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### Invitation To Attend: CFI 2025 Innovation Fund (IF) – Pitch & Networking Event

If you are interested in attending the pitch event to hear about the different research projects potentially coming to USask, please [RSVP here](#) by 15 January 2024 so that we can confirm catering.

**Pitch & Networking Event Details:**

- **Date:** 22 January 2024
- **Time:** 1:30 pm-4:30 pm
- **Location:** Convocation Hall (PMB 120)

Please note that pitch registration is now closed.

**Competition Information:**

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has announced the **2025 Innovation Fund (IF)** program. The Innovation Fund aims to build capacity in infrastructure and personnel, allowing researchers to remain at the forefront of exploration and knowledge generation. The CFI IF program supports the development of large-scale, unique, and cutting-edge facilities that can accelerate future research in your field of study for many years.

Through this competition, CFI will invest up to ~$400 million in infrastructure and fund up to 40% of the project’s eligible costs. CFI will also provide up to ~$120 million in associated operating and maintenance costs through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF).

Interested research teams will pitch their research idea/concept to senior USask leadership, allowing them to receive high-level strategic feedback and spark excitement around their research at the highest level.

Learn more about USask’s [2025 IF Competition Timeline](#).

More information can be found on our [RASI-CFI website](#). Immediate questions can be directed to rasi.support@usask.ca.

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### Pathways to Equity: 2024 Workshop on Housing Insecurity, Renter Equity & Homelessness in Saskatchewan

Hosted by the [Pathways to Equity](#) Working Group, this workshop will bring together researchers, students, community members and service providers to connect, learn and inform. The event will feature local experts
Colleen Christopherson-Cote and Debbie McGraw as keynote speakers, a Saskatchewan-based research panel discussion, and interactive, community-led break-out discussions.

**Event Details:**
- **Date:** 29 January 2024
- **Time:** 8:30am-3:30pm
- **Location:** Station 20 West, 1120 20th Street W, Saskatoon
- **Cost:** Free, lunch and refreshments provided
- **Register:** [here](#)
- **Registration Deadline:** 8 January 2024

Faculty, students, and community partners are all welcome to attend! For more information, please contact pathways.equity@usask.ca.

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**CCS/Hecht Foundation Disruptive Innovation Grants in Cancer Research**

The Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) and the Lotte and John Hecht Memorial Foundation (Hecht Foundation) are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a new funding opportunity, the **CCS/Hecht Foundation Disruptive Innovation Grants in Cancer Research**. These grants will provide a unique opportunity for researchers in cancer, or any other field or discipline, to test out their novel ideas for potentially game-changing impact in cancer prevention, detection or treatment. Disruptive Innovation grants will be bold, high risk/high reward, early-stage projects for which preliminary data is not required. Projects will be rated on their novelty, feasibility and potential impact in the cancer field.

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Up to $4M is available for this funding opportunity, enough to fund **up to 16 projects to be awarded $250k over two years**. Funding can be applied to generating pilot data for a new and exciting idea, establishing, and developing new collaborations where appropriate, testing a new technology/intervention, or using an existing technology/intervention in an innovative way.

- **LOI Due Deadline:** 21 March 2024
- **Full Application Deadline:** 01 August 2024
Call for Proposals for the Sustainable Development Goals Funding Program

The Government of Canada is working together with its national and international partners to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to build a more peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous world. At the heart of the 2030 Agenda are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that aim to address today’s most pressing social, economic and environmental challenges, including poverty, inequality and climate change. To support these goals, they are supporting the Sustainable Development Goals Funding Program.

Financial assistance will be provided to eligible recipients in the form of grants or contributions. A total of approximately $3.5 million per year for three years will be allocated for this round of funding. The expected results of this call for proposal are to fund projects that will increase public awareness of the SDGs, particularly within equity-deserving groups or individuals in vulnerable populations, as well as to measure and report on the SDGs at the community level.

