them in their efforts to increase research and research-related activities in the social sciences and humanities. Therefore, SSHRC will provide eligible small institutions with a supplement to their annual block grants. The amount of the supplement is based on the amount of the annual SIG that the institution receives and in accordance with the ranges below:

Annual block grant	Annual supplement
\$5,000	\$10,000
\$5,001-\$9,999	\$15,000
\$10,000-\$19,999	\$25,000
\$20,000 or more	\$30,000

**Note:** The amounts above are maximum amounts; grant sizes will be adjusted to fit within the available funding envelope. In addition, the total combined funding (block grant + supplement) may not exceed \$80,000 per annum.

### Main Features:

- Single application process: The application form and instructions are currently available on the SSHRC website;
- No change to the funding formula for medium and large institutions;
- Increased and stable funding to small institutions;
- Branded grants: SIG funds may be used to offer SSHRC Explore Grants (for research activities) or SSHRC Exchange Grants (for dissemination activities);
- Updated reporting requirements: SSHRC encourage applicants to carefully review the new Achievement Report as well as the updated Activity report in preparation for their institution to collect the appropriate data. CARA members have been consulted and they provided feedback on the new achievement report last spring. We recognize that completing the new achievement report for the current grants (2015-2018) could be challenging for some institutions. The expectations are that institutions will report on the information that is available to them for this transition report.

### When will it be offered?

The application deadline is **December 1, 2017** and results will be announced in Spring 2018.



## PARTNERSHIP ENGAGE GRANTS

### What is it?

Partnership Engage Grant proposals will involve a partnership between a post-secondary based researcher and a single organization from the public, private or non-profit sector. The funding opportunity is intended to respond quickly to the short-term research needs, challenges and opportunities of non-academic organizations. In providing these organizations and postsecondary researchers with access to each other's unique knowledge, expertise and capabilities, successful applications will support both evidence-based policy- and decision-making and engaged scholarship.

### Main Features

- Proposals fall within both of SSHRC's Insight and Connection programs.
- Valued between \$7K and \$25K over one year, they are smaller in scale and shorter in duration than Partnership Development Grants.
- Offered more frequently than Partnership Development Grants, with four competitions held each year, allowing for a more rapid response to partnership opportunities.
- Restricted to a single partner organization and that partner must come from the non-profit, public, or private sector.
- Strong emphasis in evaluation criteria on relevance to, and involvement of, the partner organization.

### Why is it being offered?

Since the launch of SSHRC's program architecture renewal in 2010, there have been strong indications that a gap exists in support for short-term, small-scale research partnerships that are more responsive to the time constraints facing organizations in the non-academic sectors, particularly the private sector. The new funding opportunity would also respond to increasing interest from public sector organizations in linking with the research community to foster evidence-based decision-making.

### When will it be offered?

The next application deadline is December 15, 2017.

