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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

2025 Innovation Fund (IF) – Registration for the Pitch & Networking Event
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). The most common eligible costs include renovation or construction costs, research equipment, and personnel to support the development or use of the infrastructure.

RASI is hosting a pitch and networking event on 22 January 2024. This pitch will allow you to present your idea/concept to senior USask leadership, which will allow you to receive high-level strategic feedback and spark excitement about your research at the highest level. Although participation in this event is optional, it is highly encouraged.

Learn more about USask’s 2025 IF Competition Timeline.

Pitch Session Details:
Date: 22 January 2024
Time: 1:30 pm-4:30 pm
Location: Convocation Hall

Those interested in the program are highly encouraged to participate in this pitch event. If you are interested in participating in the pitch event, please fill out the Registration Form.
More information can be found on our RASI-CFI website. Immediate questions can be directed to rasi.support@usask.ca.

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.

Call for Tri-Agency USRAs: NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR

Undergraduate students and faculty supervisors are invited to submit applications for the 2024 Undergraduate Student Research Awards competition by **Wednesday, 31 January 2023 at 11:59 pm Saskatchewan Time.**

There are **five different USRA Awards for summer 2024:**
- NSERC USRAs (60 Awards for USask)  
- NSERC USRAs for Indigenous Student Researchers (Unlimited Awards for USask)  
- NSERC USRAs for Black Student Researchers (Unlimited Awards for USask)  
- SSHRC USRA for Black Student Researchers (1 Award for USask)  
- CIHR USRA for Black Student Researchers (1 Award for USask)

Changes have been made to the process for 2024, please see our website for details.

RASI is hosting an information session for faculty on **Tuesday, 19 December 2023 at 1pm** over zoom.  
**Register:** [here](#)

For questions, please contact Many Fehr at mandy.fehr@usask.ca.

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**
CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative – CIHR Winter 2024 ICS Planning and Dissemination Grants

The latest round of CIHR Planning Grants are now live on ResearchNet. The CIHR Healthy Cities Research Initiative (HCRI) is supporting two pools within this opportunity.

Healthy Cities Research Partnership Development and Knowledge Dissemination

To encourage the development of research partnerships and/or the dissemination of knowledge that will further the goal and objectives of the HCRI, this funding opportunity is available to support new and existing partnerships between researchers and local government, community organizations or other relevant knowledge users who are planning, implementing and/or evaluating interventions that promote healthy cities.

The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is $20,000. Sufficient funding is available to fund up to six (6) grants. A minimum of three (3) grants will be reserved for Early Career Investigators.

For USask researchers looking to start a partnership with the City of Saskatoon, please reach out to research.junction@usask.ca for support in identifying and reaching out to a potential partner.

Planning Grants for Implementing Healthy Urban Policy

Up to three grants are available to support collaboration between city leaders and researchers in Canada. This funding opportunity is composed of two parts:

- A five-day immersive workshop in Fall 2024 in Copenhagen, a world-leading healthy city.
- A post-workshop planning and knowledge mobilization activity/event.

The workshop has been designed to support the research planning process with a focus on active transportation AND public space. Teams of four city/community leaders and one researcher will be required to participate in the five-day workshop organized by 8 80 Cities. NOTE: this workshop will be conducted in English only. Following the workshop, teams will host a planning and knowledge mobilization activity/event in their own community.

The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is $68,065. Sufficient funding is available to fund up to three (3) grants.

Application Deadline: 01 February 2024
Internal UnivRS Deadline: 25 January 2024
Funding Start Date: 01 June 2024

CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 30 November 2023 CIHR Access Newsletter:

- Updates for the Spring 2024 Project Grant Competition
- A Look Behind the Scenes of CIHR’s Largest Program
- What’s Next for the CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health
Dr. Christine Chambers Re-Appoint to Second Term of Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health

Some of Canada's Most Powerful Women Work with CIHR

Introducing Canada’s First Alliance of Dementia Research Funders

Breathing Easy: How CIHR is Tackling Respiratory Health Threats

CIHR Funds 11 New Canada Excellence Research Chairs

Funding Opportunities:

- HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research Grants
- Health System Impact Fellowship
- Operating Grants: Knowledge Mobilization in Diabetes Prevention and Treatment

SHRF 2024-25 Establishment Grant Now Accepting Applications

SHRF's Establishment Grant supports early-career researchers in Saskatchewan to establish an autonomous program of research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges and achieve the research productivity necessary for obtaining major funding from national and other external agencies.

