

## Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives



# Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on funding opportunities, workshops, and other support services.

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Learn more about RASI services [online](#).

#### Workshops and Support Services

##### SSHRC IDG – Pitch Your Grant Event

For the upcoming Insight Grant, we will **not** host a workshop. Instead, we will invite researchers to watch past [workshop video information](#) and join us for a Pitch Your Grant Event.

Researchers will be asked to pitch their draft ideas to their peers, including Research Facilitators and receive invaluable feedback on their ideas and grant.

**Date:** 09 November 2022 from 1-3pm

**Where:** Room C210, Administration Building, USask Campus

**Register:** [Here](#)

For more information, contact Kristina Risling Olson at [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca).

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## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Tri-Agency Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)

The Government of Canada has [announced](#) special funding, in the form of supplements to existing research grants, that will provide relief and assistance to research trainees from Ukraine.

The [Special Response Fund for Trainees \(Ukraine\)](#) is administered by Canada's three federal research funding agencies – the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#), the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council \(NSERC\)](#) and the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council \(SSHRC\)](#) – and provides support to graduate students and postdoctoral researchers directly impacted by the Russian regime's invasion of Ukraine.

This temporary funding will help trainee(s) who were expected to return to Ukraine in 2022 but cannot because of the current crisis or trainee(s) who cannot continue their planned course of studies or research in Ukraine because of the crisis and are now in Canada.

Active and eligible grant-holders can apply for this special supplement by filling out the [CIHR](#), [NSERC](#), and/or [SSHRC](#) form. If there are students who this may apply to, they must see their supervisor.

Applications will be accepted using a continuous intake up to **22 December 2022**.

Please contact [research.services@usask.ca](mailto:research.services@usask.ca) for more information.

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### USask JELF Special Call

The [John R. Evans Leaders Fund \(JELF\)](#) enables a select number of an institution's excellent researchers to undertake leading-edge research by providing them with the foundational research infrastructure required to be or become leaders in their field. In turn, this enables institutions to remain internationally competitive in areas of research and technology development, aligned with their strategic priorities.

USask's JELF envelope has given us the opportunity to do a larger-scale internal special call in 2023 targeting the June 2023 submission. The selected proposal will clearly demonstrate benefit to the USask research community, contribute to either an existing or emerging core facility, and have secured the full amount of matching funding.

### USask Special Internal Call 2023 Guidelines

- Proposed infrastructure will support cutting-edge research at an existing or emerging core facility with clear benefit to USask as a whole.
- Proposals can request up to \$800,000 from the CFI, with a maximum total eligible cost of \$2 million; preference will be given to those proposals with total eligible costs over \$1 million.
- Core team (upto 3 applicants) must have continuing, full-time academic appointments.
- Units are encouraged to consider special requirements for the project. Note that renovation costs covered by the unit and required to accommodate equipment purchases may be used as matching funding. Please check with RASI for eligibility specifics.
- Proposals have to demonstrate that all matching funding has been received by the university and/or provide letters of commitment from funding sources upon EOI submission. Requests by OVPR to Innovation Saskatchewan for matching funding is not an option.
- Unless otherwise specified in the special call guidelines, standard CFI JELF guidelines apply.

**Expressions of Interest (EOI) are required and must be submitted to RASI ([cfi.support@usask.ca](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca)) by 13 December 2022.** The CFI Advisory Committee will review all EOIs and will take into consideration the priorities of the institution. USask's CFI envelope is strategically used and for this call the targeted funds can support one EOI at a \$800K CFI ask. If needed, adjudication will be done by the Advisory Committee and OVPR. Detailed timelines for the June 2023 submission process will be provided after applicants have been notified.

**Applicants will be notified of the decision by 21 December 2022.** Detailed timelines for the 15 June 2023 submission internal review process will be provided at that time.

Please contact RASI at [cfi.support@usask.ca](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca) for an EOI form.