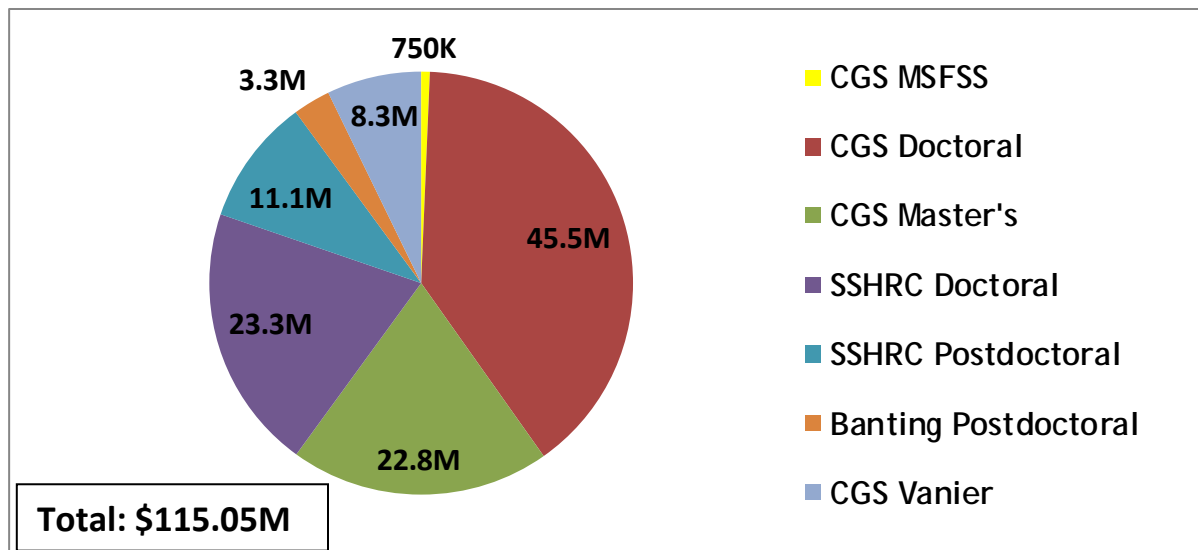
## SSHRC Funding Opportunity Statistics

### TALENT

Funding Opportunity	Most Recent Application Intake	Results
CGS - Master's	December 2016	Eligible applications: N/A (Allocation-based) Awards: 1300*
Doctoral Awards	Fall 2016	Eligible applications: 2043 (National Competition) Awards: SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships: 430 Awards: CGS - Doctoral: 430
CGS - Michael-Smith Foreign Study Supplements	2016-17 Total of two (2) competitions	Eligible applications: 129 Awards: 129
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships	September 2017	Eligible applications: 856 Results announced: February 2018