Principal Applicants must hold a qualifying appointment in Saskatchewan at, or above, the rank of Assistant Professor (or equivalent), that meets the definition of Principal Applicant as outlined in the SHRF Funding Guide.

**Funding Details:**

**Amount:** up to $150,000  
**Term:** up to 3 years  
**Purpose:** Assist early-career researchers in Saskatchewan to establish an autonomous program of health research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges and achieve the research productivity necessary for obtaining major funding from national and other external agencies.

**Important Dates:**

- **Eligibility Deadline:** 18 January 2024  
- **Full Application Deadline:** 14 March 2024  
- **Internal UnivRS Deadline:** 07 March 2024  
- **Funding Start:** 01 July to 01 October 2024

**Information Webinar:**

- **Date:** 13 December 2023 at noon CST  
- **Register:** [here](#)

For questions or comments, please contact Pawan Kumar at [pkumar@shrf.ca](mailto:pkumar@shrf.ca).
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 04 December 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 of Horizon Europe, one must apply as a team of at least three partner organisations 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.

Expert Matching Channels for International Collaborations in Europe

The following expert matching channels are intended to help researchers to identify collaborators and projects across different regions in Europe for the Horizon Europe and other funding opportunities.

Europe
European Commission Horizon Programme – visit the Call for expressions of interest for experts (2021-2027). Page and click “Register as expert” on this page to fill in information.

The Partner Search feature in the Horizon Programme is very helpful and EU program officers highly recommend applicants to browse and connect with projects in a similar field.
Horizon Programme Virtual Brokerage Events for each of the six clusters - EU program officers also highly recommend potential applicants to join and network with researchers to identify collaboration opportunities. See how it works [here](#).

**UK**
*Konfer* is a search platform specifically for research and innovation where you can find:
- experts in your research or industry area
- business and universities that want to collaborate on a specific opportunity.

USask faculty members can also post their own opportunities for other people to find and explore collaboration opportunities: Search Konfer [here](#).

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)’s [Gateway to Research](#) is a good resource to search for projects/PIs.

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**European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) – Open Call for Proposals**
The European Cooperation in Science and Technology COST is a funding organisation for the creation of research networks, called [COST Actions](#). Participants are invited to submit [COST Action Open Call 2024](#) proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe. Multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged. COST acts as a pre-portal for further research and innovation funding such as Horizon Europe, the European Union’s Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

Network/Team requirements:
- At least 7 peers from different [COST countries](#)
- Half of the countries in the group of proposers must be [COST Inclusiveness Target Countries](#)

**Project Duration:** 4 years

**Funding Amount:** an estimated €125,000 is made available for a COST Action in its first year and an average of €150,000 per year for the other 3 years.

**Internal Deadline:** 09 October 2024

**External Deadline:** 23 October 2024 at noon CEST (the following collection deadline is expected in Autumn 2025)

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**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.

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: 04 February 2024 at 11:59pm (PST)

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 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
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

IDRC Global Call for Research Concept Notes: Climate-Smart Livestock Systems
The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the UK’s Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office and Canada’s International Development Research Centre (IDRC) are investing an initial CAD13.5 million to lead, through IDRC, a fund for climate-smart livestock systems (CSLS) in Africa. The focus of the fund will be to develop new climate-smart livestock technologies and business models to improve animal productivity, promote climate adaptation and lower emission intensity for smallholder livestock farmers in climatic hotspots in Africa.

The CSLS programming will have two streams of research:
1. climate-smart innovations in livestock systems
2. delivery models to commercialize and scale mature climate-smart innovations

Four thematic areas have been identified as being research priorities for CSLS program:
1. water, pastures and feed management
2. Indigenous knowledge systems, climate data and management
3. integration of renewable energy — circular economies
4. animal health

Concept notes will need to be based on addressing one or two of these four themes, demonstrating clear linkages to sustainable and resilient food systems in African climate hotspots.

