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Visit the OVPR Grants Calendar for up to date deadlines and events. Learn more about RASI services online.

Internal Research Programs

NSERC Discovery Grants and Research Tools and Instruments Grants, Oct/Nov 2023
application: Internal Review/Intention to Apply

If you are applying for a NSERC Discovery Grants (DG) and/or Research Tools and Instruments Grants (RTI) this year, we would 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. You may also share the proposal directly with them. This is an opportunity to get some early feedback on your proposal to ensure the strongest possible application. Only applicants who participate in the Internal Review process are eligible to apply for President’s NSERC Funding (please note that Internal Review of your Discovery Grant application is required to be eligible to apply for President’s NSERC Funding).

Intention to Apply and Request for Internal Review Deadline: 25 July 2023

Agency Deadlines:
01 Aug 2023: Notification of Intent to Apply for Discovery Grant
25 Oct 2023: Research Tools and Instruments Grants
01 Nov 2023: Discovery Grant

Resources:
- Timeline NSERC DG and RTI Nov 2023 (usask.ca)
- NSERC-DG-RTI-Intention-to-Apply-Request-for-Internal-Review (usask.ca)
- additional-information-2023.pdf (usask.ca)

For more information, please contact Research Development Specialist, Elmira Jafarieh Yazdi at grant.review@usask.ca.

Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

MITACS Elevate Updates

Mitacs Elevate is a postdoctoral fellowship with an exclusive professional development curriculum component. Fellows address complex challenges through:

- A one or two-year research project with a partner organization in need of high-level expertise
A professional development curriculum that prepares Elevate fellows for success as leaders in research and industry

Fellows progress through the program in a cohort, giving them cross-disciplinary networking and peer-learning opportunities they might not have otherwise in their careers. Over the one or two-year fellowship, fellows divide their time between their partner organization's project and academic institution-based research with their academic supervisor.

The Elevate program offers:
1. **An award valued at $60,000 per year** with a minimum stipend of $55,000
   - Partner organization contributes $30,000 per year
2. An exclusive professional development curriculum
3. Proposal assistance, including application feedback, from a Mitacs Advisor
4. Certificate of completion after receipt of their exit survey and final report submission

The program will now be open all year round. It will also offer:
- No more deadlines
- A more efficient and accessible application process
- Increased award to $60K/year in funding
- Open to all sectors and disciplines

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities**

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy Webinar**

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) have announced the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy, which aims to raise the profile of social sciences and humanities research in sustainable agriculture and contribute to Canada’s ambitions involving climate and the environment by facilitating the flow and exchange of research knowledge through research collaboration and development of training activities.

The goal is to establish a research network to enhance social sciences and humanities research capacity in universities; in the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors; and in communities to fill knowledge gaps and expand the discourse for effective decision making on agri-environmental investments and actions.

This grant is valued at up to $300,000 for the first two years, up to $400,000 for the third and fourth years, and up to $600,000 for the last year for an overall **total maximum of $2 million over five years**.

SSHRC will be holding two webinars for those seeking further details regarding this funding opportunity:

**English session**
**Tuesday, 6 June 2023, 1pm (EDT)**
[Link to Webinar]
Webinar number (access code): 2341 786 5578
Password: SSHRC2023

French session
Wednesday, 7 June 2023, 1pm (EDT)
Link to Webinar
Webinar number (access code): 2339 969 5386
Password: CRSH2023

If you are interested but unable to attend a session, feel free to contact rasi.support@usask.ca; we would be happy to share the slides once we receive them.

International Opportunities and Updates

Global Affairs Canada: Resilient Health Systems for All - Concept Notes
The Resilient Health Systems for All Call is a 2-stage application process contributing to Canada’s 10-Year Commitment to Global Health and Rights. As a first step, eligible organizations are invited to submit Concept Notes that describe how their projects will sustainably strengthen and build the resilience of health systems in low and middle-income countries (LMICs), particularly at the community and primary health care facility levels. More details can be found here.

Note: As per the call for proposals, each eligible Canadian entity may submit only one (1) institutional application for a multi-year project. The USask International Office, in consultation with other units, will coordinate submission of proposals for this call through an internal selection process. Please inform the International Office international.office@usask.ca about your interest in submission no later than 12 June 2023.

Two funding envelopes:
1. Up to $250,000,000 for Health Systems Strengthening
   - Estimated number of projects to be funded: 8-20
   - Size of project(s): from $10,000,000 and up to $30,000,000
2. Up to $50,000,000 for Testing Promising Approaches to Health System Strengthening
   - Estimated number of projects to be funded: 5-8
   - Size of project(s): from $5,000,000 and up to $10,000,000

External deadline: 29 June 2023 at 10am CST (Saskatoon time)
Note: To ensure that technical difficulties do not prevent you from submitting your concept note on time, GAC strongly suggests that the application should be submitted at least 3 working days before the deadline.
Internal deadline to apply: 12 June 2023

US Department of Defense (DOD): FY23 Vision Research Program (VRP)
The goal of the Vision Research Program is to transform visual system trauma care for our Armed Forces and the nation. Eye injury accounted for approximately 15% of all injuries from battlefield trauma sustained during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Applications to the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Vision Research Program (VRP) are being solicited by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 4001 (10 USC 4001). The execution management agent for this program announcement is the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC). There are various mechanisms under this call.

Available funding: Varies
Pre-application deadlines: Varies
Full application deadlines: Varies
Internal deadlines: two weeks prior to full application deadlines.