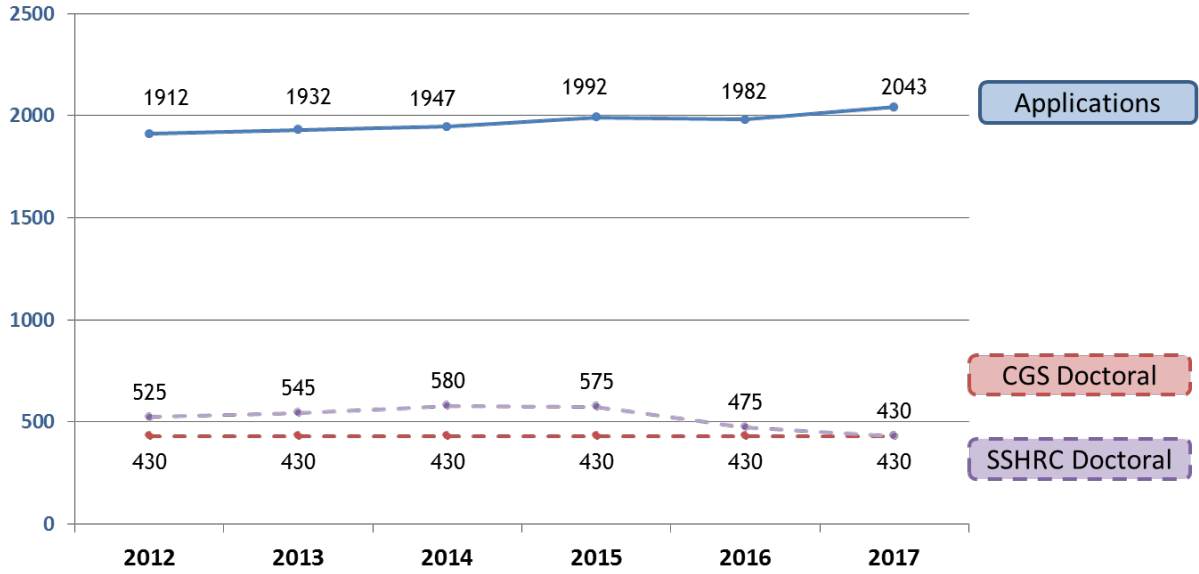
\*NUMBER OF AWARDS TO BE OFFERED BEFORE THE END OF FISCAL YEAR

### EXPECTED EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (2017-2018)

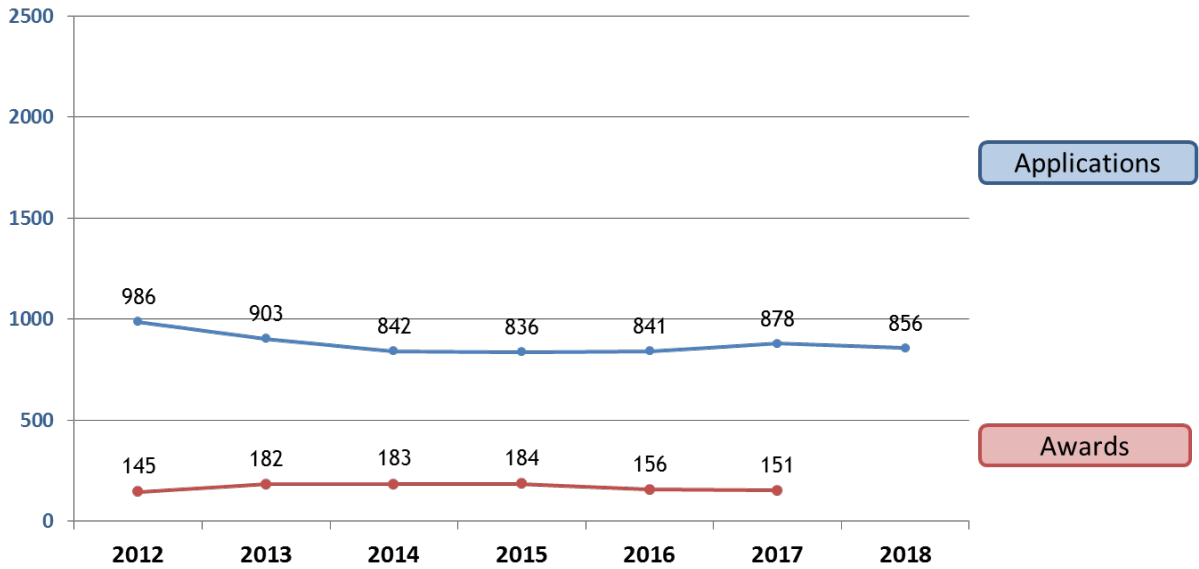


# TALENT

## DOCTORAL AWARDS



## POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS



## SUCCESS RATES: SSHRC POSTDOCTORAL AWARDS

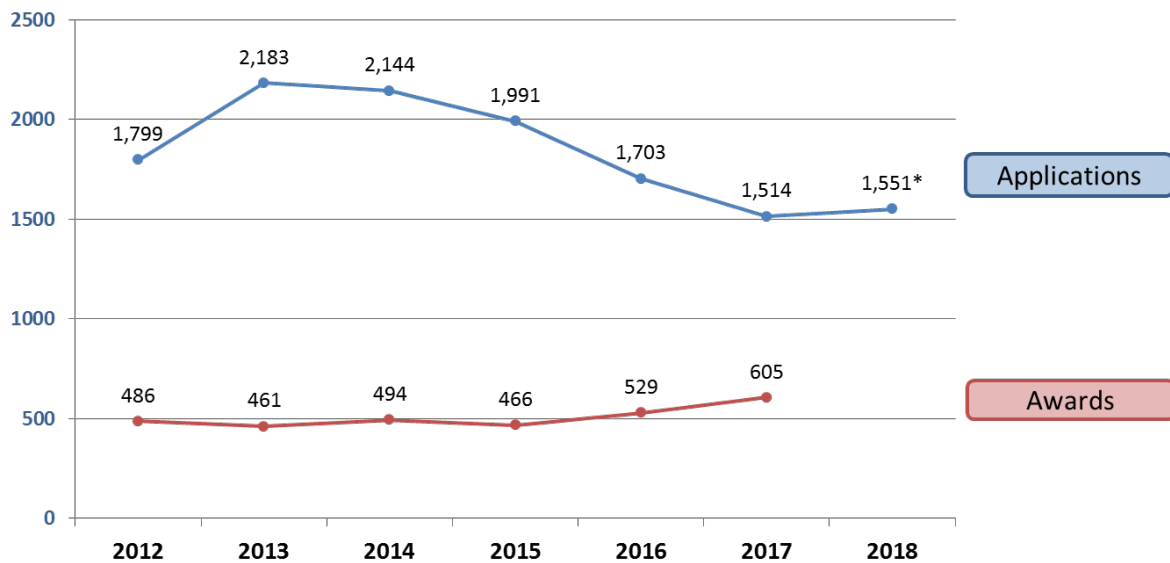
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Success Rate	15%	20%	21%	22%	19%	17%



