



2019 SIRC Researcher/Practitioner Match Grants Call for Applications

The Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC) is committed to connecting researchers and sport organizations to build capacity and contribute to advancement and innovation in the Canadian sport and physical activity sector. With funding from Sport Canada, SIRC is excited to announce a new grant initiative to support collaborative research projects. Ten grants of \$2,500 are available.

How it Works



Step 1 – The Match

A sport organization, an academic supervisor, and a graduate student develop a research project.



Step 2 – The Application

Partners complete the electronic application template and submit their proposal to SIRC by November 29, 2019.



Step 3 – The Project

Partners receive funding to support project activities. Project outcomes and key learnings will be promoted by SIRC, and shared at the 2020 SCRI Conference!

2019 Project Priority

The Canadian sport system is committed to enhancing the participation of girls and women in all facets of sport and physical activity in Canada. Research projects that will produce insight to inform sport organization action to enhance the participation of girls and women will be prioritized for funding in 2019. Research projects can use qualitative and/or quantitative approaches, and could include stakeholder research, communications analyses, evaluations, literature reviews to inform programming or decision-making, impact assessments, etc.

Take Advantage of the SCRI Conference for Networking!

SIRC is excited to formerly launch this project at the 2019 Sport Canada Research Initiative (SCRI) Conference, hosted in Ottawa on October 24 and 25, 2019. Facilitated discussion during the conference will provide an opportunity for sport organizations and researchers to connect and discuss project ideas and opportunities.

Funding

Ten grants of \$2,500 are available. Funding will be managed by the sport organization and must be used for expenses related to the research project, e.g. data collection, transcription, associated travel or meetings, and knowledge mobilization. Please contact SIRC to discuss eligible and ineligible expenditures. Projects must be completed by August 28, 2020.

Expectations of Applicants

- Outputs to support the dissemination and mobilization of project findings and outcomes within the sport and physical activity sector must be considered (e.g. reports, resources, publications, presentations/workshops, etc.).
- Partners will be expected to complete a short narrative report about project findings and outcomes (template to be provided). Note: Projects must be completed by August 28, 2020.
- Partners will be expected to collaborate with SIRC to share findings and outcomes via a SIRC blog or article, and to profile project information on the SIRC website and at the 2020 SCRI conference.

Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by SIRC staff based on the following criteria:

- Quality of the proposal (clarity, feasibility, etc.)
- Alignment with the 2019 priority
- Appropriateness of the research methods
- Expected impact for sport organization
- Planned knowledge dissemination materials
- Quality of learning opportunity for graduate student
- Projects that engage national sport and multisport service organizations (NSOs and MSOs) will be prioritized for this funding. Community and provincial/territorial sport organizations interested in applying are encouraged to collaborate with their associated NSO/MSO.
- Note: SIRC intends to fund a diverse group of projects, and thus seeks applications for a variety of projects from across sport organizations and academic institutions.

Applicant Benefits

Benefits for sport organizations:

- Development of new/enhanced relationships with sport-related researchers.
- Insight to inform programming and policy development.
- Experience developing and managing a research or evaluation project.
- Project profile through SIRC's communication platforms and at the 2020 SCRI conference, demonstrating your organization's leadership to enhance the participation of girls and women.

Benefits for supervising researchers:

- Development of new/enhanced relationships with sport organizations.
- Project profile through SIRC's communication platforms and at the 2020 SCRI conference.
- Opportunity to work on a student on a collaborative project
- Project activities could be leveraged to support a SSHRC grant or MITACS application.

Benefits for graduate students:

- Opportunity for practical research and knowledge mobilization experience with a sport organization.
- Networking and work experience in the Canadian sport and physical activity sector.
- Opportunity to work with a supervisor on a collaborative project.
- Project profile through SIRC's communication platforms and at the 2020 SCRI conference.

Submissions

Applications must be completed electronically using the application template, and are restricted to a maximum of three pages. Submit completed applications to smillar@sirc.ca. The deadline for submissions is November 29, 2019.

Please contact Sydney Millar via smillar@sirc.ca or 613.231.7472 if you have any questions.

To download the application form, visit <https://sirc.ca/resources/scri-research>.



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Deadline for submissions: November 29, 2019

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Project Title:			
Sport Organization:			
Contact Name:			
Address:			
Email Address:		Phone:	
University:			
Academic Supervisor:			
Email Address:		Phone:	
Graduate Student:			
Email Address:		Phone:	

1. Purpose – Describe the issue/gap/research question that will be addressed, and how the intended findings will be used by the sport organization.

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2. Research Methods – Describe the research methods that will be used and why, including expected reach/engagement.

3. Knowledge Dissemination – Describe the knowledge dissemination materials that will be developed based on project findings, and to who and how they will be shared (e.g. reports, resources, publications, presentations/workshops, etc.).

Note: SIRC will also collaborate with partners to share project outcomes at the 2020 SCRI Conference, and through SIRC's knowledge mobilization platforms (e.g. SIRC blogs, articles, and knowledge nuggets).

4. Project Management – Provide an overview of all project activities (management, research and dissemination related), associated timelines, and who will be responsible.

5. Project Budget – Provide an overview of how funds will be used. Identify any other financial or in-kind resources that will contribute to project activities.