

Research Council Subventions Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a subvention?

Subventions provide partial subsidies to university and other highly regarded scholarly presses for the publication of scholarly books authored by full-time faculty, given that in some cases, such presses ask authors to cover a portion of the cost of publishing a scholarly book in order to make it more affordable. This program is designed to assist with those costs.

2. Are publishing costs for journal articles available for subvention?

No. This program is solely for the publication of scholarly books.

3. What costs are eligible for a subvention?

This program assists scholarly presses with costs that they would otherwise incur in the publishing process, and the publisher is required to provide a rationale for the subvention. Typically, subventions are used to enable the press to price a book more reasonably than it might otherwise be able to do, either because of a book's length or cost of production.

4. To whom is a subvention paid?

Subventions are paid directly to the publisher.

5. Can I apply for a subvention for costs that authors generally incur, such as indexing, or the cost of permissions to reproduce materials?

No. Costs incurred by authors are not eligible for subvention. Faculty should apply for a Research Council Grant if they are seeking funding for author-related costs.

6. Are edited volumes eligible? Are textbooks eligible?

No. Only authored books are eligible. Edited books and textbooks are not eligible for this program.

7. Are self-published books eligible?

No. Self-published books and books for which the publisher requires the author to cover the entire cost of publication are not eligible for subvention.