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**A NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECTS CARRIED OUT BY COLLEGES!**

Montréal, December 4, 2014. — On November 21, 2014, the Government of Canada announced the launch of a pilot project for college-based research: [The Community and College Social Innovation Fund](#). Eager to help promote this new pilot initiative, highly anticipated by college researchers, the [Association pour la recherche au collégial](#) (ARC) will be hosting a webinar on December 17, 2014, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Administered by the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada](#) (SSHRC), the Community and College Social Innovation Fund will provide \$15 million over three years to increase colleges' capacity to engage in collaborative projects with community organizations and businesses to address social issues. What are the objectives? What requirements must institutions meet? What types of partnership are they expected to form? These are some of the topics that will be presented during the ARC's information session designed for both public and private colleges, and research and transfer groups, including college centres for the transfer of technology. Since applications submitted to SSHRC must comply with the objectives set out by the [Insight](#) and [Connection](#) programs, or a combination of the two, the key aspects of these funding options will be presented. It will be possible to exchange ideas with resource persons in either French or English. Those who are unable to attend the live online session on December 17 will be able to access a recorded copy for up to six months after the event.

As part of its [Belles Rencontres](#), which will take place in Québec City on January 9, 2015, ARC has also added a short presentation on the Community and College Social Innovation Fund to the day's agenda. Members of the SSHRC's Research Program Directorate will be on hand to meet with and answer questions from the college scientific community.

Let us recall that as part of the 2014 installment of its [Belles Rencontres](#), ARC assembled a series of fact sheets into a document entitled [Research Granting Agencies](#), which can be downloaded from the Association's website. This document outlines the overall structure of the agencies and contains links to the fact sheets for each of the seven main agencies – including [SSHRC](#) – that support research in Québec and in Canada.

For more information or to register for the webinar on December 17 or for Les Belles Rencontres on January 9, please call 514 843-8491, or write to [arc@cvm.qc.ca](mailto:arc@cvm.qc.ca). Note that registration fees are applicable.

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Founded in 1988, the Association pour la recherche au collégial has the mission of promoting college-level research, which it does by offering sessions focused on information, professional development or dissemination, by holding its annual colloquium, by the awarding of prizes, and by adopting clear positions on research issues.

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