



Call for Applications CSLP Synergy Grant Program 2026–2027

Are you preparing a **SSHRC Partnership Grant** or a **SSHRC Insight Development Grant** application? Do you have an exciting idea that brings together colleagues across institutions and across CSLP research axes?

The Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance (CSLP) invites its members to apply to the **CSLP Synergy Grant Program**, a seed-funding initiative designed to spark new collaborations, strengthen existing partnerships, and support the development of competitive SSHRC applications.

This year, the CSLP will award **three grants of \$5,000 each**.

Why Apply?

The Synergy Grant Program is intended to help CSLP researchers:

- Build innovative, interdisciplinary collaborations;
- Develop strong proposals for the **SSHRC Partnership Grant** and **SSHRC Insight Development Grant** competitions;
- Create meaningful connections across CSLP research axes and institutions;
- Generate pilot activities and strengthen partnerships that can lead to larger-scale research initiatives.

We especially encourage applications that bring together researchers who may not have worked together before and that create new opportunities for collaboration within and beyond the CSLP.

Eligibility Criteria

- Include **CSLP member researchers from multiple institutions**;
- Be designed to support the preparation of an application to either:
 - **SSHRC Partnership Grant**
 - **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant**, or
 - **SSHRC Insight Development Grant**.

Funding can be used flexibly to support activities that strengthen your future SSHRC application, including:

- Research assistant support;
- Partnership and team-building meetings;
- Workshops and collaborative planning sessions;
- Pilot studies and preliminary data collection;
- Knowledge mobilization and engagement activities;
- Other activities that contribute to the development of a strong external grant proposal.
- Travel funds are not eligible, except in the exceptional circumstances (travel for knowledge mobilization guests, interregional travel for team members).

Applications should include:

1. **Project title and team members**
2. **Project description** (maximum 2 pages), including:
 - the proposed collaboration;
 - the contribution of the different institutional partners.
3. **Targeted SSHRC competition** and anticipated submission timeline.
4. **Budget and budget justification** (maximum 1 page).

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on:

- The quality and originality of the proposed collaboration;
- The strength of the inter-institutional partnerships
- The potential to lead to a competitive SSHRC application;
- The feasibility of the proposed activities and the strategic use of the funding.

Terms and Conditions

Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2026. All awarded funds must be fully spent by April 30, 2027. Please note that no extensions will be granted beyond this date.

Submission

Please submit applications as a single PDF to: zeina.ismailallouche@concordia.ca with the subject line: “CSLP Synergy Grant Program”