# INSIGHT

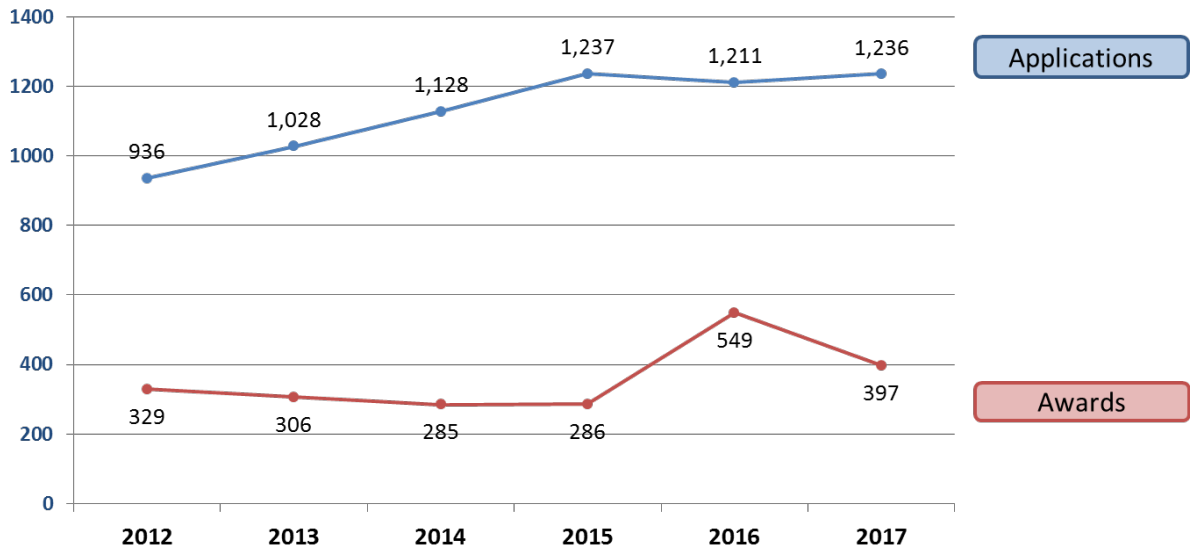
Funding Opportunity	Most Recent Application Intake	Results
Insight Grants	October 2017	Applications received*: 1551 Results announced: April 2018
Insight Development Grants	February 2017	Eligible applications: 1236 Awards: 397 Total Investment: \$21.8M over 2 years

