Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives

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Internal Research Programs

NSERC USRA 2023 Competition Deadline: 17 January 2023
Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives has announced 17 January 2023 as the deadline for the NSERC USRA 2023 competition.

New for 2023: in addition to Form 202 Part I and II, to be submitted by student and faculty supervisor to the NSERC portal by the deadline, students are asked to craft a (maximum one page) Student Statement of
Interest. This statement should outline research interests, previous research and/or work experience, address any gaps or adversities in the student’s path, and explain the relevance of a research experience to future goals. Submit Statement of Interest and USask student number to undergraduate.research@usask.ca by the deadline.

To support the NSERC 2023 competition, RASI is offering four upcoming information sessions. Please register by clicking on the link.

NSERC Overview at USask: a review of the guidelines, processes, and timelines for the 2023 NSERC USRA competition. There will be two sessions of which both have the same information.

**Date:** Tues, 15 November 2022 at noon  
**Where:** Thorv 124  
**Register:** [here](#)

**Date:** Wed, 23 November 2022 at 12:30pm  
**Where:** Thorv 159  
**Register:** [here](#)

NSERC USRA Student Statement of Intent: an explanation of the NEW FOR 2023 one page Student Statement of Intent.

**Date:** Mon, 28 November 2022 at 11:30am  
**Where:** Thorv 159  
**Register:** [here](#)

Elements of an Excellent NSERC USRA Application: proposed research project and student role. *This session is designed for faculty.*

**Date:** Mon, 05 December 2022 at 3:30pm  
**Where:** Thorv 110  
**Register:** [here](#)

If you have any questions, please email Merle Massie, Coordinator, Undergraduate Research Initiatives at merle.massie@usask.ca or undergraduate.research@usask.ca.

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**Allergic Airways Innovation Grant**

The objective of the Allergic Airways Disease Innovation Grant is to fund innovative research of a "high-risk, high-reward" nature that will have impact on the prevention or treatment of allergic airways disease.
There are three awards available for a **maximum value of $85,000 each.**

**Eligibility**

- The award must be held at a Canadian university or research institute defined as an [eligible institution](#) by CIHR.
- Project must fall within [CAAIF’s mission](#) and the mandate of the [CIHR-ICRH](#).
- An applicant must hold an academic position (as a primary appointment), at a CIHR eligible institution, which allows the individual to engage in independent research activities for the duration of the project and includes the ability to supervise trainees and publish research results. The Nominated Principal Applicant must have their [substantive role in Canada](#) for the duration of the award.
- For research applications involving Indigenous Peoples, at least one applicant must self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit or Métis) or provide evidence of meaningful and culturally safe involvement with Indigenous Peoples.
- The applicant must have successfully completed one of the [sex- and gender-based analysis training modules](#) available online through the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health and have submitted a Certificate of Completion.

**Application Deadline:** 16 January 2023  
**Adjudication:** February 2023  
**Notice of Decision:** March 2023  
**Start Date:** 01 March 2023

For more details about this grant, please click [here](#).

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**2023 Innovation in IBD Grant Competition**

[Innovations in IBD](#) funds novel or innovative approaches to IBD research which may not be encompassed within the boundaries of traditional medical research. Grants to a **maximum of $50,000 for one year** may be awarded.

Crohn's and Colitis Canada invites applications for an Innovations Grant, to fund novel or innovative approaches to IBD research. This grant is intended to stimulate and support research which may not be encompassed within the boundaries of traditional medical research. Research proposals must conform to sound principles of research and may aim to collect pilot data for follow-on application(s). The organization seeks mission relevance and excellence as well as innovation.

**Application Due:** Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at 5pm (ET)

If you have any questions, please contact [research@crohnsandcolitis.ca](mailto:research@crohnsandcolitis.ca).
NSERC Alliance Grants Option 2 Updates

Alliance grants encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations, which can be from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. These grants support research projects led by strong, complementary, collaborative teams that will generate new knowledge and accelerate the application of research results to create benefits for Canada.

Research supported by Alliance grants will
- generate new knowledge and/or technology to address complex challenges
- create economic, social and/or environmental benefits
- contribute to Canada’s long-term competitiveness
- support public policy
- train new researchers in areas that are important to Canada and to the partner organizations
- draw on diverse perspectives and skill sets to accelerate the translation and application of research results

Projects supported under cost-sharing option 2 grants will also
- address a societal challenge that will result in new natural sciences and engineering knowledge and societal impact
- bring together academic, partner organization and societal perspectives and skill sets throughout the collaboration
- demonstrate how all interested individuals will learn about and use the products, services or policies that stem from this research

As of 10 November 2022, the funding limit request for Alliance Option 2 projects will increase to $1,000,000 per year. Additionally, there will no longer be a limit on the number of applications that researchers can submit.

If you have any questions, please contact alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

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