SSSHARC’s mission is to advance landmark research in the humanities and social sciences. Based in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, we work with University of Sydney researchers to turn great ideas into landmark outcomes for policy, theory, and practice.

SSSHARC develops and supports a diverse range of advanced research, with an emphasis on innovative and collaborative approaches to solving problems through humanities and social sciences research, and beyond.

SSSHARC will run a number of grant schemes over the coming years, beginning with interim funding programs in 2017. Each program funded by SSSHARC should be defined in a one sentence summary and should incorporate (1) a master class for HDR students, and (2) a public event, typically a Sydney Ideas presentation if appropriate.

**SSSHARC Interim funding programs, 2017**

- **SSSHARC Retreat:** **SECLUDED 5-DAY RESEARCH RETREAT ON A PROBLEM OF REAL-WORLD AND THEORETICAL SIGNIFICANCE**
- **Pop-up Research Lab:** **3-WEEK INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF RESEARCH ON A PROBLEM OF REAL-WORLD AND THEORETICAL SIGNIFICANCE**
- **SSSHARC Huddles:** **1-DAY EXPLORATORY RESEARCH MEETING ON A PROBLEM OF REAL-WORLD AND THEORETICAL SIGNIFICANCE**
- **Ultimate Peer Review:** **PUBLIC ‘DEFENSE’ OF A DRAFT RESEARCH OUTPUT, ONE-ON-ONE WITH A WORLD AUTHORITY, TAKING A WORK FROM GREAT TO LANDMARK**

**Eligibility:** Lead applicants to all schemes must be full-time or fractional (0.5+ FTE) in academic positions levels B-E employed for the duration of the proposed scheme (up to December 2018). Those participating in activities can include academic or professional staff and PhD students. Completion of the Responsible Research Practice training module is a requirement for applicants.

**Budget:** No budget submission is required at the proposal stage; arrangements will be subject to discussions with the Director and SSSHARC professional services staff as part of the activity development.

**Timeframe for activities:** Please indicate preferred dates for all activities, which would ideally be undertaken in 2017.

**Selection for award:** A panel will evaluate all proposals and rank them in accordance with their fit with the mission of SSSHARC.

**Deadlines:** All applications must be submitted before midnight on Thursday 22 June 2017. Application files to be sent to ssharc.research@sydney.edu.au. Filenames should be in the format: surname.firstname.sssharc2017 in .pdf format.
SSSHARC Retreat: secluded 5-day research retreat on a problem of real-world and theoretical significance

This five-day retreat is to be held off-campus in an intensive discussion-based setting (with one on-campus day). Participants in any SSSHARC retreat must submit their contributions to be circulated before the retreat; the aim is not to present talks but to intensively and critically discuss the arguments, evidence, studies, and ideas tabled specifically for the occasion. Upon conclusion of the retreat, the tabled contributions are to be revised accordingly and published in an appropriate form; the retreat conveners take editorial responsibility (e.g., as book editors). SSSHARC can fund multiple outside invitees, both national and international, and will be responsible for all practical organizational matters (travel bookings, venue bookings, catering, etc.).

Pop-up Research Lab: 3-week intensive program of research on a problem of real-world and theoretical significance

This scheme funds a Pop-up Research Lab (running for three weeks) that focuses on a problem of real-world and theoretical significance, to be run in a dedicated space on campus. SSSHARC will fund a Visiting Fellow (for the full three weeks, from anywhere in the world), along with multiple visiting scholars (for specific sub-events), as appropriate. SSSHARC can fund multiple outside invitees, both national and international, and will take responsibility for all practical organizational matters (travel bookings, venue bookings, catering, etc.).

SSSHARC Huddles: 1-day exploratory research meeting on a problem of real-world and theoretical significance

One-day research retreat on a problem of real-world and theoretical significance, to be held in an intensive discussion-based setting. This can be aimed at instigating, furthering, or seeking to finalize research ideas and plans. The aim is not to present talks but to intensively and critically discuss ideas, arguments, evidence, studies, and potential plans for landmark research. SSSHARC can fund an outside invitee, either local or national, and will be responsible for all practical organizational matters (travel booking, venue booking, catering, etc.).

Ultimate Peer Review: public ‘defense’ of a draft research output, one-on-one with a world authority, taking a work from great to landmark

This scheme identifies University of Sydney researchers who have completed a draft of a major research output (e.g., a book, web site, film script) with potential to be a landmark work, and to bring a brilliant and relevant international research authority to Sydney to closely evaluate it, with the aim of helping it realize that potential. The University of Sydney researcher defends their thesis in a public event, in which the invited scholar acts as their interlocutor and critical ‘opponent’. Alongside this public event, the invited scholar contributes during their visit with further direct consultation with the author, and with other events as appropriate, including a master class for postgraduate research students, and one or more public talks. We encourage University of Sydney researchers to nominate colleagues (or themselves) as potential candidates. Candidates are nominated by a simple Expression of Interest.