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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.

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.

Competition timeline is as follows:

**NOI Deadline**: 24 October 2023
**LOI deadline**: 10 January 2024
**LOI results released**: 6 May 2024
**Full application deadline (if invited)**: 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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**Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates**

**NSERC Fall 2023 Workshop for Discovery Grant and RTI Applicants: Research Portal, CCV, EDI, Q&A**

University of Saskatchewan NSERC Leader and Research Facilitators will be holding a workshop for researchers preparing CCV and applications for NSERC Discovery Grants (DG) and Research Tools and Instruments Grants (RTI). This will primarily be an in-person workshop, with a provision for hybrid platform. A Zoom meeting link will be shared with registrants who are unable to attend in-person.

**Workshop Highlights**
- Research portal overview and tips for key sections- Danielle Baron, College of Agriculture and Bioresources
- Tips on CCV: Heidi Smithson, College of Engineering
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI): Tera Ebach, Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM)

Dr. Ron Borowsky, USask NSERC Leader will be available throughout the workshop to help answer any questions that the participants may have.

To maximize time for Q & A, we ask that all participants watch the video of the most recent Spring 2023 workshop ahead of attending this workshop. Workshop videos are available [here](#).

**Date:** Thursday, 28 September 2023  
**Time:** 1:30-3:30pm  
**Location:** Health Sciences 1130 (HLTH 1130)  
**Register:** [Online](#) (Deadline to register: 23 September 2023)

If you are unable to attend in person please contact Research Development Specialist, Elmira J. Yazdi at Elmira.Jafarieh-Yazdi@usask.ca or grant.review@usask.ca.

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**France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) – 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:**
• Only projects led by Principal Investigators (PIs) who have never collaborated before will be considered.
• PIs must have a tenure or tenure track position or full-time position working at an affiliate institute.
• Canadian PIs must be from one of the 23 Canadian member universities of the FCRF.

Selection criteria:
• Contribution to the advancement of knowledge (quality, scientific relevance)
• Innovative nature of the proposed project (expected project impact)
• Quality of the researchers and team members (publications, credits, other types of prior recognition)
• Proposed execution of research (methodology, calendar, budget)
• Significance and contributions of the bi-national collaboration (complementarity and balance between teams, interdisciplinarity)
• Participation of master’s or doctorate-level students and young researchers (contributions, benefits)

Applications in all research areas are encouraged. Up to eight (8) collaborative projects that fall under the following priority themes could be funded by the 2024 FCRF call for proposals:

• One Health - A multi-sector approach to achieving health equity
• Climate change and adapting to extreme environments

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

Mitacs Globalink Research Award - Thematic Call
Mitacs is pleased to launch the 2023 thematic call in cooperation with several international partners. This is a competitive call for applications to the Mitacs Globalink Research Award program in all areas of strategic importance for the Canadian and international research communities.

Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor at a university in Canada and an institution affiliated with one of Mitacs’ international partners, senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows included in successful applications will receive a $6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-week research project in the other country. Eligibility criteria may vary between participating international partners and please review program guidelines for detailed instructions.

The themes include but are not limited to the list below. Please note that there is a great deal of scope under the open theme social and scientific innovation, all kind of projects can be submitted under that specific theme:
1) Advanced computing (e.g., AI and Quantum technologies, Robotics, Cybersecurity)
2) Clean technologies (e.g., electric vehicles)
3) Health Innovations (e.g., biomanufacturing)
4) Open theme: Social and scientific innovation

Here is the two-step application process for professors:
- Fill out the eligibility form and get in touch with a Mitacs advisor
- After clearing the eligibility check, apply through the GRA application portal (link will be shared after the eligibility form is completed)

Eligible international partners are in the following countries and regions: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom (new partnership)

**GRA: Thematic info session**
**Date:** Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at noon to 12:45pm CST (SK time)
This webinar is intended for the offices of research services and international offices, faculty and research team members.

**Funding Amount:** CAD $6,000 per award
**Internal Deadline:** 03 November 2023
**External Deadline:** 17 November 2023

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**Spencer Foundation: Research-Practice Partnership**
The Research-Practice Partnership (RPP) Grants Program is intended to support education research projects that engage in collaborative and participatory partnerships with project budgets up to $400,000 and durations of up to three years. Intent to Apply forms are accepted once a year in this program.

We view partnerships as an important approach to knowledge generation and the improvement of education, broadly construed. Over the long term, it is anticipated that research conducted by RPPs will result in new insights into the processes, practices, and policies that improve education for learners, educators, families, communities, and institutions where learning and teaching happen (e.g., schools, universities, community centers, parks, museums, other workplaces).

