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

USask Workshops and Support Services

NSERC USRAs: Call for Adjudication Committee Members Extended to 17 January
USask faculty are invited to submit applications to join USask’s NSERC USRA Adjudication Committee. Committee members will be selected and contacted by 18 January.

The Terms of Reference outlines the committee’s mandate, membership criteria, review process and important dates.

Apply: Online
Deadline: Extended until 17 January 2024 End of Day

Please contact Mandy Fehr (Coordinator, Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Work) at undergraduate.research@usask.ca with any questions about the application process.

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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**NSERC Announces Improvements to Alliance Grants Program**

NSERC is pleased to announce the launch of several improvements to its Alliance grants program. This update is in response to feedback received and builds on our experience with the program over the last four years.

**Alliance Grants** were launched in 2019 to encourage university researchers to collaborate with partner organizations from the private, public or not-for-profit sectors. By partnering with organizations that can use their work, researchers can turn their discoveries into impact.

In 2022–23, NSERC evaluated the program through surveys, consultations and interviews with stakeholders. The perspective of the community, along with NSERC’s experience to date, shaped the changes described below.

These changes aim to make the Alliance grants program even more simple, flexible, modernized and responsive. They will help to:

- remove barriers to collaboration
- champion more research partnerships
- provide efficient and responsive proposal assessment
- strengthen relationships with the research community
- ensure inclusive research support

NSERC will offer webinars for research grants officers and potential applicants to present these changes on **23 and 31 January 2024 (in French)** and on **24 and 30 January 2024 (in English)**.
SSHRC Impact Awards

The SSHRC Impact Awards recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or completely by SSHRC. They include the Gold Medal, the Talent Award, the Insight Award, the Connection Award, and the Partnership Award.

Internal Deadline: 15 January 2024
SSHRC Information Session: 25 January 2024, 1:30-3pm (ET) (Link to Join)
SSHRC Deadline: 01 April 2024

USask is limited to one submission per award, so potential nominees will be considered internally prior to developing a full nomination package.

Please send the following information to brittany.walch@usask.ca by 15 January 2024 for internal consideration.

1. Nominee name and affiliation.
2. Award category being considered (Gold, Talent, Insight, Connection, or Partnership).
3. 500-word rationale to describe (Award descriptions and selection criteria can be found HERE):
   a. How nominee is suitable for the award based on the award description.
   b. How the nominee meets the award selection criteria. Please ensure you review the selection criteria for the award and speak on how they meet the Challenge and Achievements.
4. Names of potential nominators (if known) including a short rationale to explain why they would be an ideal nominator.
5. Current CV (specific CV format not needed at this stage, however, if the nomination is to go forward, an updated SSHRC CV format will be required).
6. Confirm the nominee holds or have held SSHRC funding relevant to the award category.

For any questions, please contact Brittany Walch, Institutional Awards Officer (brittany.walch@usask.ca).

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 Mitacs website.

**To apply:** Please submit this preliminary application to the International Office, international.office@usask.ca, by **09 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:** 09 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 08 March 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:** 08 March 2024

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**Fulbright Arctic Initiative – Call for Applications**

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). It is now accepting applications for the 2024-2026 Cohort.

Building on the scholarship of three cohorts of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative, Fulbright Arctic Initiative (FAI) IV will bring together a network of professionals, practitioners, and researchers from the United States, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, and Sweden for monthly webinars, thematic group collaboration, three in-person meetings, and an individual exchange experience. FAI IV will address key research and policy questions related to promoting Arctic Security through a diverse, multi-dimensional, cooperative interdisciplinary framework.

Program participants will focus their research on one of the following themes:

- Climate Change and Arctic Resources
- Arctic Security and Governance
- Mental Health and Well-Being

**Eligibility:**

Academic researchers in the physical, natural, social, and health sciences, Indigenous and local knowledge holders, professionals in the fine arts and liberal arts as well as practitioners working in various disciplines are encouraged to apply.

