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.