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**DARE**



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

## In this Issue – December 17, 2024

Thanks to all who have responded to our program evaluation survey! We are offering one more chance to include your feedback, until December 16, 2024.

You can access the quick survey [here](#).



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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

Introducing our **NEW DARE Networking Program:**  
**C<sup>3</sup> – Colleagues, Connections, and Coffee!**



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Colleagues, Connections & Coffee

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January 16, 2025, 9:30-11:00 AM  
February 12, 2025, 1:30-3:00 PM  
March 10, 2025, 9:30-11:00 AM

 All at Louis' Loft!

**All faculty and all  
disciplines are welcome!**

**C<sup>3</sup>** will provide monthly, informal networking opportunities inviting faculty to come to casually meet over coffee to build interdisciplinary relationships, exchange ideas, and explore opportunities.

**All faculty are invited to drop by!**

**Who:** Faculty from all levels along the career spectrum are welcome

**Where:** Coffee and tea on us at Louis' Loft!

**When:** Drop-in style to support various faculty schedules

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**Registration is not required, but if you want a reminder in your calendar, let us know [here](#).**

Reminders of upcoming **C<sup>3</sup>** meet-ups will also be sent out via the DARE mailing list. Please reach out to Jennifer Reynolds at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) if you would like more information or have any questions.

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## **DARE Table Talks**

**Welcome to DARE's Winter 2025 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!**



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### **Writing an Academic Article: Tips from a Writing Coach**

The importance of publishing in academia cannot be overstated. This Table Talk session is the second on the topic of writing. This session will focus on writing an academic article and the strengths and weaknesses as witnessed by an academic writing coach.

**When:** January 8, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM

**Where:** Online, via Zoom

**Register**

### **Preparing for Research Data Management Policies & Requirements: How to Develop a Data Management Plan**

Tri-Agency funders (SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC) and scholarly journals have begun developing policies to ensure that researchers appropriately manage and share their research data. In this session, you will learn about data management requirements and expectations, with a focus on how to create a data management plan to better manage your research data and comply with Tri-Agency policy. This session will also highlight what supports are available on campus to help you with your own research data management needs.

**When:** February 12, 2025, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** CGPS Boardroom, Thorvaldson 118

**Register**

### **Equity Diversity, and Inclusion in Research Practice (EDI): A Panel Discussion**

This panel brings together experienced researchers and staff at USask to share valuable insights regarding the integration of EDI principles into research practice, followed by an interactive discussion. Topics will include (but not limited to): fostering an inclusive research team culture that respects diverse perspectives, approaches for building and maintaining diverse research teams, and evaluating the success of EDI initiatives in research practices.

**When:** March 20, 2025, 12:00 to 1:00 PM

**Where:** CGPS Boardroom, Thorvaldson 118

**Register**

## **DARE Programs**

### **SSHRC Connection Grant 1:1 Support Program**

**Interested in applying for a grant to support targeted, short-term knowledge mobilization initiatives?**



#### **One-on-one support will:**

- Provide **access to resources**, in-house expertise at USask, individuals who have had previous success
- Complement existing college-based facilitation services, while providing **enhanced opportunity for feedback** and discussion and access to an **internal review process**

**To learn more about this exciting 1:1 Support Opportunity, please contact the DARE Initiative at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca).**

## Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) Establishment Grant Development Program 2025

Are you an early career researcher (ECR) interested in funding to establish an autonomous program of health research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges? The **SHRF Establishment Grant** might be the answer. The **DARE program** is offering a grant development program for Early Career Scholars and Researchers developing an application for the 2025 SHRF Establishment Grant competition.

If you are interested in applying, we invite you to participate in our upcoming program. This program will enable a group of ECR peers to learn together and support one another in the development of their Establishment Grant proposals.

**Starting in January**, this program will meet regularly to understand the Establishment Grant funding opportunity and application process. Program information and timeline are available **online**. This is an opportunity to get some valuable feedback on your proposal so you can submit the strongest application possible.

**Registration deadline:** January 10, 2025

**Register online**

To learn more about this exciting program opportunity, please contact Jennifer Reynolds at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca).

