**Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives**

**Research Funding and Support**

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

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**USask Indigenous Research Workshop Series:**
**Dimensions of Ethical Principles in Indigenous Research**

This workshop series is designed to inform the broader USask community about the shifting landscape of Indigenous scholarship and provide broad insights on wise and leading practices for embarking on equitable research “with and by” Indigenous communities. The workshop series is a collaborative effort between USask’s Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives (RASI), Office of the Vice Provost Indigenous Engagement (OVPIE), Research Ethics, Finance, and ConnectionPoint.

**Panel Overview** This current workshop, organized as panel discussion, will describe ethical principles of Indigenous research. The panelists will provide insights through their roles within and working with the Research Ethics Board (REB). Together, the panelists recognize Indigenous research approaches will vary based on many factors. However, they also recognize that the level of action, commitment, and respect for Indigenous community partners must be central to any research program.

**USask Panelists:**
- **Dr. Holly Graham, RN, BA, BScN, MN, PhD, RD, Psychologist**  
  *Indigenous Research Chair in Nursing, Associate Professor, College of Nursing*
- **Dr. Malcolm King, PhD, FCAHS**  
  *Scientific Director of the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research; Professor, Community Health and Epidemiology, College of Medicine*
- **Dr. Robert Henry, PhD**  
  *Assistant Professor, Indigenous Studies, College of Arts and Science*
- **Dr. Gordon McKay, PhD**  
  *Professor Emeritus and Chair, Biomedical Research Ethics Board*

**Panel Moderator:**
Naomi Carriere, Indigenous Research Specialist, RASI

**Learning Objectives** Outcomes of this panel discussion will provide participants with an introduction to the ethical considerations of Indigenous research and provide a context for how the USask Research Ethics Board:
- Identifies submissions that would be considered “Indigenous research”;
- Supports the development of respectful relationships with an Indigenous community or Indigenous partner; and
- Interprets if a meaningful relationship has been achieved with Indigenous communities.

**Virtual Zoom Webinar**
**Date:** 17 May 2022
Time: 1-2:30pm
Register Online

For more information, please visit the RASI website or email rasi.support@usask.ca.

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**Resources for Researchers**

**Webex No Longer Available Starting in May**

As you know, USask has moved to Zoom as our web conferencing solution. As of 4 May Webex is no longer available for meetings.

Once Webex is retired, *recordings made in Webex will no longer be available*, this includes any *research material* that is currently saved on your webex account. If you need to retain Webex recordings, you will need to [download them from Webex](#) and upload to OneDrive **before 03 June 2022**. Questions can be directed to [it.support@usask.ca](mailto:it.support@usask.ca). **Zoom training is also available.**

Who: All researchers that have used Webex

Data Deletion: 03 June 2022

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**Internal Research Programs**

**SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Pilot Program: Call for Applications**

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives invites applications from those interested in participating in our SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (PDG) Pilot Program. SSHRC’s PDGs are a key tool for building academic partnerships, fostering community-engaged research, establishing national and international collaborations, and engaging in research with Indigenous communities.

The pilot program will support a cohort of up to five faculty members who are each planning to apply for a PDG. The cohort will be supported by SSHRC scholars and members of the RASI office and run for approximately 18 months. Participants in the pilot will receive:

- **Up to $20,000 in Spring 2022** to support partnership development activities.
- Peer-support and expert feedback over the ~18-month grant development period. Participants will meet as a group once every two to three months and work together to support one another throughout the application process.
- **Up to $10k in matching funds**, if the application is successful.

**Application Deadline:** 16 May 2022

**Terms of Reference:** [Online](#)

**Application Form:** [Online](#)

Please submit the application form to rasi.support@usask.ca. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Sara Mueller, Senior Research Specialist in RASI, at rasi.support@usask.ca.
Research Junction Development Grant 2022: Call for Proposals

Research Junction is a partnership between the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan to support the development of collaborative research projects that address contemporary urban issues for the benefit of Saskatoon residents. The Research Junction Development Grant will support research projects developed in partnership between a city staff member and a USask researcher.

Available funding: $100,000
Individual grant amount: $10,000 to $30,000
Deadline to apply: 20 May 2022
Competition Details: Online
Application Form: Online

Applications must be submitted to UnivRS by **20 May 2022 at 4:00pm**. All submissions are subject to UnivRS approvals and compliance checks over the following five business days.

Contact Meaghan Risling (~7295) at research.junction@usask.ca to learn more about this opportunity.

New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration 2022 Competition

The 2022 competition for New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) – Exploration has been announced. NFRF – Exploration is a grant that supports research that pushes boundaries into exciting new areas. The goal is to inspire high risk, high reward and interdisciplinary research. Exploration is a **2 year grant with funding up to $125,000 per year**. It is a 2 stage competition.

Notice of Intent: 28 June 2022
Full Application: 13 September 2022

NFRF will be offering 2 webinars. RASI will be hosting viewings of both in person.

**NOI stage webinar**: 27 May 2022, 11am-1pm
**Full application stage webinar**: 19 July 2022, 11am-1pm

To attend RASI’s hosting of the NOI stage webinar, please register [here](#).

RASI will provide additional support for faculty who submit an NOI including:

- Information session with Exploration award recipients and/or reviewers; and
- Internal review of full application.

