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A quarterly update with tailored  
resources, events, and funding  
opportunities for new  
faculty at USask

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**DARE** is an initiative out of the Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives office that provides support for new faculty within 5 years of their hire date, including targeted programming for Early Career Researchers. Reach out to [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) with any questions related to starting your research program.

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## DARE Events

### DARE Table Talks

Welcome to DARE's Fall 2024 Table Talks. The purpose of our Table Talks is to inform and inspire. We will be tackling topics important for fostering research success. Come join us!



### Navigating your Academic Career

**Details:** Wondering how to strategically navigate an academic career? This Table Talk session brings you fellow USask academic (and author of the book *Navigating an Academic Career: A Brief Guide of PhD students, Postdocs and New Faculty*) Dr. Jeffrey McDonnell, to discuss how to survive (and thrive) in academia. This talk will give you practical guidance on branding and other soft skills, tips for effective time management and writing high-impact research papers, and insights into developing leadership skills and mentoring others.

**When:** October 23, 2024, 12:00-1:30 PM

**Where:** Online, via Zoom

[Register](#)

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### Building Your Research Team: Strategies for Mentoring and Training Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars

**Details:** Mentorship, training, and planning for highly qualified personnel is an essential skill for early career researchers and scholars. In this one-hour session Dr. Jaswant Singh, Associate Dean Academic Excellence and Innovation in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, will discuss strategies for building your research team and recruiting graduate students, share best practices for mentorship and training, and answer your questions about building and supporting your research team.

**When:** November 5, 2024, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Room 118, Thorvaldson Building

[Register](#)

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### Intro to Grant Writing

**Details:** Grant writing can be tough, and always takes longer than anticipated. This Table Talk session is one of several on the topic of grant writing. This session discusses grant writing 101 – structure, approach, and how to write an impactful lay summary.

**When:** December 10, 2024, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** Online, via Zoom

[Register](#)

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## Researcher Resources

## Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Early Career Researcher Workshop

The CIHR Institute of Cancer Research is pleased to announce the open call for applications for its annual [Early Career Researcher \(ECR\) Workshop](#), in partnership with the Canadian Cancer Society, the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, and the Terry Fox Research Institute.

The workshop aims to promote the professional development of ECRs in cancer research through opportunities to network and learn valuable skills related to establishing and maintaining a successful career in cancer research. CIHR-ICR will cover the costs associated with travel, accommodation, and poster printing for the ECR Workshop. Further details regarding expenses will be provided to successful applicants.

### Apply Now

**When:** November 26-27, 2024

**Where:** Toronto, Ontario

**Funding Available:** Cost-coverage available for travel, accommodation, and poster printing

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2024



Fall 2024

## Early Career Researcher Workshop

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research / Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada



## USask Library Research Support

The USask Library has a new [research support page](#) where researchers can discover how the library can support them. The page provides brief descriptions of the services and links for more detailed information about each service, access to resources, and information about who to contact for assistance.

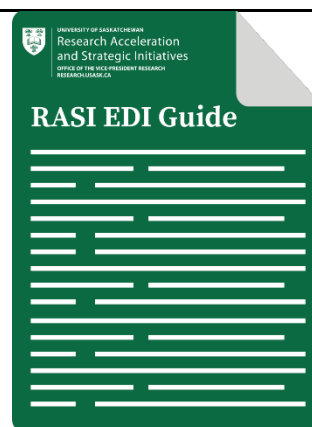
The library welcomes any feedback on the research support page. Feedback can be sent to Catherine Boden ([catherine.boden@usask.ca](mailto:catherine.boden@usask.ca)) or Shannon Lucky ([shannon.lucky@usask.ca](mailto:shannon.lucky@usask.ca)).



## EDI in Grant Applications Guide

Nearly all granting agencies now require applications to incorporate concrete Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) plans that address discipline- and institution-specific EDI challenges.

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives has created an updated guide to EDI in grant applications. The guide provides an overview of what EDI principles researchers need to consider when preparing a grant application. Head to [RASI's website](#) to view the guide and other EDI resources.





## The (Re) Balanced Academic

Welcome to the (Re) Balanced Academic! This series will address a variety of topics to promote mental, physical, and academic wellness.

For this issue, we are highlighting the USask Wellness website for faculty and staff. You can find information about resources and events all designed to support a holistic approach to well-being. Check it out [here!](#)

## Featured Funding and Award Opportunities



Here is a list of select funding opportunities that target ECRs. A full list of upcoming funding opportunities can be found on the [OVPR Grant Calendar](#).

To receive regular funding opportunity updates, please [subscribe to the RASI Funding Newsletter](#).

### New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Stream

The objective of the [NFRF Exploration](#) stream is to support high-risk, high-reward, and interdisciplinary research. It seeks to inspire projects that bring disciplines together beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches by research teams with the capacity to explore something new that might fail, but that has the potential for significant impact.

A proportion of awards equal to the proportion of applications submitted that are led by [early career researchers](#) will be reserved for early career researchers.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$125,000 (including indirect costs) per year for up to 2 years

**Notice of Intent Deadline:** August 27, 2024 (8:00 PM Eastern)

**Full Application Deadline:** November 5, 2024 (8:00 PM Eastern)

### Alfred P. Sloan Foundation – Sloan Research Fellowships

The [Sloan Research Fellowships](#) are two-year \$75,000 fellowships awarded annually to early-career researchers whose creativity, innovation, and research accomplishments make them stand out as the next generation of leaders. Candidates must hold a PhD or equivalent degree in chemistry, computer science, Earth system science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field and they must be tenure-track, though untenured, as of September 15 of the nomination year.

**Funds Available:** \$75,000

**Nomination Deadline:** September 15, 2024

## Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Team Grant: Healthy Youth (2024)

Building on almost a decade of federal investment in youth health and well-being, the purpose of the [Healthy Youth \(2024\)](#) funding opportunity is to support research teams that bring evidence to at least two of the six youth-identified priorities of [Canada's Youth Policy](#) to inform meaningful change that improves youth health and well-being.

Research teams **must** include an [Early Career Researcher](#) or a [Mid-career Researcher](#) in a Principal Role.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$300,000 per year for up to 5 years, or a total of \$1,500,000

**Registration Deadline:** December 10, 2024

**Full Application Deadline:** February 4, 2025

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## Parkinson Canada – 2025 New Investigator Award

Parkinson Canada's mission is to transform the lives of people living with Parkinson's across Canada. The [New Investigator Award Program](#) is a project grant to encourage and support early career researchers in the field of Parkinson's Disease who were appointed to their first faculty position within the last 5 years. The program offers awards for the support of projects with budgets of up to \$45,000 per year over a three-year term to exceptional applicants who have been approved for funding.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$45,000 annually for 3 years

**Application Deadline:** November 1, 2024 (5:00 PM EST)

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## Alzheimer Society Canada – New Investigator Operating Grant

The Alzheimer Society Research Program offers funding to innovating researchers working on vital studies about dementia. The [New Investigator Operating Grant](#) is designed to help launch the careers of outstanding researchers who are within the first 6 years of their initial academic appointment. Operating grants of up to \$200,000 for up to 4 years are available.

**Funds Available:** Up to \$200,000 for up to 4 years

**Registration Deadline:** November 4, 2025 (5:00 PM ET)

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