## INSIGHT GRANTS

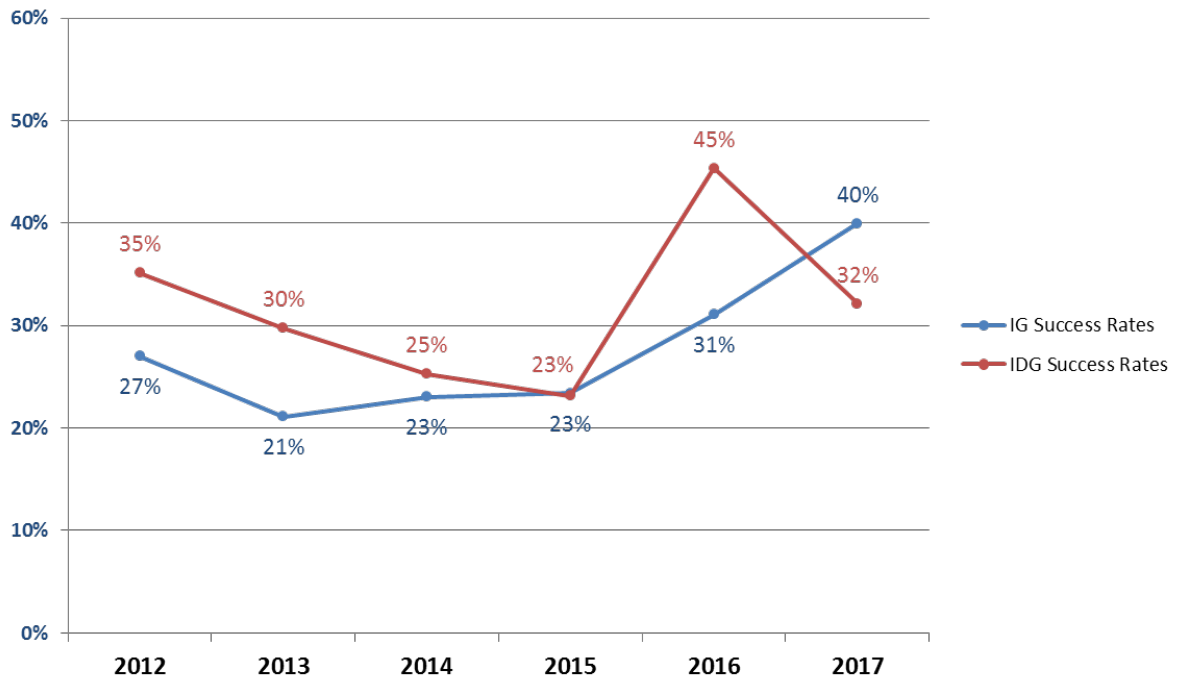


# INSIGHT

## INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



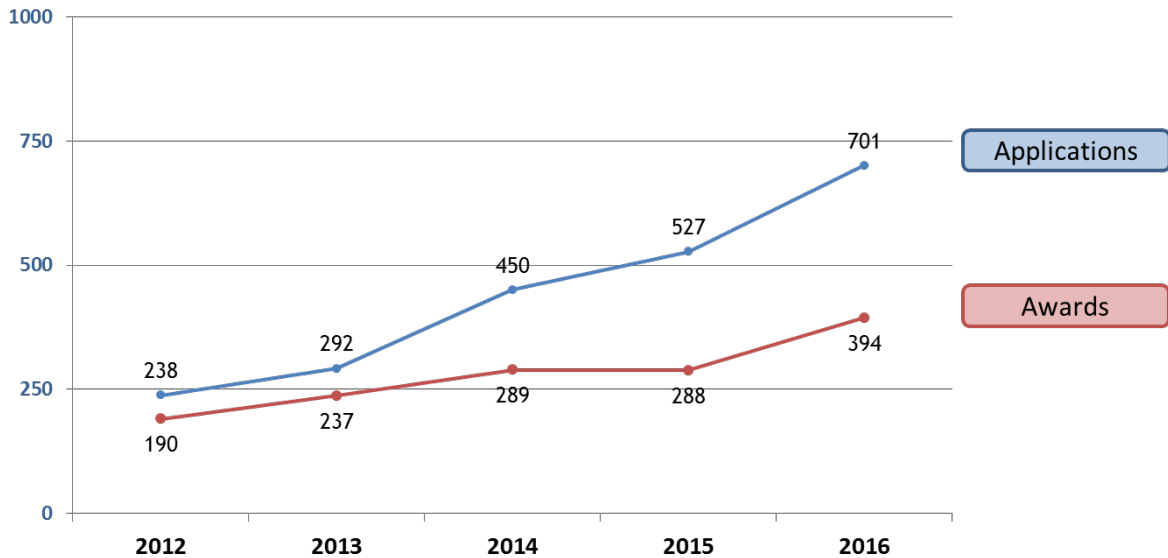
## SUCCESS RATES: INSIGHT GRANTS & INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



