

Memo

To: All faculty holding NSERC and SSHRC cost centres

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Subject: Access to unspent funds in NSERC and SSHRC Cost Centres



Holders of NSERC Discovery Grants and SSHRC Standard Research Grants have traditionally been granted continued access to unspent funds at the end of their grant term (or one year extension provided by agency, where applicable). York wishes to work with researchers to ensure that grant funds are spent within the period granted by SSHRC or NSERC and encourages spending of funds according to the plan originally proposed in the grant application.

For cost centres ending in 2009 York will grant continued access to unspent balances in NSERC Discovery Grants and SSHRC Standard Research Grant cost centres; however, in all subsequent years the amount of unspent balances available will be reduced by 10% yearly. York will retain the 10% in the General Research Fund to be used according to tri-council policies.

Example:

My NSERC Discovery Grant plus one year extension ends March 31, 2009 and I have \$15,000 left unspent.

- You will be granted access to the full \$15,000; you will be granted access to 90% of the unspent funds as of March 31, 2010 and each year thereafter.

My SSHRC Standard Research Grant plus one year extension ends March 31, 2010 and I have \$15,000 left unspent.

- You will be granted access to 90% of the unspent funds (\$13,500); you will be granted access to 90% of the unspent funds as of March 31, 2011 and each year thereafter.

AVPs Research may grant an exception to this practice in the event of a career interruption or extenuating circumstances.

For more information or to request continued access to unspent funds for cost centres with end dates of March 31, 2009 please contact Colette Leier, Supervisor Grants Administration, Research Accounting (leierc@yorku.ca, x 21053). All requests for continued access to unspent funds must be made by March 1, 2009.

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