

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives



Research Funding and Support

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

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Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

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

Pre-Announcement: Genome Canada Funding Call

Genome Canada is preparing a funding call for Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and Emerging Pathogens (EP) surveillance. The launch date is TBD and high-level details include:

- \$7 million towards water monitoring: This includes the integration of surveillance systems across Canada as well as an Indigenous community-led initiative on genomic surveillance in northern/Indigenous populations.

- \$2 million towards the development of a pan-Canadian Data Centre: This includes the adoption and creation of new technologies designed to help harmonize, standardize, analyze, visualize and share water genomic surveillance data as well as policy, legal and ethical considerations around data sharing.
- \$0.5 million towards genomics in society implementation work: This ensures that the data collected and analyzed is used to refine best practices, strategies and decisions that inform public health and policy decisions in Canada.
- \$0.5 million towards international collaboration: This ensures that Canada is leading global discussions on water genomics surveillance, in particular around data standards, harmonization and sharing.

Additional information is available [online](#).

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CGPS Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's workshop

The College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies will hold workshops on the Tri-Agency Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's (CGSM) on **Friday October 28, 2022**. The workshop will be divided into two parts:

Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's - 11:00am-12:00pm

- Welcome
- Eligibility requirements for CGSM
- Guest student speaker Joshua Katz, SSHRC CGSM recipient
- How to apply
- Common errors
- Q&A

Canada Graduate Scholarship-Master's Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Initiative - 1:00pm-2:00pm

- Welcome
- Eligibility requirements for CGSM and Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Initiative
- Guest student speaker Sydney Kuppenbender, Indigenous graduate student and SSHRC CGSM recipient
- Guest speaker Kim Fraser-Saddleback, Indigenous Graduate Student Initiatives Coordinator
- How to apply
- Common errors
- Q&A

The workshop will be held on Microsoft Teams. If you wish to register for it, please complete [the registration form](#) and submit by **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 8:00am**. The link for the meeting will be sent to you on the afternoon of October 26th. Please note that registration is not required but will give us an idea of the topics that you want us to cover.

If you are not able to attend, the workshop will be recorded and will be available on CGPS' PAWS page.

If you have any questions, please contact us at gradstudies.awards@usask.ca.

Call for applications: Science Meets Parliament 2023

The Canadian Science Policy Centre in partnership with Canada's Chief Science Advisor Dr. Mona Nemer is pleased to announce the application period for Science Meets Parliament 2023 is now open. New this year, Science Meets Parliament is expanding its eligibility criteria to include current Banting Postdoctoral Fellows affiliated with a Canadian university.

Science Meets Parliament is an annual event that offers scientists working in Canada a unique opportunity to develop their understanding of the parliamentary process, to explore their role in modern political decision-making, and experience a day behind the scenes on Parliament Hill to meet with MPs and Senators, attend House and Senate committee meetings, discuss scientific research, and become familiar with the political process.

Topics covered during Science Meets Parliament include:

- Science Policy 101
- Science Communication and Media
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Dimensions and applications in Academia, Government, and Policy
- Science to Policy I: Principles of Evidence-based Decision Making
- Science to Policy II: Policy Making in Parliament
- Science to Policy III: Policy Making in Bureaucracy

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your researchers and Canada Research Chairs. The Science Meets Parliament committee will be hosting a virtual information session on **October 26th, 12:00-1:00 PM ET**, to introduce the program and answer any questions you may have. [Please register here](#).

For eligibility and how to submit your application, please [visit the application page on the CPSC website](#).

Background

CSPC and Canada's Chief Science Advisor organized the first Science Meets Parliament in 2018 and then a second iteration in 2021. Nearly 60 researchers from all branches of natural science, social science, and engineering came together in Ottawa for workshops and training as well as to experience firsthand the role of science in parliamentary processes. Feedback from Delegates and Parliamentarians declared the program a resounding success.

Eligibility

Please note, SMP 2023 is only open to:

- A current Tier II Canada Research Chair affiliated with a Canadian academic research institution (announced no later than November 30, 2022).
- A current Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, affiliated with a Canadian academic research institutions.
- An Independent Indigenous researcher.

We hope to open the application process to researchers from all career stages in future years. CSPC reserves the right to nominate researchers from Indigenous communities in order to ensure equitable representation in this program.

Please note, eligible USask researchers considering applying should contact Sarath Peiris (sarath.peiris@usask.ca), Research Profile and Impact, to see what support may be available to them.

NSERC-CNSC Small Modular Reactors Research Grant Initiative

The NSERC-CNSC Small Modular Reactors Research Grant Initiative is intended to support activities that will

- increase the scientific information available to support regulatory decision-making and oversight
- increase capacity to regulate SMRs
- enhance the capabilities of Canadian universities to undertake research related to SMRs
- increase training and help produce a new generation of nuclear scientists, engineers and policy-makers

The total anticipated budget for this initiative is \$15 million over five years. Individual proposals should not exceed \$120,000 per year over their initial one-to-three-year duration.

The application deadline is 13 December 2022 and more information can be found here:

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Innovate-Innover/CNSC-CCSN_eng.asp

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

SHRF 2022-2023 Align Grant Now Accepting Applications

The Align Grant aims to enable a diverse and connected research community in Saskatchewan that is well-positioned to receive peer-reviewed funding and conduct impactful research aligned with Saskatchewan needs

Applications to this funding opportunity must address the following objectives:

- 1) Increase research relevance, coordination, and potential for impact by:
 - a. Enabling development and engagement of robust interdisciplinary research teams, including stakeholders* outside academia.
 - b. Providing funding to complete activities that shape research to align with the Saskatchewan context and respond to Saskatchewan needs.
- 2) Increase quality and success of Saskatchewan applications to peer-reviewed funding competitions at the regional (e.g.; western Canadian- minimum two provinces), national and international level, as well as to SHRF.
- 3) Support the development of Saskatchewan research and health professional trainees through opportunities to gain experience in collaborative team building and engagement outside academia, co-development of research questions and approaches, and other research and professional skills related to proposed activities.

Opportunity Details

Amount: up to \$10,000. Values requested must be reflective of a justified and fiscally responsible budget and in balance with the expected deliverables and outcomes of the proposed activities.

Term: 1 year

Purpose: Enable a diverse and connected research community in Saskatchewan that is well-positioned to receive peer-reviewed funding and conduct impactful research aligned with Saskatchewan needs.

Important Dates

Application Deadline: **December 6, 2022 – 4:30 p.m. CST**

Funding Start: **January 15, 2022**

Information Webinar: [Watch here>](#)

Find full details here: <https://www.shrf.ca/align>

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Policy clarification in CIHR's Application Administration Guide

At a recent University Delegates Advisory Council meeting, it was noted that CIHR policy is not clear on the eligibility of trainees (graduate students and post-doctoral fellows) to both participate as co-applicants on a CIHR grant and be paid from that same grant. This is permitted by CIHR; a “trainee” may become ineligible for support from a CIHR grant only in the rare circumstance where they themselves are the recipient of an agency grant (as the Nominated Principal Applicant). The principle behind this policy is that agency grants are not meant to support individuals who conduct research independently as part of their professional endeavors, we consider this to be their employer’s responsibility. This same principle underlies the compensation eligibility requirements included in the [Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration](#), but the guide is not explicit about using grant funds to compensate those participating on the applicant team.

Accordingly, some revisions have been made to the CIHR Application Administration Guide to bring more clarity to this issue: the co-applicant text has been updated and a new section 3.6: Compensation Eligibility, has been added. The relevant sections are here:

- <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50805.html#g-3>
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