The federal government announced the launch of the Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine), which provides support to research trainees from Ukraine in the form of supplements to existing grants.

This special fund provides relief and assistance to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers directly impacted by the invasion of Ukraine. It is administered by Canada’s three federal research funding agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

Specifically, this temporary funding will help trainees currently in Canada who were expected to return to Ukraine in 2022 but cannot due to the invasion, as well as trainees currently in Ukraine who wish to continue their planned studies and research in Canada. All active and eligible grant holders across the three research funding agencies can apply for this special supplement through their particular granting agency.

Quick Facts:

The fund will allow for support of up to $20,000 for the master’s level, up to $25,000 for the doctoral level and up to $45,000 for the post-doctoral level.

- Eligible grant holders will be required to complete and submit a short attestation/request to their particular research funding agency.
The supplement for salaries and stipends may extend for up to one year.

- Applications will be accepted on a continuous intake basis until December 22, 2022.

**Eligibility:**

- The applicant (grant holder) must hold an active grant (including the automatic extension period) awarded under an eligible program at the time of application (see links below for eligible programs).
- Grant holders must also maintain an active grant (including the automatic extension period) during the entire period of tenure of the SRFT-Ukraine.

Please visit the links below for more information about the eligibility of your Tri-Council grant and the relevant submission process.

- **CIHR**’s announcement can be [found here](#).
- **NSERC**’s announcement and submission portal can be [found here](#).
- **SSHRC**’s announcement and submission portal can be [found here](#).

**Institutional Signature:**

An institutional signature is required on the attestation or request form and will be provided by the Research Services Office.

- **For CIHR**, please complete the [request form](#) and send it to rsogrants@ucalgary.ca for institutional signature and submission to CIHR. CIHR requires the Institutional Signing Officer to submit the form.
- **For both NSERC and SSHRC**, please complete the [attestation form](#) and send it to rsogrants@ucalgary.ca for institutional signature. Our office will sign and return the form to you. Applicants must submit the form on the [secure submission site](#).

Contact rsogrants@ucalgary.ca with any questions.