US Department of Defense (DOD): FY23 Hearing Restoration Research Program (HRRP)
A survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found 15% of adults aged 18 and over had some degree of hearing loss, making it the third most common chronic physical condition in the United States. To maximize impact and return, the Hearing Restoration Research Program will prioritize investments in research that overcome major scientific obstacles to hearing restoration. Currently, no drug has been approved by the FDA to treat hearing loss associated with sensory, neural, synaptic, or central auditory dysfunction. Although significant progress has been made in the molecular and cellular understanding of hearing loss and regeneration mechanisms in the inner ear, the majority of research is preclinical.

Available funding: Varies by research level
Pre-Application (Letter of Intent) deadline: 15 August 2023 at 5pm (ET)
Application deadline: 01 September 2023 at 11:59pm (ET)
Internal application deadline: 18 August 2023

Velux Stiftung Forestry Call for Proposals 2023: Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity into the Forest Management of the Future
This call for proposals in forestry is focused on developing or integrating solutions for adapting to or mitigating climate change, promoting biodiversity, providing resilient ecosystems services while supplying sustainable forest products. We’re also seeking proposals that incentivize action and behavioral change, transforming the theoretical and abstract values of forest products and services. More details can be found here.

Available funding: CHF100,000 per year
Project duration: 1 to 4 years
External deadline: 23 September 2023
Internal deadline to apply: 08 September 2023
Impactful community leaders: Women Techmakers

The Women Techmakers Ambassador program supports women in technology who are looking to create impact and give back to their communities. As an Ambassador, you’ll engage with your community by participating in one or more leadership activities on a quarterly basis. Ambassadors receive support from Google and the larger Ambassador community.

**External deadline to apply:** 30 June 2023  
**Internal deadline:** 16 June 2023

Research on Interventions to advance Women in Economics in the Global South: IEA

The International Economic Association (IEA) is calling for well-defined research proposals that will generate evidence on “what works” i.e., what interventions are effective and successful in lowering the gender gap in economics. There is increasing recognition of the fact that the entire economics profession is marked by inadequate representation of women. IEA will prioritize research proposals that focus on any of these seven countries: Argentina, Colombia, Ghana, India, Mexico, Senegal, and South Africa. More details can be found [here](#).

**Available funding:** US$15,000 to 25,000 over two years.  
**External deadline:** 30 June 2023  
**Internal deadline to apply:** 16 June 2023

International Climate Initiative (IKI) Medium Grants 2023

The IKI Medium Grants are entering their fourth round and are looking for ideas for deforestation-free supply chain projects and piloting sub-national decarbonization initiatives around the world. IKI Medium Grants support project activities that address innovative, bottom-up contributions to implementing the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Together with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection (BMWK) has launched a new call for funding for small-scale projects, with proposals being sought for projects in developing and emerging countries.

**Available funding:** EUR 8,000,000 to fund 12 projects  
**Grants per project:** EUR 300,000 to EUR 800,000  
**External deadline:** 04 July 2023 at 12pm (CEST)  
**Internal deadline to apply:** 20 June 2023

US NIH: Accelerating Behavioral and Social Science through Ontology Development and Use: Research Network Projects (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
The rapid expansion in the quantity and complexity of data in Behavioral and Social Science Research (BSSR) presents considerable challenges in our ability to structure, mine, standardize, and integrate information within and across health domains. This funding opportunity invites applications to support research projects focused on the expansion of existing or development of new ontologies for behavioral or social science research (BSSR). The research projects must include multi-disciplinary teams of subject matter experts in one or more BSSR fields, as well as ontology related informatics and computational approaches. Projects should address health-related behavioral and social science problems not easily solved without improvement in semantic knowledge structures. More details can be found here.

Available funding: Varies
Letter of Intent Due Date: 03 September 2023
Full application deadline: 03 October 2023 at 5pm
Internal deadline to apply: 19 September 2023

Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)

Below are the most recent updates to the Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) program. These updates pertain to two calls for proposals with our partner Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) in France for quantum technologies, and with our partner Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Ukraine and United States.

Current opportunities — call for proposals:
1. Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) (France— travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada)
   Dates: 08 May to 14 July 2023
   Level: Full-time PhD students or postdoctoral fellows
   Themes: Quantum technology
   Other requirements: 1 student per project maximum
   Eligible institutions: All labs identified as UMR (Unité Mixte de Recherche)
   Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
   Award amount: $6,000
   Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor

2. Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, United States and Ukraine — travel to Canada and/or from Canada)
   Dates: 08 May to 09 July 2023
   Level: Full-time master’s and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows
   Themes: All disciplines
   Other requirements: Project must be in the French language and submitted in French. The eligible institutions in Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Ukraine and United States must be members of Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF) and up to date in the membership fees.
   Co-funding: No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution
   Award amount: $6,000
   Application process and submission: Submit to Mitacs through the local Mitacs Advisor
3. Friendly reminder: Mitacs Globalink Research Internship (GRI) is accepting faculty project submissions for Summer 2024.

GRI pairs faculty members in Canada with international undergraduate students for a 12-week research stay at USask to conduct projects from May to October 2024. The Globalink program builds international networks and experiences, and positions Canada as a top destination for innovation and research among international students. All disciplines are eligible. Top-ranked senior undergraduate students from the following countries and regions are eligible: Australia, Brazil, Chile, mainland China, Colombia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and United States. Faculty can submit multiple projects and re-submit projects from previous years.

**Deadline:** 08 June 2023 at 1pm (PT)