## 2025 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards

The **2025 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards program** will support USask faculty **within the first five years** of their academic appointment to hire, train and mentor an **undergraduate summer student** to support their research, scholarly, or artistic works (RSAW) program.

### NEW – Two Award Streams:

1. SSHFA: Open to faculty who do Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts (SSHFA) research; and
2. SCPOR: A Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) funded award open to faculty who do Patient-Orientated research



**Eligibility:** faculty within the first five years of their academic appointment at USask in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts and/or conducting Patient-Oriented Research (POR)

**Number of Awards available:** Ten Stream 1: SSHFA awards & Five Stream 2: SCPOR awards

**Award Amount:** \$6,000 (faculty top-up required)

**Award Term:** 14-16 weeks from May to August 2025

**Deadline to Apply:** February 7, 2025

Please reach out to [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) if you would like more information or have any questions. If you have questions about the eligibility of your project or how to conduct POR, please contact [scpor@usask.ca](mailto:scpor@usask.ca).

Award Guidelines

Stream 1: SSHFA  
Application Form

Stream 2: SCPOR  
Application Form



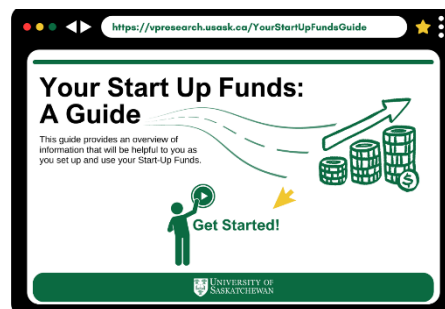
## Researcher Resources

### Your Start Up Funds: A Guide

We've just launched an all-new guide to help you set up and make the most of your start-up funds!

We've got you covered from getting your funds set up and running to maximizing your funds' potential. [Check out the guide here](#) and set your USask research program up for success!

Please feel free to reach out at [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) if you have any questions.



Knowledge Mobilization  
Resource Guide

### Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Resource Guide

RASI's Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Committee is proud to release their [KMb Guide](#) that provides an overview of KMb principles so that USask researchers can understand the best approaches on how to get the "right information" to the "right people" at the "right time" in the "right way."

Knowledge Mobilization is a key component of the research design and happens at ALL stages of the research process. It is greater than the sum of its parts - more than just "products." It's about creating the environment that promotes impact and knowledge use.

You can view the KMb Guide [here](#).

## 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 importance of **sleep!!** Sleep is so important for good health and well-being. It restores us physically, mentally, and emotionally, playing a critical role in our health including immune function, metabolism, memory, and learning. As the holidays are just around the corner, let's prioritize rest and sleep. You can find important information about sleep and resources [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](#)



### Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation Establishment Grant

[SHRF's Establishment Grant](#) supports **early-career researchers** in Saskatchewan to establish an autonomous program of research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges and achieve the research productivity necessary for obtaining major funding from national and other external agencies.

Principal Applicants must hold a qualifying appointment in Saskatchewan at, or above, the rank of Assistant Professor (or equivalent), that meets the definition of Principal Applicant as outlined in the [SHRF Funding Guide](#).

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$150,000 for up to 3 years

**Eligibility Deadline:** January 23, 2025

**Full Application Deadline:** March 13, 2025

**Information Webinar:** December 18, 2024 | [Register](#)

**Program contact:** Pawan Kumar at [pkumar@shrf.ca](mailto:pkumar@shrf.ca)

### Lesley Biggs Early Career Teaching Fellowship

The [Lesley Biggs Early Career Teaching Fellowship](#) is open for applications. The purpose of the award is to encourage excellence in teaching for-credit courses carried out by graduate students, sessional lecturers, lecturers without term, instructors, ASPA instructors and **early-career assistant professors**.

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 31, 2024

Questions can be sent to [asvicedean.academic@usask.ca](mailto:asvicedean.academic@usask.ca).

