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Visit the OVPR Grants Calendar for up to date deadlines and events.
Learn more about RASI services online.

USask Workshops and Support Services

2025 Innovation Fund (IF) – Information Session
The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has announced the 2025 Innovation Fund (IF) program. The Innovation Fund aims to build capacity in infrastructure and personnel, allowing researchers to remain at the forefront of exploration and knowledge generation. The CFI IF program supports the development of large-scale, unique, and cutting-edge facilities that can accelerate future research in your field of study for many years.
Through this competition, CFI will invest up to ~$400 million in infrastructure and fund up to 40% of the project’s eligible costs. CFI will also provide up to ~$120 million in associated operating and maintenance costs through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF). The most common eligible costs include renovation or construction costs, research equipment, and personnel to support the development or use of the infrastructure.

RASI is hosting this program’s information session on October 17th, 2023. This information session will provide details of USask’s internal processes for allocating our CFI IF institutional envelope and outline the support available for teams applying for this opportunity. Immediate questions can be directed to rasi.support@usask.ca.

Information Session
Date: 17 October 2023 from 1:30-2:30pm
Location: ARTS 102
Register: here
Those interested in the program are highly encouraged to attend the information session.

Competition Timeline:
The full application submission deadline will be February 2025. Further details regarding internal deadlines and other milestones will be communicated at the workshop in October.

Please visit the CFI website through the link below for further program details. Please note that only the 2023 IF competition details are currently posted. The 2025 competition details will be updated at a future date.
**SSHRC Partnership Grant – Information Session**

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives (RASI) will be hosting a Partnership Grant information session, featuring an overview of the program and best practices for developing a successful proposal. Those interested in the program are highly encouraged to attend this session.

**Information Session**

**Date:** 23 October 2023, 2–3:30 pm  
**Location:** TBD  
**Registration:** [here](#)  

*Refreshments will be served.*

**SSHRC Partnership Grants** provide support for new and existing formal partnerships, with funding valued at up to **$500,000/year over 4–7 years, totaling up to $2.5 million**, to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or in-kind contributions. Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

**Panelist:**

- **Bram Noble**, Professor in the Department of Geography & Planning and Vice Dean Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work in the College of Arts & Science. Bram is also co-director of the [Community Appropriate Sustainable Energy Security (CASES)](#) partnership, funded by a SSHRC Partnership Grant and project partners. CASES is an international research and knowledge mobilization initiative involving 15 northern and Indigenous communities and public and private sector project partners from Canada, Alaska, Sweden, and Norway. CASES has secured over $8 million in funding, including $2.5 million in support from SSHRC.

If you would like to submit questions in advance, please email them to [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca).

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**Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities**

**New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Competition**

The [New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Stream](#) supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects may involve any discipline, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding from across the three federal research funding agencies. Projects should engage the full range of disciplines required to achieve the project goals.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. Tackle a well-defined problem or challenge.
2. Propose a novel world-leading approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issues.

3. Are interdisciplinary, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and

4. Have the potential to be transformative, defined as the potential to create a significant and real change or impact – a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

Transformation grants are awarded to an NPI at an eligible institution; they are not institutional grants. National, international and cross-sector collaborations are encouraged to ensure that the most appropriate individuals and/or organizations are involved and that team composition reflects best practices in equity, diversity and/or inclusion.

This grant is valued at between $2,000,000 and $4,000,000 per year for six years for an overall total maximum of $24 million. The competition budget is $144 million over six years.

NOI deadlines:
Internal Compliance Deadline: 17 October 2023
Funding Agency Deadline: 24 October 2023

LOI deadlines:
Internal Compliance Deadline: 3 January 2024
Funding Agency Deadline: 10 January 2024

LOI results released: 6 May 2024

Full application deadlines (if invited):
Internal Compliance Deadline: 28 August 2024
Funding Agency Deadline: 5 September 2024

If you are interested in applying, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca to discuss the supports offered for this opportunity.

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**CIHR Health Research Training Platform**

CIHR has announced the launch of the Health Research Training Platform (2024/25). It is intended to support the development of interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional, and intersectoral research training platforms that will attract a diverse group of trainees and early career researchers. This opportunity is to:

- support comprehensive research training by engaging mentors from across a variety of disciplines, sectors, and jurisdictions;
- promote a greater understanding of emerging research and knowledge mobilization approaches;
increase training and professional development in support of sustainable career trajectories within and outside of academia; and
demonstrate best practices in equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Rights within all aspects of the platform team and environment.