This funding opportunity aims to support the federal government’s implementation of the 2030 Agenda by strengthening partnerships and engagement with Canadians. Organizations are invited to apply for funding for projects that:

- aim to localize SDGs in communities, to adapt, employ and monitor progress of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the local level and to measure and report on the SDGs;
- increase public awareness and share best practices or lessons learned that support and enhance Canada’s progress on the 2030 Agenda, particularly within equity-deserving groups and groups or individuals in vulnerable situations;
- foster new and established partnerships bridging efforts across sectors;
- foster and integrate Indigenous and local knowledge into approaches and efforts; and
- explore new and innovative approaches and investment for SDGs.

The call for proposals is open until 12 January 2024 at 11:59pm (PST). Applicants are encouraged to submit online. For details on how to apply, visit the grant and contribution pages.

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Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 19 December 2023 CIHR Access Newsletter:

- Year-end message from CIHR’s acting president
- Meet the recipients of the 2023 Personnel Awards for Black Scholars
- Applications for the 2024 Glenda MacQueen Award are now open
- Call for nominations: CIHR HIV/AIDS and STBBI Research Advisory Committee
- $1.5 Million Investment for Trainees in Cancer Research
- An arthritis treatment may bring health benefits to people with a rare inherited disease

Funding Opportunities:

- Healthy Cities Research Initiative – Planning Grants for Implementing Healthy Urban Policy
• Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) Network Catalyst Grants
• Catalyst Grants for the 2023 Chief Public Health Officer Report
• Catalyst Grants: STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C
• New – Operating Grants: National Women’s Health Research Initiative Innovation Fund
• Health System Impact Fellowship

View these and other opportunities in the CIHR Funding Opportunity Database.

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NSERC Contact Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the latest NSERC Contact Newsletter:

• NSERC Prizes 2023
• NSERC announces improvements to Alliance grant program
• NSERC and the French National Research Agency (ANR) launch a new partnership to support collaborative research projects in quantum computing hardware and software
• NSERC-German Research Foundation (DFG) collaboration supports 16 innovative projects on Sustainable Processes and Chemistry
• Ad hoc panel to inform guidance on the use of generative artificial intelligence in the development and review of research proposals
• Open Access Policy: Summary of survey results released
• NSERC’s Accessibility Plan
• NSERC announces Sabrina Rondeau as the winner of the NSERC and L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science supplement

Funding Opportunities

• The research image contest Science Exposed is back!
• The College and Community Social Innovation Fund competition is now open
• Applied Research Tools and Instruments grants 2023 competition now open

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International Opportunities and Updates

Canadian Researchers Can Now Access Horizon Europe Fundings as “Associate Country Partners”

Horizon Europe is the European Commission (EC)’s latest research and innovation framework program. With a budget of €95.5 billion over seven years (2021 to 2027), it is the largest research and innovation funding program in the world. Negotiations between the European Commission and the Canadian government concluded in November 2023 with an agreement that Canada will associate to the second pillar of the programme. Both Canada and the EC have begun their respective procedures towards signature and provisional application of the Agreement for Canada’s association.
The EC has confirmed that as of December 4, 2023, Canadian researchers are considered “associate country participants” within Pillar II of Horizon Europe. As such Canadians can apply as beneficiaries and receive grants DIRECTLY from the EC once provisional application begins, likely Q3 2024. Given application processing timeframes, Canadians are strongly encouraged to APPLY NOW to be considered in the review period in 2024.

For most calls for proposals from Horizon Europe, one must apply as a team of at least three partner organizations with at least one partner from an EU country and two partners from different EU or associated countries. As Canada is now considered an “associate country participant”, Canadian researchers will count towards this minimum eligibility criteria to have a consortium. See General Conditions for additional information.

Pillar II is the largest part of Horizon Europe, with a budget of €53.5 billion for collaborative research on global challenges and industrial competitiveness. There are 6 clusters under Pillar II:

Cluster 1. Health
Cluster 2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
Cluster 3. Civil Security for Society
Cluster 4. Digital, Industry and Space
Cluster 5. Climate, Energy and Mobility
Cluster 6. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

To learn more about Horizon Europe, please visit here.
To watch videos officially provided by Horizon Europe, please visit here.
To search for Call for Proposals under Horizon Europe, please visit here.