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 29 Sept – 27 Oct CIHR Access Newsletter:

- [Centre for Research on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies: Canadian Post COVID-19 Condition Research Network](#)
- [National Women's Health Research Initiative: Pan-Canadian Women's Health Coalition - Hubs](#)
- [Evaluation of population-level interventions to reduce inappropriate antimicrobial use and prevent the spread of resistant pathogens](#)
- [2023 CIHR-IA Summer Program in Aging](#)
- [Team Grant: THINC Implementation Science Team Grants](#)
- [Other : Network Grants in Skin Health, Bone Health, and Muscular Dystrophy](#)
- [Operating Grant : Evaluation of population-level interventions to reduce AMR](#)

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## CIHR Survey on Ableism and Barriers to Accessibility in the Health Research Funding System

There are barriers to accessibility that make it harder for some people, including people with disabilities, to take part in health research. Ableism happens in the health research funding system. Improving accessibility and eliminating systemic ableism is a goal in [CIHR's Strategic Plan](#).

CIHR has [launched a survey](#) to learn about ableism and barriers to accessibility in the health research funding system. Findings from the survey will be published in accessible formats on their [website](#). Learnings from the survey will be used to co-develop an action plan with the [CIHR External Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Systemic Ableism](#).

This survey is open to:

- Health researchers with disabilities
- Health research trainees with disabilities
- Undergraduate and graduate students with disabilities enrolled in health-oriented programs
- Individuals who have a health condition that affects how they interact with the health research funding system
- Users or holders of knowledge related to health research
- Experienced allies of people with disabilities.

To access the online survey, please select one of the following two options:

- Version 1: This version is for people with a disability or health condition that affects how they interact with the health research funding system. [Click here](#) to complete this survey.
- Version 2: This version is for those who have witnessed, or who have helped someone navigate, issues of ableism or barriers to accessibility in the health research funding system. [Click here](#) to complete this survey.

Both versions of the survey are available in other formats including video with sign language and audio, braille (available upon request), Microsoft Word, and PDF.

The deadline to complete the survey is **25 January 2023**. To learn more details about the survey, including information about completing the survey in a different format, please [visit CIHR website](#).

For any questions, email [edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:edi@cihr-irsc.gc.ca).

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## Pre-Announcement: Pan-Canadian Human Genome Library

The CIHR Institute of Genetics (IG) and Genome Canada are thrilled to partner with the CIHR Institute of Aging (IA), Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH), Institute of Gender and Health (IGH), Institute of Infection and Immunity (III), Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA), Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism, and Diabetes (INMD), CGEn and the Digital Research Alliance of Canada (DRAC) to support the development of a Pan-Canadian Human Genome Library. The development of this national asset will enable all human sequencing efforts to be united for the benefit of all the people living in Canada.

Some details to note:

- The official **launch date is November 1**. The funding opportunity and full application details will be released on that date as well.

- **Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be due no later than 8:00 pm ET on November 8, 2022.** There is no template for the EOI. Instead, interested parties need only send an email to [support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca). The EOI email must have the following subject line: “Pan-Canadian Human Genome Library – EOI. All applicants interested in submitting, participating in and/or joining an application to this call must submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). **Note that this task is mandatory to be eligible to submit a Letter of Intent as a Nominated Principal Applicant.** While there will only be one grant awarded, collaborations are highly encouraged.
- The total amount available for this funding opportunity is **\$15 million**. One team will be funded and collaborations are therefore highly encouraged.
- To facilitate such collaborations, there will be a Collaboration Call Webinar on Nov. 18 (time TBC) at which both CIHR and Genome Canada will share with interested researchers more information about the competition and the vision for the impact of this investment. Anyone who has sent an EOI email will be invited to this webinar.

Reach out to **Jerlene Halliday**, Manager, Sector Innovation at [jhalliday@genomeprairie.ca](mailto:jhalliday@genomeprairie.ca) if you have any questions.

More information about the funding opportunity is also available [here](#).

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