There are five funding pools available:

- **Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging**: $2,400,000 is available to fund an application relevant to Brain Health and Cognitive Impairment in Aging pool. The maximum amount per grant is $400,000 per year for up to 6 years, for a total of $2,400,000 per grant.
- **Health System Impact Training Platform**: $2,400,000 is available to fund an application relevant to Health System Impact Training Platform pool. The maximum amount per grant is $400,000 per year for up to 6 years, for a total of $2,400,000 per grant.
- **One Health: Antimicrobial Resistance**: $2,700,000 is available to fund an application relevant to One Health – Antimicrobial Resistance pool. The maximum amount per grant is $450,000 per year for up to 6 years, for a total of $2,700,000 per grant.
- **One Health: Emerging Zoonoses**: $2,700,000 is available to fund an application relevant to One Health – Emerging Zoonoses pool. The maximum amount per grant is $450,000 per year for up to 6 years, for a total of $2,700,000 per grant.
- **Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Data Sciences**: $6,050,000 is available to fund an application relevant to Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Health Data Sciences pool. The maximum amount per grant is $1,008,333 per year for up to 6 years, for a total of $6,050,000 per grant.

**Registration Deadline**: 15 November 2023
**Application Deadline**: 1 February 2024
**Funding Start Date**: 1 May 2024

CIHR will also be holding a webinar on 19 October 2023. Webinar details are available [here](#).

If you are considering applying, please contact RASI at rasi.support@usask.ca.

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**CIHR Access Newsletter**

Please see below for highlights from the 28 September 2023 CIHR Access Newsletter:

- [New Funding Pool Announced for Team Grant in Lung Health](#)
- [The CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples’ Health is Seeking its Next Scientific Director](#)
- [Register Now for a Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Youth and Families in Canada and the United States](#)
- [Learn About How Canada’s Federal Research Funding Agencies are Developing New Policies and Programs to Meet the Needs of Researchers in Canada](#)
- [Developing a New Step Vaccine](#)
- [Brain Canada announces the Future Leaders in Canadian Brain Research](#)
- Message from the Minister of Health – National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- The Daily: Canadian Tobacco and Nicotine Survey, 2022

Funding Opportunities:
- Operating Grant: Addressing Infectious and Congenital Syphilis in Canada
- Training Grant: Health Research Training Platform (2024/2025)
- Catalyst Grant: Healthy Youth (2023)

View these and other opportunities in the CIHR Funding Opportunity Database.

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Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

NSERC Contact Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the volume 47 number 3 NSERC Contact Newsletter:

- The Call for Nominations is Now Open for All NSERC Prizes
- New Funding for Discovery Research, Trainees, and Science Promoters
- Simplified Cost-sharing Ratio and Extensions for Alliance Option 1 Grants
- New NSERC-CSE Partnership to Support Robust, Secure, and Safe Artificial Intelligence Research Projects
- CIHR and NSERC Renew Commitment to Innovative Research through the Human Frontier Science Program

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International Opportunities and Updates

International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals

As part of the University of Saskatchewan International Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office is thrilled to announce the 2023-24 International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals. Each year, through the International Blueprint, the university invests funding to engage, advance and scale international initiatives with partners around the world.

International Travel Grants

**Application deadline:** 20 November 2023

- Global Ambassador Program (Incoming) – supports incoming international experts and faculty to the USask aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
- Global Ambassador Program (Outgoing) – supports faculty and staff to travel to international universities and/or facilities aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
• **Internationalization Fund** – supports faculty and staff to increase the ability and confidence to initiate, build and support international and intercultural engagement and activities - valued up to $2,500

• **International Travel Fund** – supports faculty and staff to participate in international partnership and capacity building toward the university’s collective global citizenship and international community service engagement – valued up to $2,500

**International Project Grants**

**Application deadline:** 05 December 2023

• **International Research Partnership Fund** – to strengthen research collaborations with existing international partners – grant average $20,000

• **Global Innovation Fund** – to initiate the development of new international research collaborations – grant average $20,000

• **Global Community Service Fund – New Partnership Grants** – to support new collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $20,000

• **Global Community Service Fund – Existing Partnership Grants** – to support existing collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $20,000

The Call for Proposals regarding specific targets, eligibilities, selection criteria, and application forms is available on the International Office [Internal Funding page](#).