French Embassy in Canada: The Mourou-Strickland Program
The Mourou-Strickland Mobility Program is an initiative designed by the French Embassy in Canada. Its aim is to foster research collaboration between France and Canada and encourage the discovery of specific research and innovation ecosystems in both countries.

The program is open to:
- Researchers from Canada who are interested in traveling to France to explore the French ecosystem.
- Researchers from France who are interested in traveling to Canada to explore the Canadian ecosystem.

The Mourou-Strickland Mobility Program provides seed-money funding to encourage new cross-border bilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange. It could leverage new projects with the perspective of setting up a consortium to apply to the Horizon Europe program, which is now accessible to researchers from Canada. Program Page: https://francecanadaculture.org/mourou-strickland-mobility-program/

Candidates must:
- Have a permanent or tenure-track position.
- Be affiliated with a Canadian university (outside of Quebec) or a French university or institution.

Funding:
- 1 round-trip economy-class flight Canada-France or France-Canada
- A contribution towards subsistence costs (5 daily allowances)

**Internal deadline:** 19 January 2024  
**External deadline:** 4 February 2024 at 23h59 (PST)

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**Mitacs: Globalink Research Award Co-Funding Stream**

The Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) is a Mitacs program that supports research collaborations between Canada and higher education institutions in eligible countries and regions. Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor, successful senior undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive an award of CAD 6,000; however, Mitacs only pays $4,000 of the award, and USask must contribute $2,000 toward the award. Faculty will be responsible for contributing the $2,000. Additional support above the co-pay is allowed and is encouraged for projects that will be longer than 3 months. **Tri-Agency grants are not eligible to be used for this program.**

Travel to Canada or from Canada can be supported, and successful student applicants notified by Mitacs have up to 12 months to execute their 12-24 week research abroad projects, which may include up to 25% time spent at the home institution. International students are eligible if their research destinations are different from their home countries. This new funding stream supports collaborations between USask and ANY universities in eligible countries. The full list of eligible countries can be found in Section “Other eligible countries and regions” under the tab “About” on the [Mitacs website](#).

**To apply:** Please submit this preliminary application to the International Office, international.office@usask.ca, by **9 February 2024**. The USask internal faculty application form can be found [here](#). If successful, please submit the full application through UnivRS by **22 March 2024** for institutional signature to submit to Mitacs via its new online portal by **31 March 2024**. USask quota: maximum 25 applications.

**Funding amount:** $6,000 ($4,000 from Mitacs & $2,000 as co-funding from USask)  
**Maximum total project duration:** 12 to 24 weeks  
**Internal deadline:** 9 February 2024  
**External deadline:** 31 March 2024

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**Global Affairs Canada (GAC): Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP); Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED); Study in Canada Scholarships (SICS)**

International Student Scholarship Programs (ELAP, SEED, and SiCS) funded through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) are accepting applications from international students for short-term study or research at a Canadian university. If you are interested to support a graduate student application to one of these programs, please review the ‘How to Apply’ section, take note of the quotas in each program, as well as the deadlines [here](#).

These International Visiting Research Student Scholarship Programs allow students to come to USask for a period of four to six months and provide scholarships ranging from approximately $8,200 – $12,700.
CAD. Scholarship funds cover international student expenses such as visa and/or study/work permit fees; airfare for the scholarship recipient via the most direct and economical route; health insurance; living expenses, such as accommodation, utilities, and food; ground transportation, including a public transportation pass; and books and supplies required for the recipient’s study or research, excluding computers and other equipment.

How to Apply (International Graduate Student Applications):

Preliminary Stage 1 – Preliminary Deadline: 19 January 2024. The student applicant in consultation with the USask host supervisor must complete the respective ‘2024 Application Form’ in its entirety and email it to the International Office (IO) at international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible and no later than 19 January 2024.

Invited and Submission Stage 2 – February & March 2024

The IO will provide an Invitation to Submit confirmation by email in February 2024. Only applicants invited to submit will move forward to full submission. No changes in the core application content (i.e., research project and activities, graduate student applicant or USask host supervisor) are permitted after an invitation to submit is issued. Invited applicants must then email the International Office the finalized application form and all required supporting documents by March 8, 2024. The International Office will make the final submission on the applicants’ behalf through our institutional portal, by the funder deadline – likely in late March (exact agency deadline to be announced by the funder). Applicants and their USask host supervisor will be notified once the submission is completed.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss a potential international graduate application, please do not hesitate to contact the International Office at international.office@usask.ca.