Please see the [RASI website](#) for more information.
Mitacs Elevate Spring 2022 call for proposals is now open

**Mitacs Elevate** provides critical career and skills training to postdoctoral fellows through real-world collaborations.

This call, we have increased postdoctoral funding from $60,000 per year to $80,000 per year for two-year research projects in key priority sectors. We are accepting proposals in seven thematic areas, including four from last year. The complete list of priority sectors can be found below:

- Agriculture and food
- Artificial intelligence
- Biomanufacturing
- Clean technology
- Entertainment and media
- Quantum science
- Social Innovation

Projects addressing at least one of the key priority sectors above can apply for an enhanced research award valued at **$80,000 per year**.

As an Elevate fellow, you will:

- Manage a long-term collaborative research project with a company or not-for-profit organization
- Receive exclusive professional development training in career fundamentals, interpersonal skills, communication, intrapreneurialism, leadership and management, and much more
- Cultivate cross-disciplinary networks and take advantage of peer-learning opportunities

**Deadline:** 06 July 2022

If you have questions please consult the [website](#).

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**SHRF 2022-2023 Research Connection Grant Deadline Reminder**

10 May is the deadline for submissions for Research Connections activities applications. Any projects related to sharing health research knowledge are invited to apply.

The Research Connections program aims to increase health research relevance, usability and uptake by supporting short-term, targeted, knowledge mobilization (KMb) initiatives taking place in, and having a practical application for, Saskatchewan knowledge users.

**Application Deadline:** 10 May 2022
Funding Start: 31 May 2022

Amount: up to $10,000 in matching funding
Term: 1-year
Objective: To facilitate the sharing of health research knowledge in non-academic mediums or settings

Find full details and focus areas here: shrf.ca/research-connections

If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Cunningham at ccunningham@shrf.ca.

Help CIHR Identify, Remove, and Prevent 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 may also be happening in the health research funding system. Improving accessibility and eliminating systemic ableism is a goal in CIHR’s Strategic Plan. That is why they are co-developing an action plan on accessibility with the CIHR External Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Systemic Ableism.

CIHR would like to learn first-hand from individuals with lived and living experience related to issues of inaccessibility and systemic ableism in the health research funding system. They are offering two ways to connect with them:

Option 1 – Virtual discussion sessions:
CIHR invites people with a disability or health condition that affects how they interact with the health research funding system to participate in virtual discussion sessions. The sessions are open to health researchers, trainees and students, patients, community partners, and users or holders of knowledge related to health research. We welcome all disability identities and experiences, including medical, social, or cultural. The small group virtual sessions will be held in two rounds. In round one (June 2022), participants will talk about issues of ableism and barriers to accessibility in the health research funding system. In round two (July 2022), participants will talk about how CIHR can remove and prevent ableism and barriers to accessibility. Each round will be 90 mins and will have no more than 12 participants. Those who would like to participate in the virtual sessions must complete an expression of interest. The deadline to submit an expression of interest is May 26. Please visit the website for the instructions on submitting an expression of interest, including details about submission options and accommodations.

Option 2 – Survey:
A survey will be launched this summer, to invite input from people with a disability or health condition that affects how they interact with the health research funding system. Experienced allies are also invited to complete the survey. The survey will be available online, in written format including large print Word or PDF documents, audio file, video with ASL and LSQ, and braille, in both official languages. We will send you another email to let you know when the survey launches.

To learn more about the virtual discussion sessions and the survey, including information about accommodations and how to sign up, please visit our website.
If you have any questions, please send an email to edcihr-cirsc.gc.ca.

**NSERC Discovery Horizons**

Discovery Horizons grants support investigator-initiated individual and team projects that broadly integrate or transcend disciplines to advance knowledge in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE). Discovery Horizons grants are expected to be valued from $50K–$100K per year and will be commensurate to the size of the research team. For this pilot year, NSERC is expecting to award approximately 10–20 grants.

**Letter of Intent:** 16 June 2022  
**Full Application:** 18 October 2022

**NSERC Discovery Grants & Subatomic Physics**

This message signals the start of another competition cycle. Researchers who intend to apply for a Discovery Grant (DG), Subatomic Physics Discovery (SAP-DG), Major Resources Support (SAP-MRS), or Category 2 or 3 Research Tools and Instruments (SAP-RTI) in the 2023 competition must submit a Notification of Intent to Apply (NOI) by the deadline date of Tuesday, 02 August 2022, 8:00 pm (ET). You should monitor the status of the NOIs in the Research Portal regularly and follow up with researchers who may have started but not completed the process.

The Early Career Researcher (ECR) option for Discovery Grant extension with funds process will commence in May and the COVID-19 extension with funds process will commence in June.

**NSERC: Launch of the Revised Guidelines on Contributions**

NSERC is pleased to release the revised Guidelines on assessment of contributions to research, training and mentoring. The revised guidelines promote NSERC’s support of research excellence in Canada and incorporate the Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) principles by recognizing a broader range of contributions, including outreach and mentoring, and emphasizing their quality and impacts. The person applying for funding will now be able to select a broader variety of contributions and suitable indicators to demonstrate the impact of their work.

Among other changes, the Guidelines provide examples of forms of contributions as well as quality and impact indicators. They also include updated language around interruptions to research, training and mentorship to reflect current NSERC practice.

Applicants to NSERC’s funding opportunities should review these guidelines and consult the program instructions before applying. This change will encourage a broader range of contributions in grant applications. Questions can be sent at dora@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

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