

2019 SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG) – Evaluation Criteria

For your information, the following is the standard evaluation grid that is currently used for SIG funds administered by the Division of Research and Graduate Studies. It is provided here to assist you in the preparation of your proposal.

In addition, **the SIG Adjudication Committee will consider the relevance of SIG proposals to the four theme areas identified in Acadia’s [Strategic Research Plan](#):**

- Community Life, Organizations, and Cultural Diversity
- Natural Resources and Environmental Resilience
- Human Health and Wellness
- Innovative and Enabling Technologies

While applications will not be turned away if they fall outside these four themes, applications with thematic relevance to the Strategic Research Plan offer valuable opportunities for strategic capacity building and will therefore be prioritized.

Beyond this, the Committee is especially mindful of early-stage social sciences and humanities scholars who are seeking seed funding to establish or nurture a research program.

SIG Evaluation Grid	N/A	Poor (1)	Good (2)	Very Good (3)	Exceptional (4)
The proposal provides the appropriate background information that is required to make an evaluation.					
There are clear, specific and realistic objectives.					
The proposal describes high-quality, original research/activities.					
There are measurable outcomes/deliverables from the research/activities.					
This funding will be a significant benefit to the applicant’s career and/or research program.					
The research/activities will make a significant contribution to the Social Sciences and Humanities research community					
The proposal itself is clear and well written.					
All budget items have been justified.					
Overall rating					