Funding amount: CAD$8,200 – $12,700
Project duration: four to six months
Preliminary Stage 1 deadline: 19 January 2024
Invited and Submission Stage 2 deadline: 8 March 2024

Global Affairs Canada: The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – El Salvador (2024)

The Embassy of Canada to El Salvador is pleased to launch its annual call for proposals for the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) 2024-25. The CFLI is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners. Projects are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian embassy or high commission. The CFLI also serves to support positive bilateral relations between Canada and recipient countries and their civil societies, by deepening contacts and supporting local endeavours.

Thematic priorities

All projects must align with at least one of the following CFLI thematic priorities globally:

- Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.
- Environment & climate action, focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.
Peace and security, with a focus on conflict prevention and peace building.

More on the program can be found [here](#).

**Funding amount:** CAN $30,000 to $40,000 Canadian Dollars (CAD$100,000 is the maximum allocation amount for a project eligible under CFLI)

**Project duration:** All projects must be completed between the date of signature of the Contribution Agreement and 28 February 2025

**Internal deadline:** 17 January 2024

**External deadline:** 31 January 2024 at 23:59 GMT-6

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**Antarctic Wildlife Research (AWR): 10th Call for Proposals**

The Antarctic Wildlife Research Fund (hereafter AWR) wishes to contribute to and support the work of Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) so that the Antarctic krill fishery is managed in a manner consistent with the precautionary approach. It is envisaged that any research and monitoring work supported by the AWR will build, incrementally, towards a new management approach for the krill fishery. Funded work should therefore support, rather than replace, the work of CCAMLR. In developing research proposals for consideration by the AWR, it is hoped that projects will be collaborative in nature, including between scientists from different CCAMLR Members, between scientists and krill fishing companies and between government and non-governmental scientists.

Each grant will be for a specific piece of work, and no long-term commitment to any individual or group should be assumed. The AWR is competitive and only proposals that are judged to provide excellent science and to fit the aims of the fund will be considered. Applicants should ensure that their proposals are cost effective, and cost-sharing is encouraged when possible. Where appropriate, the track record of project proponents will be taken into consideration. The inclusion of students or early career scientists is encouraged. All proposals should be presented on the official project application form. More information can be found [here](#).

**Funding amount:** USD $25,000 to USD $90,000

**Internal deadline:** 22 March 2024

**External deadline:** 5 April 2024

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**U.S. Agency for International Development: Development Innovation Ventures**

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) invites applications for the Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) program. Through a year-round grant competition, DIV sources proposals for innovations that address international development challenges and improve the lives of people living in poverty in developing countries around the world. DIV provides tiered funding to pilot, test, and transition to scale (i.e., grow to reach the highest number of beneficiaries possible) those innovations that demonstrate evidence of impact, cost-effectiveness, and the potential to scale.

DIV funds four types of grants. Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3 grants follow a tiered approach that aligns the funding amount to the strength of the evidence of impact, cost-effectiveness, and scalability of the proposed
innovation. Evidence Generation grants are reserved for rigorous evaluations of already scaled or scaling development solutions that lack sufficient rigorous evidence of impact and cost-effectiveness.

DIV recognizes that innovation can take multiple forms. Some examples of development innovations that DIV may support include the following:

- New technologies;
- New ways of delivering or financing goods or services;
- New business models;
- Cost-effective adaptations to existing solutions;
- New ways of increasing uptake of highly effective solutions, including replication and scaling to new places;
- Policy innovations;
- Social or behavioral innovations based on insights from behavioral science; and
- Data collection and rigorous evaluation to measure the social impacts of promising innovations.

Read more here

Funding amount: from USD $25,000 (award floor) to USD $15,000,000 (award ceiling)
Internal deadline: two weeks prior the external submission
External deadline: throughout the year till 1 November 2024