The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada [NSERC], the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [SSHRC] and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research [CIHR] announced changes to the Financial Administration Guide. **These changes take effect on October 1, 2016.** This correspondence summarizes the significant changes to the Guide.

**Home Internet Charges**

Effective October 1, 2016, home internet charges are no longer eligible to be charged to a NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR grant (Fund 500).

Consistent with the existing policy, internally funded research at York is administered in accordance with Tri-Agency guidelines. As a consequence, home internet expenses will no longer be eligible to be charged to internally funded grants (Generic, Start Up and Professional Expense Reimbursements). To provide a reasonable notice and transition period to researchers, the University will continue to permit home internet charges against internally funded grants **provided expense claims are submitted prior to December 31, 2016.**

**Claims for reimbursement of travel related expenses**

Grantees must provide supporting documentation for all expenditures. Travel claims must include purpose of trip, **including the link/relevance to the funded research.**

**Sabbatical/Research Leave**

Living expenses (subsistence and accommodation) incurred on sabbatical/research leave are not eligible.

**Computer and electronic communications**

Computer and electronic communications are eligible if accompanied by adequate justification to establish need.
Compensation

Salaries to postdoctoral fellows are limited to two years' support (NSERC and SSHRC). Three years' support is acceptable, when justified, to attract exceptional candidates from outside Canada. The three-year appointment must be offered up front and reported to the Agency with a written justification within one month of an offer being accepted (NSERC only).

A summary of all changes can be found here:


The Financial Administration Guide can be found here:


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