**Funding amount:** USD $40,000  
**Project duration:** 18 months  
**Internal Deadline:** 16 February 2024  
**External deadline:** 01 March 2024  
**Webinar:** 31 January 2024 at 11am (ET) ([Fulbright Arctic Initiative IV Application Walkthrough](#))

For more information, visit [Fulbright Arctic Initiative | Fulbright Scholar Program (fulbrightscholars.org)](#).

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**Spencer Foundation: Research Grants on Education (Large)**
This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.

The Foundation anticipates **awarding grants with budgets across each of the following funding tiers -- $125,000 to 250,000; $250,001 to $375,000; and $375,001 to $500,000.** Within each of our funding tiers, the Foundation evaluates projects within tier and strongly encourage applicants to submit for funding that best fits their project rather than applying for the highest amount. The Foundation accept Intent to Apply forms twice a year.

**Eligibility**

- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or professional field, or appropriate experience in an education research-related profession.
- The PI must be affiliated with a non-profit organization or public/governmental institution that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded.
- While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal.
- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally.

**Funding amount:** USD $125,000 - $500,000  
**Project duration:** 1-5 years  
**Intent to apply deadline:** 24 January 2024

**Full proposal deadlines:**  
**Internal deadline:** 13 February 2024  
**External deadline:** 27 February 2024

For more information, visit: [Research Grants on Education: Large | The Spencer Foundation](#).

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**Spencer Foundation: Vision Grants on Education**

Vision Grants are research planning grants to bring together a team, for 6 to 12 months, to collaboratively develop ambitious, large-scale research projects focused on transforming educational systems toward greater equity. This program takes as core that visionary, interdisciplinary, and collaborative research projects require time, space, and thoughtfulness to incubate and plan. Unlike many of our other programs, the proposal does not yet need to be a fully fleshed out research plan. Instead, this is an invitation to dream about what education-related research we need to transform systems toward equity and then to envision how that could happen.

Being awarded a Vision Grant is also a prerequisite for applying to the Foundation’s Transformative Research Grant program (TRG, $3.5 million), which is designed for large-scale research projects that transform education systems for equity.
Eligibility

- Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs applying for a Vision Grant must have appropriate experience or an earned doctorate in an academic discipline or terminal degree in a professional field.
- The PI must be affiliated with a non-profit organization or public/governmental institution that is willing to serve as the administering organization if the grant is awarded.
- While graduate students may be part of the research team, they may not be named the PI or Co-PI on the proposal.
- Proposals are accepted from the U.S. and internationally.

Funding amount: up to USD $75,000
Project duration: up to 12 months
Intent to apply deadline: 07 February 2024

Full proposal deadlines:
Internal deadline: 22 February 2024
External deadline: 07 March 2024

For more information, visit: Vision Grants | The Spencer Foundation.

Swiss Re Institute and AXA Research Fund Call for Proposals- Building Resilience against Systemic Cyber Risk

The Swiss Re Institute and the AXA Research Fund Risk Resilience Partnership calls on researchers from academic institutions to hand in their project proposals on building resilience against systemic cyber risk. The Call is seeking to improve the understanding of economic resilience against cyber catastrophes (including around strengthening protection, reducing impact and improving recovery protocols). Project teams will be required to make choices around specific cyber catastrophe scenarios as well as the methodology used.

Eligibility:

- Applications are accepted from academic institutions across the globe.
- It is possible for academic institutions to collaborate and partner with other organizations from public and private sectors.

Project duration: 9-18 months
Funding amount: up to 150,000€
Internal deadline: 01 February 2024
External deadline: 15 February 2024

For more information, visit: Call for Research Proposals Building Resilience against Systemic Cyber Risk (axa-research.org).

The Gen Foundation Grant - Natural Sciences (Especially Food Sciences/Technology)
The Gen Foundation is offering grants to support those who excel in the areas of natural sciences, in particular food sciences/technology.

**Eligibility:**
To be eligible for a Gen Foundation grant, an applicant:
- Must study and/or research in the field of natural sciences, in particular food sciences/technology;
- Should hold a Bachelor’s degree or equivalent;
- Can live in any country.

