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**USask Workshops and Support Services**

### CFI 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)](https://www.usask.ca/scholarly-and-artistic-work/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](https://www.nfrf-cfro.ca/2024/transform) 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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**RUH Foundation Research Grant**

The Royal University Hospital Foundation Research Fund is supported by Royal University Hospital Foundation through annual donations and investment earnings on donor endowments. The [Foundation’s Research Grant Program](#) supports clinically relevant research projects that will ultimately benefit patients who are, for the most part, treated at Royal University Hospital.

The total funding available is $175,000:
- $80,000 for general health related research
- $50,000 for trauma related research
- $25,000 for mental health research
- $20,000 for research that includes children and youth

The **maximum grant award is $25,000**.

For any questions or concerns, contact Mia Cavanagh, RUHF Operations and Granting Officer, at (306) 655-6521 or mia.cavanagh@ruhf.org.

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**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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**The France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) – Learn More About Funding for New Scientific Projects Jointly Developed by French and Canadian teams**

The **France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF)**, open to every field of expertise, provides funding for new scientific projects jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that have never worked together before. Applications must come from principal investigators, both from research establishments located in France and Canada. The FCRF is co-managed by the Embassy of France to Canada and the University of Ottawa. The funding is awarded to **two-year projects in amounts ranging from $8,000 to $15,000 CAD**, according to the needs expressed by the principal investigators, and covers mainly researchers’ and students’ mobility.
The recording of the information session on the France Canada Research Fund (offered on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023), as well as slides, are available [here](#).

USask has a quota of a maximum of 5 applications in the 2023-2024 competition. Researchers interested in submitting an application should read the [Guidelines](#) carefully before preparing their application. The application form is available [here](#).

Please submit your application via UnivRS by **30 October 2023** and inform us at international.office@usask.ca to participate in the internal competition.

**Eligibility criteria:**
- The selected applicant must hold Canadian citizenship or permanent residency.
- The applicant’s research projects must make positive contributions to the vitality of scientific cooperation between France and Canada. The research projects of the selected applicant must be part of a 2024 France-Canada research project preselected* by the FCRF’s Canadian member universities.
- The candidate’s status must remain the same from the application (January-February 2024) to her being selected (May 2024).

**Selection criteria:**
- The candidate must have demonstrated scientific excellence in her research work.
- The candidate must have demonstrated a commitment to the promotion and/or dissemination of science for women in science.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact International Office international.office@usask.ca.

**Funding amount:** $8,000 to $15,000 CAD  
**External deadline:** 17 November 2023  
**Internal Deadline:** 30 October 2023

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**UK-Canada Regenerative Medicine Exchange Programme 2023**

To apply for this funding opportunity, you must meet the eligibility criteria for MRC funding and must also:
- hold a current award with an eligible funder or alternatively, you must have held an eligible award that has ended within the last two years, with an award end date not before 31 August 2021
- have the support of an eligible research organisation

Eligible exchange researchers include graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research assistants or research associates, newly independent investigators. Applications must be jointly submitted by UK and Canada principal investigators. Exchanges are expected to last six to 12 weeks and to begin by 15 March 2024. Read more [here](#).

**Funding Amount:** £9,500  
**Internal Deadline:** 23 October 2023
**Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Evolving Narratives of Histories and Cultures**

SSHRC, in partnership with Canadian Heritage, Genome Canada, and UK Research and Innovation’s Arts and Humanities Research Council (UKRI-AHRC), is pleased to launch a Knowledge Synthesis Grants competition to mobilize, examine and synthesize social sciences and humanities research on Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories. Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories is one of 16 global future challenges identified through SSHRC’s Imagining Canada’s Future initiative. These complex issues, identified in 2018 following an extensive foresight exercise, reflect key challenges that Canada and the world are likely to face over the coming decades. All the challenges cross multiple sectors and research disciplines and require broad collaboration to address.

Apply for funding to mobilise, examine and synthesise humanities and social sciences research on the topic of evolving narratives of cultures and histories. Applications must include two applicants with one based in Canada and one in the UK. Funding is available for one-year projects. The UK-Canada teams can apply for up to $30,000 from SSHRC and AHRC. Budgets cannot exceed a maximum 60%/40% split across the two agencies (for example, $18,000/£7,000 or £10,000/$12,000). AHRC will fund 80% of the UK budget’s full economic cost. Read more on SSHRC [here](#) and AHRC policies [here](#).