# CONNECTION

Funding Opportunity	Most Recent Application Intake	Results
Connection Grants	2016-17 Total of four (4) competitions	Applications received: 701 Awards: 394 Total investment: \$9.4M
Connection Grants	2017-18 Total of two (2) competitions	Applications received: 235 Awards to date: 53 (results of May competition only) Results Announced (August 1st deadline): November 2017

## CONNECTION GRANTS



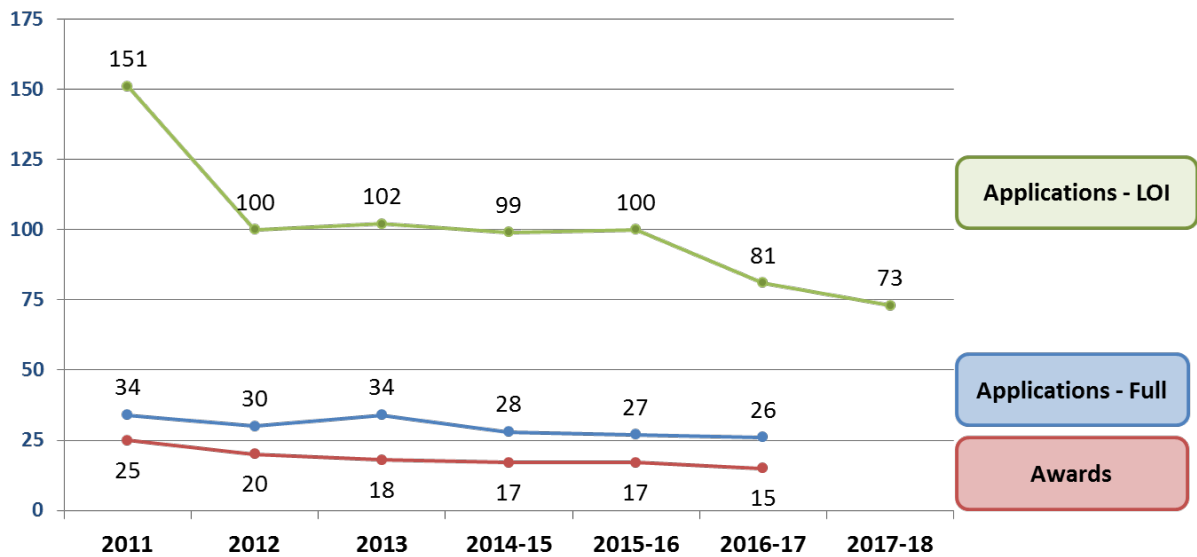
## SUCCESS RATES

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
80%	81%	64%	55%	56%

# PARTNERSHIPS

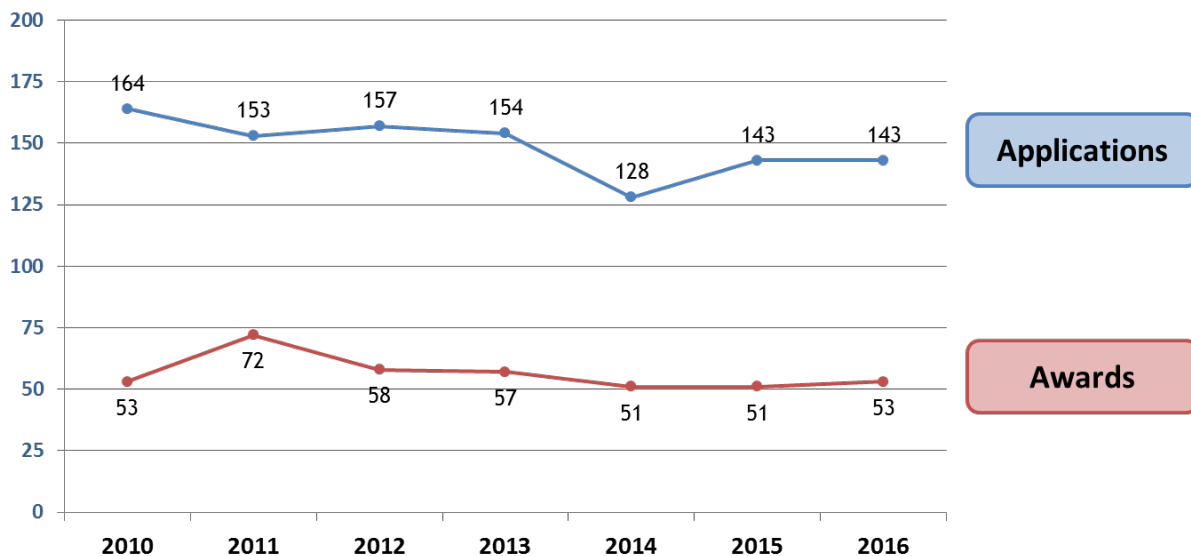
Funding Opportunity		Most Recent Application Intake	Results
Partnership Grants	Stage 1	February 2017	Eligible applications: 73 # of applications for Partnered Research training initiatives: 3
