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Vanier College eligible for SSHRC grants

Montreal, February 28, 2011. Vanier College is pleased to announce that it has recently been granted eligibility for SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council) research programs open to postsecondary institutions. SSHRC is the federal agency that promotes and supports university-based research and training in the humanities and social sciences.

"One of the major assets of Vanier College is the high number of research-capable faculty members in all disciplines, many of whom hold Doctorate degrees," states Director General, Gilbert Héroux. "The SSHRC accreditation is one more important tool to allow the College and its teachers to be leaders in the advancement of knowledge."

SSHRC-supported research delves into social, cultural, technological, environmental, economic, and wellness issues in society. SSHRC also encourages researchers to learn from one another's disciplines and to share research outcomes with communities, businesses and governments.

"Having SSHRC accreditation means that Vanier teachers in the Humanities and Social Sciences will be eligible to apply for a wider range of SSHRC research grants including the SSHRC Institutional Grant whose eligibility criteria were expanded last year to include Cegeps," indicates Humanities teacher Brian Aboud. "It opens up funding opportunities to pursue one's ongoing research or to undertake new research, something that is very difficult to do while teaching full time. But, doing research in one's academic field also brings, potentially, measurable benefits to teaching through the deepening of knowledge and the exploration of new questions in a given area of specialization."

Catrena Flint who teaches Music History and Ear Training at Vanier is already benefitting from a \$48000 grant from SSHRC's International Opportunities Fund. She currently heads a team of Canadian musicologists working on digitizing music criticism texts going back two hundred years. As well, in the past, retired Vanier teacher, Henry Milner enjoyed SSHRC funding for his study on political participation.

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