The Foundation does not support undergraduates, short-term training, conferences, seminars, or thesis writing. Such applications will not be considered.

**Funding amount:** between £500 - £5,000

**Internal deadline:** 15 February 2024

**External deadline:** 29 February 2024

For more information, visit [this page](#).

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**Meta - Audiobox Responsible Generation Grant**

Meta’s Audiobox is a new foundation audio generative model with enhanced controllability that aids users to more easily create their desired voices and sound effects. Audiobox can generate speech, voices and sound effects using a combination of voice inputs and natural language text prompts – making it easy to create custom audio for a wide range of use cases.

Researchers who are interested in accessing Audiobox models to advance Responsible AI and/or audio generation research may apply to this grant. Through this grant, the FAIR (Fundamental AI Research) team at Meta will provide:

- Access to Audiobox models and relevant code artifacts to groups of researchers at academic institutions and research labs
- Funding up to $50,000 to further their work.

The Call anticipates proposals from two groups:

1. Researchers who want to conduct Responsible AI Research and advance areas such as safety, fairness, ethics and impersonation / deepfake detection, and enable a future where speech and audio models can be used responsibly and safely.
2. Researchers who want to advance state-of-the-art speech and audio generation performance by leveraging AudioBox models.

**Eligibility:**
- Organizations must be an accredited academic institution, a research institution, or a non-governmental organization with recognized legal status in their respective country.
- Applicants must be the Principal Investigator (PI) on any resulting award. All funding will be directed to the PI’s institution.
**Funding amount:** up to $50,000 each for up to 10 grant recipients  
**Internal deadline:** 19 January 2024  
**External deadline:** 02 February 2024

For more information, visit: [Audiobox Responsible Generation Grant - Meta (smapply.io)](https://smapply.io).

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**Leukemia Research Foundation Grants**

The Leukemia Research Foundation provides grants of up to $150k over a 2-year period for new investigator research projects that will have an impact on leukemia.

**Eligibility:**
- Applicants are not required to be US citizens. Research projects from outside the US are eligible.
- Applicants must be independent investigators affiliated with a non-profit academic institution at the time funding commences and for the duration of the award.
- New investigators are considered to be within seven years of their first independent faculty-level position when the grant would be awarded. Years as a resident physician, fellow physician, or post-doctoral fellow are considered to be training years and are not included in the seven-year guideline.
- A researcher must be in an independent faculty-level position at the time the application is submitted. An independent position is a scientist who has dedicated laboratory space, directly hires and supervises laboratory personnel, and makes all decisions concerning research activities and use of the grant funds.

**Funding amount:** up to USD $150k  
**Project duration:** 2 years

**Application Process**
The funding cycle begins 01 July 2024. Below is a timeline of the application process:

- **11 December 2023:** Letter of intent opens and [link to ProposalCentral](https://proposalcentral.org) is posted
- **16 February 2024:** Letter of intent due by 12pm CT
- **22 March 2024:** Notification if invited to submit a full application
- **26 April 2024:** Full application due (if invited to submit) by 12pm CT
- **By 30 June 2024:** Grant recipients notified of award

If you are interested in submitting a Letter of Intent, please ensure the following internal and external deadlines are met:  
**Internal deadline:** 02 February 2024  
**External deadline:** 16 February 2024

For more information, visit: [Research Grant Guidelines - Leukemia Research Foundation (leukemiarf.org)](https://leukemiarf.org).

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) - The Trinity Challenge on Antimicrobial Resistance**
MIT SOLVE initiative launched the Trinity Challenge on Antimicrobial Resistance to tackle the antimicrobial resistance crisis in low- and middle-income communities (LMIC). This Challenge seeks solutions which fall into one or more of the following Challenge Objectives:

- **Innovation** to identify new sources of data, collection, and analysis
- **Integration** of existing and novel data sets with citizen-related data (CRD)
- **Implementation** of more effective policy and action on antimicrobial resistance by using these tools

**Eligibility:**
The Trinity Challenge welcomes submissions in English, from anyone, anywhere in the world. Applicants from LMICs are especially welcome.

