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## THE CANADA COUNCIL

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The Canada Council was created by the Government of Canada in 1957 to "foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts, humanities and social sciences". It carries out its task mainly through a broad programme of fellowships and grants of various types. It also shares the responsibility for Canada's cultural relations with other countries, and administers, as a separate agency, the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO.

The Council is an independent agency, which reports annually to Parliament through a Member of the Cabinet but sets its own policies and makes its own decisions within the terms of the Canada Council Act. It is made up of 21 members appointed by the Governor-in-Council. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman serve for terms not exceeding five years, and other members for terms of three years. The Council usually meets at least five times a year. The day-to-day administrative work is carried out by a permanent staff in Ottawa, headed by a director and an associate director, who are appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

### Sources of Income

The Council's income is derived from three sources: the annual grant of the Canadian Government, interest from its endowment fund, and private donations.

The most considerable source of income is the annual grant of the Government, which amounts to \$20,580,000 for the 1968-1969 fiscal year. This is the second year an annual grant has been made, but the policy was foreshadowed by an unconditional grant of \$10 million in April 1965.

Another source of operating income is the endowment fund, of which only the interest may be used, and which is expected to yield about \$4.2 million in 1968-69. The original value of the endowment fund, established by Parliament when it created the Canada Council, was \$50 million.