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Prentice Institute Affiliate Partnership Grant

Call for Proposals 2022

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1. Description & Objectives

This funding opportunity is part of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy's set of granting awards at the University of Lethbridge. Broadly, the mandate of the Prentice Institute is to conduct and support research focused on changing human populations and the potential impacts of these changes on social, environmental, and economic factors. The Institute also conducts and supports research on long-term changes in human and economic environments, with an emphasis on the role human actions play in influencing these outcomes. From the perspective of knowledge translation, the Institute also seeks to communicate research in effective ways to communities, governments, organizations.

Within the context of this mandate, the Prentice Institute funds research projects focused on one or more of the following areas (1) Populations, (2) Economy, (3) Ecosystems, and (4) Health (see Figure 1 below). The objective of the Prentice Institute Affiliate Partnership Grant is to foster the development of projects across institutions and organizations focused on one or more of these core areas, and that address a clear research-related knowledge gap or need.

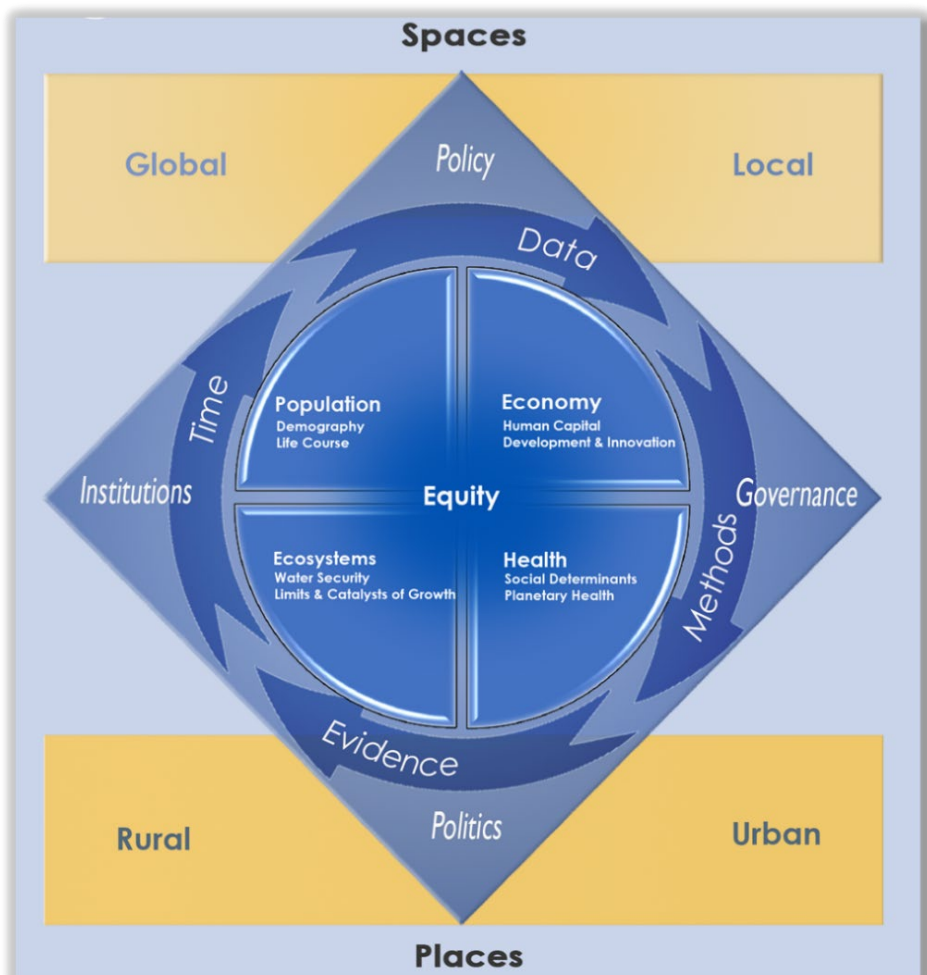


Figure 1

Similar to the [partnership programs at SSHRC](#), these grants provide support over one to two years to teams/partnerships, led by a project director, to:

- develop research and/or related activities—these can include knowledge mobilization and the meaningful involvement of students and emerging scholars, by fostering new partnerships with existing and/or potential partners; or
- design and test new partnership approaches for research and/or related activities that can result in best practices or models—these can either be adapted by others or have the potential to be scaled up to a regional, national, or international level.