	Stage 2	November 2017	Applications received: 24 Applications invited: 25
Partnership Grants - Healthy and Productive Work	Stage 2	November 2017	Applications received: 18 Applications invited: 20
Partnership Development Grants		November 2017	Applications received: Deadline <b>November 30<sup>th</sup></b> Results announced: <b>March 2018</b>
Partnership Engage Grants		September 2017	Eligible applications: 103 Results announced: <b>November 2017</b>

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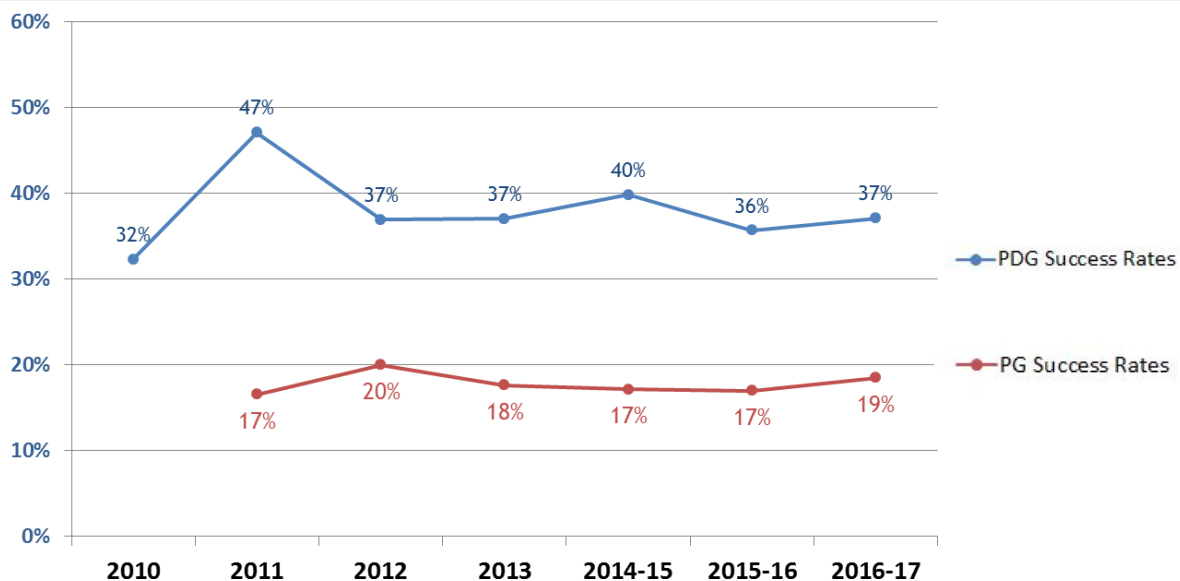


# PARTNERSHIPS

## PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



## SUCCESS RATES: PARTNERSHIP GRANTS & PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANTS



EXPECTED EXPENDITURES BY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (2017-2018)

