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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 with any questions related to starting your research program.

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DARE Events


DARE Networking: C³ – Colleagues, Connections, and Coffee!



Colleagues, Connections & Coffee



April 10, 2025, 10:00-11:30 AM
May 13, 2025, 9:30-11:00 AM
June 11, 2025, 1:00-2:30 PM

 All at Louis' Loft!

All faculty and all disciplines are welcome!

C³ 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

- April 10, 2025, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
- May 13, 2025, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- June 11, 2025, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

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

Reminders of upcoming **C³** meet-ups will also be sent out via the DARE mailing list. Please reach out to Jennifer Reynolds at dare.rasi@usask.ca if you would like more information or have any questions.

DARE Table Talks

Welcome to DARE's Spring 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!



De-mystifying International Partnerships and Research Collaborations

Join the International Office for an interactive session that will cover partnership initiations, seed funding for research and development collaborations, scaling up partnerships and sustaining the impact of

collaborations, as well as an overall guide on how to navigate the international partnership and research landscape.

When: April 2, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM

Where: CGPS Boardroom, Thorvaldson 118

Register

Introduction to Research Security

Research Security is a growing area. The Federal government has new requirements for researchers engaging in partnerships to conduct their research. Briefly, there are 2 Canadian research security policies which require researchers to conduct risk assessments. This involved a process of "Know Your Research" and "Know Your Partner." In this process, we work with you to identify potential risks to the research and, if necessary, devise a mitigation plan. In this session, you will learn about these new requirements and resources that can assist in addressing the risk assessment. Lisa Belhumeur will lead this session. She is the Senior Security Specialist within the OVPR. Lisa comes to the University with over 15 years of security intelligence and investigative experience in the national security context.

When: May 21, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM

Where: CGPS Boardroom, Thorvaldson 118

Register

Navigating New Frontiers: Identity, Language, and Research for Early Career Researchers

Join us for an insightful presentation delving into the dynamic interplay between identity, language, and research. You will discover how your personal and professional identities shape your research journey and influence your academic voice. In this session, we will also explore strategies to navigate the evolving landscapes of research with confidence and clarity to facilitate research excellence and success. This session will be hosted by Yolana Palmer-Clarke, PhD. Yolanda has over 25 years of experience in the fields of education and research. She is currently a Learning Specialist at the University of Saskatchewan Library. She also worked as a research manager, research coordinator, and research officer in the colleges of Education, Nursing, and Medicine.

When: June 17, 2025, 12:00-1:00 PM

Where: Murray Library, Room G3

Register

Best Practices in Graduate Student Mentorship | A New Series Hosted by CGPS

Modeling Emotional Intelligence and Leadership

As a leader, how often do you notice when you are reacting to situations or taking on more than you should? What do you do when you observe that your team is feeling stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed? Emotional intelligence is a vital skill that enhances self-awareness, allowing you to respond to situations more skillfully and improve your connection with others. In this session, you'll discover that a better understanding and management of your emotions will make you a more effective leader and supervisor.

Facilitated by: **Liz Duret**, Senior Consultant - Diversity and Inclusion & **Abdur Rehman Ahmad**, Talent & EDI Consultant (USask)

When: Thursday, April 10th, 9:00 AM – Noon

Location: AGRIC 2C71

Register [Here](#)

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.

New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration Grant 2025 Information Session

DARE is designed to provide incoming faculty and ECRs with the practical supports to give our USask researchers a competitive edge. One way we do this is through our **grant development programs**. This session will provide information about our grant development programs, focusing on our upcoming development program for NFRF's Exploration Grant that will run this summer.

Have you had a great research idea but were afraid it was too risky and would never get funded? The **NFRF Exploration Grant** might be the answer! The objective of the Exploration grant is to **inspire high-risk, high-reward, and interdisciplinary research**. Specifically, the Exploration stream supports projects that:

- **bring disciplines together** beyond traditional disciplinary or common interdisciplinary approaches;
- propose to **explore something new**, which **might fail**; and
- have the **potential for significant impact**

This grant is a great opportunity for Early Career Researchers (ECRs), as a proportion of awards equal to the proportion of applications that are led by ECRs will be reserved for these researchers (an eligible ECR submission must have both the NPI and Co-PI (if applicable) as ECRs).

Come learn more about a grant opportunity that supports researchers thinking "out of the box":

When: Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 10:00-11:00 AM

Where: CGPS Boardroom, Thorvaldson 118

Register

Researcher 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 an upcoming USask seminar - [Creating Balance in Your Life](#)

Are you interested in creating balance in your life? If so, this USask seminar may be helpful.



Creating a work-life balance as an early career researcher (ECR) can be difficult. A conscious effort, deep commitment and clear priorities are required to help deal with competing demands and commitments. This seminar will help participants explore how your current choices impact your work-life satisfaction.

Specific learning objectives:

- understand what balance means,
- recognize what you can and can't control, and
- identify in their lives.

When: April 2, 2025, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST

Location: Online

[Register 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](#)



SSHRC Metascience and AI Postdoctoral Fellowships Competition Now Open

SSHRC is pleased to announce that it is partnering with the United States' [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#) and the United Kingdom's UK Research and Innovation to support the Metascience and AI postdoctoral fellowships. As part of this joint initiative, SSHRC will support up to four Canadian postdoctoral fellows working at Canadian institutions, at \$140,000 over two years.

Eligibility Requirements

- Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in chemistry, computer science, Earth system science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field.
- Candidates must be members of the faculty of a college, university, or other degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada.
- Candidates must be tenure-track, though untenured, as of September 15 of the nomination year.
- Candidate's faculty position must carry a regular teaching obligation.

Early career researchers in the social sciences and humanities (with particular emphasis on philosophy, sociology of science, and metascience) who are interested in understanding the implications of artificial intelligence (AI) for the science and research ecosystem are invited to apply.

Submissions Due: April 10, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. (eastern)

Funding amount: \$140,000 over two years

Canada-based applicants should [apply directly](#) to the Sloan Foundation. For more information, contact international@sshrh-crsh.gc.ca

Arthritis Society Canada – Stars Career Development Award

The **Stars Career Development Award** was created to help firmly establish the career of early career investigators. This salary and research funding represents a three (3) year commitment by Arthritis Society Canada, together with an additional three (3) year commitment by the applicant's Host Institution. The program provides funding to support research programs aligned with Arthritis Society Canada's 2020-2027 Research Strategy. Arthritis Society Canada will be accepting applications relevant to five research priority areas: arthritis pain, OA, IA, childhood, and work.

To be eligible, an applicant must be within 5 years of their first academic appointment and within 10 years of their most recent graduate or health professional degree. You can review the full eligibility criteria [here](#).

Funding Amount: Up to \$125,000 per year for up to three years, with an additional 3 years of support from the Host Institution of an equal value

Abstract Registration Deadline: May 13, 2025, 5:00 PM ET

Full Application Deadline: June 26, 2026, 5:00 PM ET

SickKids Foundation – New Investigator Research Grants

New Investigator Research Grants enable **early-career researchers** to make a meaningful contribution to the fight for children's health. They are jointly sponsored by SickKids Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health. Grant recipients may obtain up to three years of support for research in the biomedical, clinical, health systems and services, population and public health sectors.

Funding Amount: Up to \$100,000 per year for up to three years

Application Deadline: April 21, 2025, 5:00 PM ET

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