

## FRESH-START RESEARCH PROGRAM

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For a variety of reasons, faculty members may find themselves with floundering research programs: perhaps you have had heavy administrative loads; perhaps you were on leave and found it difficult to get back on track; perhaps you changed topics and have found it difficult to get re-established... For whatever the reason, you may find yourself in a situation where you are not eligible for existing financing sources or, even if eligible, your recent publication record is too weak to warrant funding.

### Objective

The purpose of this program is to provide some financial assistance to help kick-start your research program. Ideally, these funds will help individuals to engage in productive research that could lead to, for instance: 1) promotion, 2) applying for external funds, and/or 3) increasing graduate student supervision.

### Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant holds a full-time tenured or a tenured track position at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa.
- The applicant has been an independent researcher for more than 10 years.
- The applicant has not held - as a principal investigator - an award from one of the federal granting agencies or another external agency for at least 7 years.

### Application Deadline

April 15 and December 1

### Application Requirements

- Description of the fresh-start research proposal consisting of:
  - Research activities that will be undertaken (max. 2 pages)
  - Timeline for execution of the research activities (max. 1 page)
  - Budget justification (approx. 1 page)
  - Explanation of the importance of the funding to bolstering research activities (max. 1 page)
- CV
- [RE Form](#)

### Budget Justification and Eligible Expenses

- The total amount requested cannot exceed \$10,000.
- Funds received from this program can be used for the following expenses:
  - [Research assistants](#)
  - Essential research supplies
  - Research-related travel for data collection
  - Research-related travel for participating in a conference
  - Other research costs

## **Evaluation Criteria**

- Need for funds
- Strategies to help bolster research activities
- Justification of the budget relative to the requirements of the proposed activities

## **Proposal Submission**

One PDF document including all elements of the proposal sent by e-mail to [rechfss@uottawa.ca](mailto:rechfss@uottawa.ca).

*If the deadline falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day.  
Incomplete and late applications will not be evaluated.*

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