### CIHR & CAPO Research Excellence Award and Early Career Investigator Award in Psychosocial Oncology

The purpose of the [Research Excellence Award in Psychosocial Oncology](#) is to recognize an individual who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors Association, has made a

significant research contribution to Psychosocial Oncology. This award will follow a nomination and selection process as outlined in the [Award Terms of Reference](#). **The nominee must be within seven years of completing their postgraduate, fellowship, or equivalent specialist training (defined as a PhD or MD or equivalent).**

The CIHR - Institute of Cancer Research & CAPO [Early Career Investigator Award in Psychosocial Oncology](#) honours a new investigator for outstanding contributions to research in the field of psychosocial oncology. **Candidates must be within seven years of completing their postgraduate, fellowship or equivalent specialist training (defined as a PhD or MD or equivalent).** This award will follow a nomination and selection process as outlined in the [Award Terms of Reference](#).

**Nomination Submission Deadlines:** January 31, 2025

**Award:** Recognition award and reimbursement for travel expenses to the CAPO annual conference up to \$1000

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### **CIHR Travel Awards – Institute Community Support**

Through the Institute Community Support (ICS) Program, the CIHR Institutes and Initiatives are launching the [ICS Travel Awards competition](#) for students, postdoctoral fellows, early career researchers and knowledge users to present their own research at national and international meetings, workshops, and/or conferences. **Note that each of the participating Institutes/Initiatives have their own relevant research areas, Eligibility Requirements and Funding Levels, which are outlined in the [Sponsor Description](#) section of this funding opportunity.**

To be eligible, the nominated principal applicant must be a [Trainee](#), an [Early Career Researcher](#), or a [Knowledge User](#).

**Application Deadline:** January 7, 2025

**Funding available:** Various, depending on funding sponsors

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### **SSHRC Insight Development Grants**

[Insight Development Grants](#) support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects of up to two years that are proposed by individuals or teams.

Funding is available to two categories of scholars: [established scholars](#) and [emerging scholars](#).

**Funding Amount:** \$7,000 to \$75,000 over one to two years

**Application Deadline:** February 2, 2025, 8:00 PM Eastern (Since this deadline falls on a weekend, the online application will stay open until 8:00 PM Eastern on Monday, February 3, 2025.

**The USask SSHRC support team will be offering 2 workshops on IDG this year:**

#### **Thursday, 12 December 2024: 10 - 11:30 am**

- General overview of the grant
- Discussion on “pressure points” and challenges in the grant
- Brief Overviews of:
  - Timeline and Budget
  - Research Team and Training (HQP and EDI) Plan
  - Knowledge Mobilization and Expected Outcomes

#### **January Session: date and time TBA**

- Bring your grant, including internal review comments for discussion
- The session will provide final tips on the development of the Detailed Description
- This session will be dedicated to polishing your grant – bring questions for the Research Facilitators, work on your grant, etc.

- Remaining time to ask questions, bring your work for review, brainstorm, work on your grant in general
- **Register for the December event [here](#).**

Please note all sessions will be in person only and will **not** be recorded.

For more information, please contact Kristina Rissling Olson, Research Development Specialist at [Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca](mailto:Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca).

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### **CIHR Project Grant: Spring 2025**

The **Project Grant program** is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches. The Project Grant program is open to applicants in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate.

**A portion of the competition budget will be reserved to ensure that the proportion of grants funded is at least equal to the proportion of applications submitted by early career researchers (ECRs), female applicants, and for applicants submitting applications written in French**

**Funding Amount:** The total amount available between the Fall 2024 and Spring 2024 Project Grant Competition is \$650 Million

**Registration Deadline:** February 2, 2025

**Application Deadline:** March 5, 2025

### **The USask Tri-Council Team is hosting a workshop and panel Q&A on CIHR Project Grants:**

You are cordially invited to a workshop and Panel Q&A that is being hosted for the CIHR Spring 2025 Project Grant competition. Participants shall have the opportunity to gain significant insights and ask questions about the CIHR application and peer-review process.

**Date:** January 22, 2025

**Time:** 1:30 – 3:00 PM

**Location:** HLTH 1130 (E-wing), Health Sciences Building

**Register:** **ONLINE** (Light Refreshments will be served)

Questions can be sent to Manisha Jalla, Research Development Specialist at [manisha.jalla@usask.ca](mailto:manisha.jalla@usask.ca).

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