The Institute invites applicants and their partner organizations who wish to propose formal disciplinary, interdisciplinary, inter-institutional, international and/or cross-sector partnership arrangements to apply for support through this funding opportunity. Funds are available to support a variety of formal partnership development initiatives in any of the mandate areas of the institute.

Types of partnerships:

- existing partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are distinct from the partnership's previous/ongoing partnership activities; and
- new partnerships to foster new research and/or research-related partnership activities that are undertaken by partnerships in their initial stages.

Following are some possible formal partnership approaches. Applicants are in no way limited to these approaches, and are welcome to combine some of the features described below.

- **Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research partnerships:** Inter-institutional research initiatives designed to make a significant contribution to advancing knowledge and understanding in the social sciences and/or humanities.
- **Cross-sector co-creation of knowledge and understanding:** Partnerships to foster innovative research, training and the co-creation of new knowledge on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Networks for research and/or related activities:** Networks designed to advance the innovative co-creation of knowledge, as well as training and mobilization of research, on critical issues of intellectual, social, economic and cultural significance.
- **Partnered knowledge mobilization:** Partnerships designed to synthesize, apply and mobilize new and existing social sciences and humanities research knowledge in accessible ways to build institutional capacity and to increase the national and international impact and stature of Canadian research.

The Institute welcomes applications involving Indigenous research, as well as those involving research-creation.

The maximum amount per grant is **\$10,000 over two years**. Up to two partnership grants may be awarded in 2022.

The Institute is particularly interested in supporting partnership grants that are innovative, have the potential to lead to larger and longer-term projects and funding (e.g., SSHRC Partnership Development, Partnership or CIHR Team Grants), and that contribute to the mandate of the Institute.

NOTE: Within the partnership grants awarded from the Prentice Institute, there is opportunity for an additional \$10,000, awarded in partnership from the Kule Institute for Advanced Study at the University of Alberta. Those researchers investigating Ukrainian-based questions (driven by, or related to, the recent invasion and conflict) in one of the Prentice Institute's research areas listed above, and who have a University of Alberta faculty partner, may be considered for the funding from both Institutes.

The [Kule Institute for Advanced Study \(KIAS\)](#) is a major endowed research institute based at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. KIAS supports interdisciplinary and collaborative research in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts at the University of Alberta, focusing on research with the potential for national or international recognition. It funds interdisciplinary and comparative research in major modern and historical, political, social, economic, and cultural issues.

2. Eligibility

For an application to be eligible:

1. The nominated principal applicant (NPA) must be a Prentice Institute Affiliate and a faculty member at the University of Lethbridge. Note that funding for the project must be administered by the NPA.
2. The application must include at least one named applicant who is a faculty member at another university.
 - a. To be eligible for the additional \$10,000 Kule Institute partner funding, the additional named applicant(s) must be a faculty member at the University of Alberta, who will apply for the affiliated funding from KIAS.
3. The application must include at least one named non-academic applicant (i.e., a partner working for a public, private, or not-for-profit organization).
4. The application must focus on a project that is not currently funded by a Prentice Institute grant or award.
 - a. To be eligible for the additional \$10,000 Kule Institute partner funding, the project must have a Ukrainian focus and fit into at least one of the Prentice Institute areas of: (1) populations; (2) economy; (3) ecosystems; (4) health.

5. The application must not focus on bench science, events, or hosting visiting scholars. Travel may be included, but it must be well-justified and described, and should not exceed 20% of the application budget. A course release will not be considered an eligible expense for this grant.