The Trinity Challenge on Antimicrobial Resistance is focused exclusively on finding solutions in LMICs. While submissions are welcomed from organizations based in high-income countries (HICs), applicants from HICs must demonstrate bona fide partnerships with LMIC researchers or organizations as part of the challenge team.

**Funding amount:** This Challenge seeks to identify a transformative solution to win a grand prize award of up to £1 million. The exact amount of the award for each winner will depend on the solution’s needs for development, deployment and scaling over the next three years.

**Internal deadline:** 15 February 2024  
**External deadline:** 29 February 2024

For more information, visit: [MIT Solve | The Trinity Challenge on Antimicrobial Resistance - Overview](#)

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**DAAD ERA Fellowships – Green Hydrogen – for Master Students, Doctoral Students and Postdocs**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is establishing the new scholarship program “ERA Fellowships – Green Hydrogen” to accompany the implementation of the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the European Agenda Process on Green Hydrogen, a pilot initiative of the European Research Area (ERA).

The program will enable young scientific experts to do research at universities and research institutes in Germany and the ERA.

Applicants from Canada are eligible to apply. The program is open for Master students, doctoral students and postdocs from all academic disciplines with focus on green hydrogen and combines three funding opportunities:

- **Scholarships** (It offers scholarships for students and young researchers from countries eligible for funding for their study or research stays, Master thesis as well as internships in Germany)
- **Working groups** (With the establishment of four working groups (on topics of the SRIA), the DAAD is driving forward the networking of scholarship holders with DAAD alumni, other researchers, and experts from industry and the professional world)
• Research Tour (The DAAD Green Hydrogen Research Tour offers once per year a unique opportunity for international students and young researchers to visit leading research institutions and universities in Germany in the field of green hydrogen).

**Funding amount:** varies for Master students, PhD students and PostDocs; for details, please refer to the Call for Applications

**Project duration:** varies for Master students, PhD students and PostDocs; for details, please refer to the Call for Applications

**Deadlines**
The next call for applications for International Master students will probably be published in early 2024. PhD students and PostDocs can apply at any time.

For more information, visit this page.

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**The Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship**
The Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS) hosts outstanding scholars, researchers and artists as an interdisciplinary space of research and exchange in Hamburg, Germany. HIAS calls for applications for individual research fellowships (3-10 months) for the academic year 2025/26.

The most important prerequisites for a research fellowship at HIAS are substantial scientific or artistic achievements, intellectual curiosity and an above-average interest in other disciplines. Ideal candidates are individuals who reflect the basic assumptions of their discipline and are open to engage with topics and ways of inquiry beyond the confines of their own discipline.

**Eligibility:**
The call is open to applicants from all disciplines & research areas and from all countries.

**Funding amount:** HIAS either pays a stipend to the fellow or reimburses the home institution’s costs of a teaching replacement, following the idea of “no loss no gain”.

**Project duration:** 3-10 months

**Internal deadline:** 01 April 2024

**External deadline:** 15 April 2024

For more information, visit this page.

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**Wildlife Acoustics Scientific Product Grant**
Wildlife Acoustics offers a grant program to support the advancement of wildlife research, habitat monitoring, and environmental conservation. This quarterly grant program provides scientists with bioacoustics research tools to further their study of bats, birds, amphibians, and other vocal wildlife.

**Funding amount:**
• Standard Product Grant: **up to $12,000** worth of eligible products to selected grant recipients worldwide every quarter. Individual applicants may request products and software licenses totaling **up to $4,000** quarterly.

• Kaleidoscope Pro-Only Grant: Wildlife Acoustics may award an unlimited number of Kaleidoscope Pro licenses to selected grant recipients worldwide every quarter. Individual applicants may request an unlimited number of software licenses.

**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days before external deadlines

**External deadlines:**
- **Q1 2024:** 15 February 2024
- **Q2 2024:** 15 May 2024
- **Q3 2024:** 15 August 2024
- **Q4 2024:** 15 November 2024

For more information, visit [this page](#).