**Project Duration:** 12 months  
**Funding Amount:** $30,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 01 December 2023  
**External Deadline:** 14 December 2023 (for Canadian team); 15 December at 1am UK time (for UK team)

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**Open Research Area for the Social Sciences Eighth Call for Proposals 2023**

The eighth round of the Open Research Area (ORA) is based on an agreement between the Agence nationale de la Recherche (ANR; France), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG; Germany), the Economic and Social Research Council of UK Research and Innovation (ESRC; the UK), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC; Canada). ANR, DFG, ESRC, and SSHRC are launching an eighth ORA call for proposals in order to fund the best joint research projects in the social sciences. The scheme will provide funding for integrated projects by researchers coming from at least three of the four subscribing countries – in any combination of three or more countries.

Proposals may be submitted in any area of the social sciences. However, the disciplinary coverage varies according to the involvement of the national agencies. There is a possibility for cooperation partners in Japan (if applicable) to obtain a special funding from a Japanese funding agency. The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) will provide an independent funding opportunity on application basis to support the cooperation partners in Japan involved in the successful proposals.

**Duration:** 2 to 3 years  
**Funding Amount:** Up to $600,000; maximum $200,000 per year  
**Internal Deadline:** 01 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 14 November 2023 at 5pm ET (11pm Central European Time)
Spencer Foundation: Research Grants on Education - Small
The Small Research Grants Program supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to $50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. They accept applications three times per year.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. Our goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.

**Project Duration:** 1-5 years  
**Funding Amount:** up to USD$ 50,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 22 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 06 December 2023 at noon CT

Fund for Innovation in Development
A new initiative to support innovation that contributes to reducing global poverty and inequality. Through flexible grant funding, the Fund for Innovation in Development (FID) enables innovators and researchers to test new ideas, build rigorous evidence of what works, and scale the highest-impact and most cost-effective solutions. FID takes a broad view of innovation, considering any solution with strong potential to achieve development impact at scale in less costly, faster, or otherwise more feasible ways than existing approaches. This can include a wide range of innovations intended to improve the lives of people living in poverty. Their definition of innovation includes, for example, new approaches to improve delivery of essential goods and services, process or managerial innovations, improvements in public services that facilitate access and improve outcomes, as well as new technologies or new applications of existing technologies. New “low-tech” approaches designed to be sustainable and accessible, and which can have a significant impact on the lives of the poorest will also be eligible.

**Funding Amount:** from 50,000 to 4,000,000 EUR  
**Internal Deadline:** Two weeks prior to the external submission  
**External Deadline:** Ongoing

Global Innovation Fund (GIF)
This program seeks to invest in social innovations that aim to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. Open to funding innovations in any sector as long as they can demonstrate their innovation improves the lives of those living on less than USD 5 PPP per day. The Global Innovation Fund accepts applications working in any sector in any developing country.

Any type of organisation may apply. This includes social enterprises, for-profit companies, non-profit organisations, government agencies, international organisations, and research institutions in any country. It
is recommended that individual innovators, entrepreneurs, or researchers apply through an affiliated organisation.

**Funding Amount:** USD 50,000 to USD 15,000,000  
**Internal Deadline:** Two weeks prior to the external submission  
**External Deadline:** Ongoing

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**Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund**  
The [Climate Intervention Environmental Impact Fund](#) supports innovative investigators across the world who are working to reverse climate change. They do this by making grants solely to support predictive environmental impact assessments (EIA), impact modeling studies, and stakeholder engagement efforts for small-scale field tests of new technologies. They believe that independent, objective EIA is vital for progress on climate interventions. Applicants should write a grant request that demonstrates how they would spend $50,000 usefully on EIA, predictive impact modeling, and/or engagement efforts with potentially impacted stakeholders – from local communities to government agencies – for their proposed field test.

**Funding Amount:** up to USD$ 50,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 22 October 2023  
**External Deadline:** 01 November 2023

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**CEC EJ4Climate: Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience**  
The CEC established this grant program in 2021 to fund projects that target underserved and vulnerable communities, and Indigenous communities, in Canada, Mexico, and the United States, to prepare them for climate-related impacts.

The EJ4Climate Grant Program provides funding directly to community-based organizations and seeks to support environmental justice by facilitating the involvement and empowerment of communities searching for solutions and the development of partnerships to address their environmental and human health vulnerabilities, including those due to climate change impacts. More can be found here.

**Funding Amount:** USD 100,000 to USD 500,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 30 October 2023  
**External Deadline:** 9 November 2023 at 5pm EST