Public Safety and Security

Living in an increasingly complex and interconnected world brings new threats to public safety and security. SSHRC funds research that helps governments protect their citizens, while maintaining a high quality of life. Research on issues such as cybercrime, disaster preparedness, border security and homegrown terrorism builds important knowledge and enhances collaboration between policymakers, researchers and citizen groups focused on public safety. By funding the best research ideas and helping connect this research to governments, police services and private-sector stakeholders, SSHRC helps ensure Canadians have the knowledge they need to stay safe.

$91.7M
SSHRC investments in public safety and security *

1,185
research projects

992
researchers

688
graduate students

These numbers represent multi-year awards across all funding programs from 2006-07 to 2010-11.

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Protecting essential infrastructure

Canada Research Chair in Surveillance and the Social Construction of Risk Stéphane Leman-Langlois is helping protect Canada's essential infrastructure from terrorist threats. His research looks at the potential risks associated with terrorist attacks on Canadian airports, financial systems, energy grids, telecommunications, food systems and other essential services. By identifying how governments, police and private companies can work together to address security threats, the Université Laval researcher is ensuring security efforts are both efficient and productive.

Fighting terrorism

Aurélie Campana of the Université Laval is helping Canada understand what drives some individuals and groups to commit terrorist acts. As Canada Research Chair in Identity Conflicts and Terrorism, her research is uncovering the root causes of terrorism and providing governments with new ways to prevent such threats.

Preparing for natural disasters

Natural disaster specialist Stephanie Chang at The University of British Columbia is helping cities prepare for natural disasters. The Canada Research Chair in Urban Sustainability and Disaster Management has worked with the city of Vancouver, helping them incorporate disaster preparedness into their long-term plans. Her research focuses on understanding natural disasters' impacts on cities and regions, anticipating future disasters and helping governments prepare for economic and physical recovery.

SSHRC at a Glance *

$334.9M
in funding

9,213
projects

30
disciplines

13,131
applications

4,452
new grants, scholarships and fellowships

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