3. How to Apply

1. Applications are currently open. To apply, the nominated principal applicant will send a completed application in a single PDF to prentice@uleth.ca. A complete application will include 5 components:
 2. A cover letter that provides: (1) a short, descriptive project title; (2) the name, job title and Department/Faculty of the Nominated Principal Applicant at the U of L; (3) the names, job titles, and place of employment for all other applicants; (4) the amount being sought up to a maximum of \$10,000; and (5) a paragraph that explains how the project fits with the Prentice mandate and/or areas of research focus.
 - a. If seeking the matching Kule Institute funding, the cover page should include: (1) a short, descriptive project title; (2) the name, job title and Department/Faculty of the Nominated Principal Applicant at the U of L, and the name, job title and Department/Faculty of the academic partner at the University of Alberta; (3) the names, job titles, and place of employment for all other applicants; (4) the amount being sought up to a maximum of \$10,000 per Institute; and (5) a paragraph that explains how the project fits with the Prentice mandate and/or areas of research focus.
 3. A three-page proposal that outlines:
 - a. An introductory section that describes the project objectives and demonstrates the knowledge gap/need the project will address in the context of what is already known.
 - b. A brief description of the project team, their expertise/qualifications related to the area of inquiry, and a description of the partnerships that will be or have been developed for this project.
 - c. A methods section that outlines the proposed approach, study design, and populations to be examined, as relevant; and a timeline for the project.
 - d. A knowledge mobilization strategy (if and as applicable)
 4. A reference section (this section will not be counted within the 3-page limit for the proposal).
 5. A short CV for each academic applicant (last 5 years).
 6. A letter of partnership from each non-academic applicant on the letterhead of the organization for which they work.
 7. A budget, and affiliated justification (1 page each), additional to the three-page proposal (point number 2).

4. Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Prentice Institute Research Advisory Committee. Applications will be assessed based on the:

1. A clear justification for the relevance and importance of the project, including the knowledge gap it seeks to address.
2. The fit of the project with the Prentice Institute mandate and areas of focus.
3. The partnership(s) that have been developed to support the project.
4. Evidence that the team has the necessary expertise and qualifications (including training, with the proposed methodology/ies to achieve the research objectives;
5. Project feasibility
6. Appropriateness of the budget and justification for the amount requested.
7. Appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed knowledge mobilization activities to accelerate availability of high quality, real-time evidence, and research data for translation of research into policy, practice, and/or clinical guidelines.

5. Other Information

Upon completion, successful candidates will be expected to:

1. Submit an executive summary (1 page).
2. Submit a summary of the project (3 pages).
3. Submit a full report of the project, including a financial statement.
4. Participate in a Prentice Institute presentation, seminar, or workshop on their Partnership Grant Project to the Institute and stakeholders.
5. Acknowledge the support of the Institute in any publications or related deliverables resulting from this project

6. Questions

Questions can be addressed to Lars Hallstrom at prentice@uleth.ca or (403)-380-1814.

7. Conditions of the Award

Funds may be used to pay for research assistants and student trainees, but neither a researcher nor a member of the researcher's family may receive remuneration. The research fund may be used to pay for travel directly related to research, including travel by research assistants in the performance of their assigned duties. Extensive travel costs (20% or more of the award) must be clearly justified. Grant funds may be used only for the purposes described in the application, subject to any special conditions given in the Request for New Fund form. Special conditions may include human subject research approval, expenditure limitations on km, per diem rates, honoraria for participants, etc.

1. Grants funded by the Prentice Institute are required to comply with Tri-agency Guidelines on Financial Administration. [NSERC - Inter-Agency, Tri-Agency Financial Administration, Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](http://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

2. Expenses: Expenditures may be made only for those cost elements identified in the application or as limited in the Request for New Fund form. Minor transfers of funds from one budget category to another may be permitted. Major transfers or the use of funds for a previously unspecified expense or a new budget item requires prior approval by the Prentice Institute Research Advisory Committee.
3. Term: The usual term of an award is twelve months or less, in accordance with the applicant's request. Requests for extensions should be submitted to the Research Advisory Committee. The total term, including any extension, may not normally exceed eighteen months.
4. Reports: A final report on the work funded by the Prentice Institute must be submitted within six months of the termination date.
5. Acknowledgment: The Prentice Institute must be named in any subsequent grant submission and be acknowledged in all research outputs.
6. Equipment & Library Acquisitions: Equipment or library materials such as books, journals, reports, microfilm, etc., acquired with grant funds are the property of the Institute. Upon completion of the project, these items are to be transferred to the control of the applicant's Department or the Institute, or University Library, or at the Research Advisory Committee's request, to some other Department or unit within the University.
7. Personnel: Personnel employed with grant funds are not regular University employees and are not covered by the provisions of the collective agreement with support staff.
8. If ethics approval is required, confirmation of ethics approval must be submitted to the Institute (prentice@uleth.ca) and the Office of Research Services within 90 days (3 months) of the date of award. Failure to do so could result in a reduction or loss of the awarded amount. Any grant that has not been initiated within 6 months of the date of the award will be returned to the Institute.