Please connect with the International Research team at international.office@usask.ca with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.

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**Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) Azrieli Global Scholars**

CIFAR invites outstanding early career researchers from across the natural, biomedical, life and social sciences and the humanities to join one of four interdisciplinary research programs through the Azrieli Global Scholars initiative that address some of the most important questions facing science and humanity. The programs accepting applications are:

- **Future Flourishing**
- **Gravity & the Extreme Universe**
- **Humanity’s Urban Future**
- **The Multiscale Human**

Expand your network, engage with interdisciplinary research topics, and explore cutting-edge ideas with unrestricted research support. Join a community of international researchers addressing the most important questions facing science and humanity.

**Project Duration:** 2 years

**Funding Amount:** CAD $100,000

**Internal Deadline:** 23 October 2023
Global Affairs Canada: Call for Concept Notes – Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific 2024-2028

The “Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific” Call is a 2-stage application process contributing to Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy.

As a first step, eligible organizations are invited to submit Concept Notes that describe projects that will address the objectives of this Call. At the second stage, a limited number of organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal. The total amount of funding available under the Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific 2024-2028 Call is up to $30 million over 4 years. Global Affairs Canada (GAC) may fund 8 to 10 proposals or none, up to the maximum funding available.

The Indo-Pacific region will play a critical role in shaping Canada’s future over the next half-century. Encompassing 40 economies, over four billion people and $47.19 trillion in economic activity, it is the world’s fastest growing-region and home to six of Canada’s top 13 trading partners. This Call for concept notes supports efforts of organizations registered in Canada and Indigenous organizations in Canada to enhance inclusive governance, promote and protect human rights, and advance gender equality in support of sustainable and inclusive economic growth in the Indo-Pacific region. Applicants will carry out projects in the field of international development, aligned with Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Funding Amount: CAD $2 million - $7 million
Internal Deadline: 01 November 2023
External Deadline: 14 November 2023 at noon ET

International Research Development Centre Global Call for Research Proposals: Innovative Veterinary Solutions for Antimicrobial Resistance (InnoVet-AMR) 2 in Food-Producing animals: Ruminants and Aquaculture

Innovative Veterinary Solutions for Antimicrobial Resistance (InnoVet-AMR) is a four-year, CAD 26.3 million partnership between IDRC and the UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). The initiative is aimed at reducing the emerging risk that antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in animals poses to global health and food security.

Through InnoVet-AMR, IDRC and DHSC aim to achieve two main objectives:
- Support research that will identify and develop prophylactic and therapeutic innovative veterinary solutions, including vaccines, to improve health, while reducing the use of antimicrobials in ruminants and aquaculture operations in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).
Build effective gender-balanced partnerships to better contribute to the discovery and development of innovative veterinary solutions to reduce the use of antimicrobials in ruminants and aquaculture operations in LMICs.

The research team must include at least one researcher from an institution based in a LMIC as a principal investigator or co-applicant.

**Project Duration:** 32 months  
**Funding Amount:** up to CAD 1.6 million per project  
**Internal Deadline:** 20 October 2023  
**External Deadline:** 30 October 2023

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**Water Research Foundation (WRF): Advancing the Understanding of Nitrous Oxide Emissions Through Enhanced Whole-Plant Monitoring and Quantification**

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) has opened a call for proposals with the objectives to:

- Provide accurate whole-plant N2O emissions estimates for several water resource recovery facilities (WRRFs) that employ commonly used treatment processes, by employing continuous online monitoring for a minimum one-year period.
- Develop guidance on process conditions that lead to high N2O formation risk at the facilities, by monitoring other process conditions alongside N2O production.

Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

**Project Duration:** Minimum 1 year, average of 24 months  
**Funding Amount:** up to USD $250,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 07 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 21 November 2023

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**Morris Animal Foundation: Research that accelerates the diagnosis or treatment of canine Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia**

The Morris Animal Foundation (MAF) is accepting research proposals that lead to further understanding of canine immune-mediated hemolytic anemia (IMHA). MAF is particularly interested in research and development efforts that focus on:

- Improving diagnosis, identification of IMHA subtypes, and/or correlation of subtypes and outcomes
- Improving and/or individualizing treatments, including optimizing antithrombotic Treatments

Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

**Project Duration:** 24 months  
**Funding Amount:** USD$ 100,000
Internal Deadline: 31 October 2023
External Deadline: 14 November 2023

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