**Funding amount:** Up to $400,000 USD for projects up to three years
**Intent to Apply deadline:** 17 October 2023 at noon CT
**Full proposal internal deadline:** 01 November 2023
**Full proposal external deadline:** 15 November 2023 at noon CT

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**SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories**
The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) has launched a **Knowledge Synthesis Grants** funding opportunity to assess the state of research knowledge on the topic of “**Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories**” under SSHRC’s Imagining Canada’s Future initiative. SSHRC has partnered with Canadian Heritage, Genome Canada, and UK Research and Innovation’s Arts and Humanities Research Council to fund up to $1.2 million to synthesize knowledge on this theme.

The intent is to support research that will foster a deeper understanding of the state of knowledge about the global challenge of Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories. Successful applicants may explore topics such as loss of minority languages, traditions, and historical narratives in an increasingly homogenized world.

This international funding opportunity will include two streams:

- **Stream 1** will be reserved for applications submitted by an applicant or project director affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution.
- **Stream 2** will be reserved for applications jointly submitted by two applicants or project directors, one based in Canada and the other in the UK, who are affiliated with eligible institutions in their respective countries.

The resulting syntheses will identify roles that the academic, public, private, and not-for-profit sectors could play in promoting more inclusive and equitable societies and can inform the development of effective tools and technologies, robust policies and sustainable practices required to support the path toward a diverse and inclusive future for all.

For more information on the call for proposals, please contact ksg-ssc@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

**Funding amount:** CAD $30,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 31 November 2023  
**Application deadline:** 14 December 2023

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**The Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund**

The fund has been established to provide targeted grants to individual species conservation initiatives, recognize leaders in the field and elevate the importance of species in the broader conservation debate. Its focus is global and eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species. Read more [here](#).

**Funding amount:** Maximum USD $25,000  
**Internal deadline:** 16 October 2023  
**External deadline:** 31 October 2023

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**The Explorer’s Club: Exploration Fund Grant**
The *Exploration Fund Grant* is one of the longest standing grant programs at The Explorers Club. It aims to support higher level graduate/post-graduate students and early career field scientists across a variety of disciplines. Please use this link to [register](#) to apply for the grant.

**Funding amount:** USD $1,000 to $10,000 (average award from $2,500 - $5,000)  
**Internal deadline:** 16 October 2023  
**External deadline:** 31 October 2023

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**Cesium Ecosystem Grants**

*Cesium Ecosystem Grants* are a commitment from Cesium to support and diversify its ecosystem.

Financial grants will be given to individuals and organizations that submit noteworthy ideas aligned with Cesium’s core values of Collaboration, Innovation, Customer Focus, and Continuous Learning. Applicants should describe how they are addressing a relevant need or opportunity in 3D geospatial and the resulting impact of their contribution.

Key submission topics for Ecosystem Grants include, but are not limited to:

- Open source contributions - to Cesium, projects built on or connected to Cesium, or projects in the 3D geospatial ecosystem;
- Ecosystem expanding contributions - open standards, multi-project integrations, documentation, tutorials, open data, etc.;
- Geospatial in the Classroom - academic curriculum development for educators;
- Cesium for social good - climate change, impact reporting, etc.;

**Funding Amount:** USD $5,000 - $50,000. Individual applicants will not be eligible for more than USD $15,000.  
**Internal deadline:** 07 December 2023  
**External deadline:** 31 December 2023

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**Identifying Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Gaps in Faculty Research to Inform Research Development Practices**

_All USask research grant holders (faculty, staff, and students) are invited to take part in this anonymous survey._

This project aims to advance EDI in research through identifying barriers that researchers face in academia for meaningful EDI integration in research, and by gathering inputs on possible actions to address those barriers. The results from this project will help to lead to an expansion of the resource allocation and improved trainings/services around adopting a more inclusive research guidance and practices.
As a participant in this study, you will be asked to fill out an on-line survey which will take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete.

To show our appreciation for your participation, you will have the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of 24 e-gift cards to a vendor of your choice (Amazon, Starbucks, or Tim Hortons).

Participation in this study is voluntary, and you can decide not to participate at any time or choose not to answer any questions you don’t feel comfortable with. All findings will be presented in an anonymized fashion. Before answering any questions, you will be asked to provide consent for this study.

To participate in the study, please click here.

For more information about this study, please contact: Sanjukta Choudhury, Senior Strategist, EDI and Research, College of Education, sanjukta.choudhury@usask.ca, 306-966-1736