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Visit the OVPR Grants Calendar for up to date deadlines and events.
Learn more about RASI services online.
NSERC Fall 2022 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 2022 workshop ahead of attending this workshop. Workshop videos are available here.

Date: Wednesday, 28 September 2022
Time: 10-11:30am
Location: Murray 299
Register: Online (Deadline to register: 23 September 2022)

If you are unable to attend in person please contact Research Development Specialist, Manisha Jalla at Manisha.jalla@usask.ca / grants.workshop@usask.ca before noon, 26 September.

SURE: Student Undergraduate Research Experience
SURE is accepting fall 2022 registrations. The SURE program supports students who are interested in entering research positions to work on research skill development. In collaboration with partners across campus, this co-curricular program offers students additional training in communications, research management, and professional development. SURE also offers undergraduate student researchers social connections to other undergrad researchers, including hosting campus-wide Symposia to celebrate undergraduate research. All USask undergraduate students interested in research are welcome!

Register here.

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant – Internal Review/Intention to Apply
The SSHRC Partnership Development Grant deadline is approaching. We encourage you to participate in the Internal Review process. Your proposal will be forwarded to your suggested reviewers as well as your college
research facilitator for their review and comment. This is an opportunity to get some early feedback on your proposal to ensure the strongest possible application.

**Notice of Intention to Apply to Internal Review:** 03 October 2022  
**Agency Deadline:** 15 November 2022

More information, including timelines and the NOI for Internal Review form can be found [here](#).

For questions, please contact Research Development Specialist, Kristina Rissling Olson at grant.review@usask.ca.

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**Resources for Researchers**

**Data Management Workshop**

Tri-Agency funders (SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC) will soon be requiring that researchers manage and share their research data in order to receive funding. In this session, you will learn about data management requirements and expectations, with a focus on how to create a data management plan (DMP). During the session you will create a DMP for your own research project and develop a better understanding of data organization, storage, and sharing throughout the research lifecycle. If you are new to research data management, please watch this [introductory video](#) before attending this session.

**When:** 20 September from 12-1pm  
**Where:** Zoom  
**Register:** [here](#)

For more information, please contact Kevin Read at kevin.read@usask.ca.

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**Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities**

**CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars**

The CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholars program is an opportunity for exceptional early-career researchers in the first five years of a full-time academic position. Selected for their research excellence, advanced communication skills and potential for leadership and impact, Scholars join CIFAR’s network to collaborate across disciplines with some of the world’s leading researchers on important questions facing science and humanity.

Each CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar receives:

- $100,000 CAD in unrestricted research support
- A two-year term in a CIFAR research program, a global, interdisciplinary network of leading researchers
- Mentorship from a senior researcher within a CIFAR research program
- Opportunities to network, collaborate, and form a community with peers from diverse disciplines
- Specialized leadership and communication skills training, and support to put skills into action.
Who is eligible:
Applicants may be based anywhere in the world, must hold a PhD (or equivalent) and be within the first five years of starting a full-time research position at an institution of higher education or research.

Applications from early-career research leaders who can engage with any of the following CIFAR research programs are invited:

- **Boundaries, Membership & Belonging**
- **Brain, Mind & Consciousness**
- **Earth 4D: Subsurface Science & Exploration**
- **Fungal Kingdom: Threats & Opportunities**
- **Innovation, Equity & the Future of Prosperity**

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**Launch of the Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative**

The Government of Canada has launched the [Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative](https://www.canada.ca/en/research-creativity/services/funding-opportunities/cgs-m-loans/pilot-indigenous-scholars.html).

Offered by NSERC and SSHRC, the pilot initiative will provide, to the limit of available funding, a $5,000 supplement to qualifying Indigenous Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master’s program (CGS M) award holders, and provide a $17,500 award and a $5,000 supplement to qualifying Indigenous candidates who are on the waitlist for the CGS M program. Applicants will use the same application form and follow the same application process as for the CGS M competition.

For more details about the initiative, application process and eligibility requirements, consult the funding opportunity description on SSHRC’s [website](https://www.canada.ca/en/research-creativity/services/funding-opportunities/cgs-m-loans/pilot-indigenous-scholars.html).

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**SHRF Solutions Program**

The purpose of the Solutions Program is to support collaborative and engaged research for the development and implementation of innovations to address timely Saskatchewan health needs and create a sustainable impact in a focused area. Teams must include two (2) Saskatchewan-based researchers from different disciplines and (1) Saskatchewan-based knowledge user applicant.