**Eligibility**
This call for concept notes is open to consortia led by an African public or private institution. The consortia should be gender-balanced and preferably comprise researchers, farmer organizations, extension services, financial services and women’s and youth groups. Applicants from academia and private and public sector organisations with a strong research focus are eligible for this global call.

**Funding amount:** up to CAD1,500,000 per project  
**Project duration:** 36 months  
**Internal deadline:** 11 January 2024  
**External deadline:** 25 January 2024 at noon

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**Rakuno Gakuen University (Japan) 2024 International Guest Researcher Program**

Open for Application

Rakuno Gakuen University (RGU) is inviting researchers from partner universities, including USask, to conduct research at RGU during the fiscal year of 2024. View the program [here](#).

**Eligibility:**
- Full-time researchers at the level of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer associated to USask. Applicants must have rich academic experience and obtained the prior consent of our university’s host faculty member on their joint research.
- It is desirable that applicants have sufficient Japanese and/or English language proficiency to be able to communicate and live in Japan on daily basis.
- Researchers who will present the results of their research at an academic conference and/or publish a scientific paper within one year after the end of their stay in Japan.
Researchers who have not been selected under this program in the past.

**Duration of visiting research:** Minimum three (3) months to maximum Twelve (12) months during April 2024 to March 2025 (Japanese fiscal year of 2024)

Funding Amount: RGU will provide living stipend and research grants to invited researchers.

**Internal Deadline:** 17 January 2024

**External Deadline:** 31 January 2024

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**ICESEA/SCEASI Visiting Fellowship program - Call for Applications**

The University of Saskatchewan, in partnership with the Initiative canadienne pour l’étude du Sud-Est asiatique / Canadian Southeast Asian Studies Initiative (ICESEA/CSEASI), is thrilled to announce the inaugural **ICESEA/CSEASI Visiting Scholar** position for outstanding researchers who are Southeast Asian nationals based at a Southeast Asian institution. ICESEA/CSEASI is a collaborative initiative promoting research, knowledge exchange, and cultural understanding of Southeast Asia funded by the Henry Luce Foundation.

The ICESEA/CSEASI Visiting scholar fellowship provides funding for travel and accommodation for up to 3 months at the University of Saskatchewan. The position can be taken up any time between **01 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.**

**Application deadline:** 15 January 2024

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**French Embassy in Canada: High Level Scientific Fellowship – for PhD candidates and post-docs**

The **High Level Scientific Fellowship** offers scholarships to PhD students or post-docs working in a Canadian university for a 2-month research mobility to France. The aim of this programme is to facilitate and strengthen collaboration with academic researchers, working in priority in following fields:
- Emerging Technologies (AI, quantum, etc.)
- Health (One health, public health policy, genomics, etc.)
- Ocean and polar sciences (oceanography, biodiversity, marine ecology, etc.)
- Energy (renewable energy, net zero transition, sustainability, etc.)

The scholarship includes:
- International flight (round trip from Canada to France in economy class)
- 1700 euros/month
- Health insurance (including liability insurance)

**Internal Deadline:** 20 January 2024

**External Deadline:** 04 February 2024 at 11:59pm (PST)

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**French + Sciences Programs 2024 – for Undergraduate Students**

Developed by Campus France in partnership with French as a Foreign Language (FLE) Centres, **French+Sciences** is a program of short language and scientific stays in cutting-edge technological...
sectors. French+Sciences has been designed for English-speaking international students enrolled in a science and technology university who may be completely new to French. The scientific content is 100% taught in English. The French+Sciences programme offers 3- to 4-week stays organised by FLE Centres that have been awarded the “Qualité FLE” label. The programs take place in different cities in France.

The Embassy of France in Canada has partnered with Campus France to offer several scholarships to support travel and living costs of these programs.

**Eligibility:** To be an undergraduate student enrolled at a Canadian university / college (outside of Quebec)

**Application Deadline:** 04 February 2024 at 11:59pm (PST)