**Funding Available:**

**Impact Grant:** Up to $150,000 for 2 years

Funding for minimum 3 grants available

**Focus Area:**

**Rural and Remote Healthcare**

Every Saskatchewan resident deserves the healthcare they need no matter where they live. Saskatchewan’s unique geography has long presented a challenge to provide access to health care to patients in their community. Furthermore, recruitment and retention of health care providers to rural and remote communities remains an ongoing challenge. Better health outcomes and quality of life for Saskatchewan
families and communities depends on access to safe, integrated, quality health care as close to home as possible.

SHRF and partners have come together to support translational research projects focused on improving access to health care for Saskatchewan’s rural and remote residents.

Both the innovative applications of technology and health human resources, and combined approaches, are timely opportunities for translational research to inform continuous improvement for a responsive, integrated, and efficient health system that puts the patient first.

Offered in partnership with:
- Heart and Stroke
- MS Society of Saskatchewan
- Lung Sask
- Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan
- Royal University Hospital Foundation
- Hospitals of Regina Foundation
- Jim Pattison Children’s Hospital Foundation

There is also funding available for projects in Virtual Care. Principal Applicants can submit only one application to all Solutions calls. Contact the Program Manager, Karen Tilsley (ktilsley@shrf.ca) for questions regarding fit with focus area.

Important Dates
**Eligibility Check Cut-off:** 29 September 2022 at 4:30pm CST
**Application Deadline:** 17 November at 4:30pm CST
**Funding Start:** 01 March 2023

Information Webinar can be viewed online here.

Find full details here: [www.shrf.ca/impact-collective-focus](http://www.shrf.ca/impact-collective-focus)

**CIHR Catalyst Grant: Policy Research for Health System Transformation**

This [CIHR Catalyst Grant](http://cihr-icrhm.gc.ca) supports Policy Research for Health System Transformation grants, including retrospective policy evaluations or prospective policy development/implementation, that generate evidence to inform macro-level policies to support high-performing health care and public health systems in Canada with the aim of advancing the Quadruple Aim – improved population health outcomes, better patient and provider experience, and increased value – and health equity (sometimes referred to as the Quintuple Aim). In addition, it will provide support for a supplemental knowledge mobilization synthesis project to coordinate and lead a synthesis of the policy research approaches used by the policy research teams, of the policy issues and of their findings/options, to support learning across all teams.

**Funding Available:**
Up to $150,000 for 1 year
$2,550,000 is available to fund 17 applications relevant to the Healthcare Workforce pool. $100,000 is available from SHRF to co-fund relevant applications in any pool.

Focus Area:
CIHR & Health Canada – Canadian Healthcare Workforce
In rapid response to the unfolding health human resources (HHR) crisis resulting in compromised access to primary care, community-based care and emergency health services for Canadians and burnout and distress among the workforce, CIHR and Health Canada will support policy research projects aiming to advance evidence-informed policy options, solutions and strategies to address the current HHR crisis and advance any/all of the Quadruple Aim goals and health equity. Applications must use a patient-oriented research (POR) approach and be directly relevant to any of the following four themes identified by the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences’ (CAHS) Assessment on Health Human Resources (please see their website for more details on eligible areas of focus within these four themes):

- Indigenous HHR
- HHR planning and development
- HHR deployment and service delivery
- HHR support and retention

Cross-cutting themes pertinent to all four areas include equity, gender, person-centred care, rural and remote, populations and systems challenges, interdisciplinary approaches and STEEPLE (socio-cultural, technological, economic, environmental/ecological, political, legal, and ethical analyses).

Important Dates
Application Deadline: 04 October 4
Funding Start: 01 March 2023

Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

NSERC Live Q&A Webinars – How to Complete a RTI Application
Due to COVID-19, NSERC is replacing live webinars with pre-recorded videos followed by live Q&A sessions. This series is meant to assist the research community on how to complete an application using the Research Portal and the NSERC Canadian Common CV (CCV). Dates for these upcoming live Q&A sessions are available here.
Please view the pre-recorded videos prior to attending a live Q&A session, as the material presented in the videos will not be repeated.

In order to prepare, please familiarize yourself with the following documents:
- RTI program description which includes the Peer Review Manual and Frequently Asked Questions
- Instructions for Completing an RTI Application

Beginning this year (i.e., competition 2023, with a deadline of October 2022) Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grants applicants and co-applicants who were successful in the previous year’s RTI competition are ineligible to apply for one year. Eligibility will be reinstated the following competition year. This change is being implemented to increase access to the RTI program to the largest number of eligible researchers. This decision, as well as the changes to the selection criteria for this year, are informed by the recent evaluation
of the Discovery research program and the results of the gender-based analysis plus (GBA+) of the RTI program.

Pre-registration is not required to attend the live Q&A sessions. The session will be open 15 minutes in advance for you to review existing questions and submit your questions in advance. Considering the high attendance to these webinars, NSERC staff may not have time to respond to all individual questions during the session.

Any additional questions should be directed to the support team at NSERC Discovery.