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Spotlight on Mitacs: Indigenous Pathways – Mitacs Accelerate and BSI

Mitacs is committed to working with indigenous peoples and creating equitable access to our Programs. This initiative aims to diminish the barriers of innovation, in any discipline, by reducing the cost of collaborations between partners and academia. Under the Indigenous Pathways initiative Mitacs Accelerate and BSI programs provide 75%, while the partner organization provides 25% of the project cost. All eligible projects can receive funding: Mitacs supports applicants one-on-one to build proposals and to ensure success.

For a project to qualify for Indigenous Pathways, at least one of the following conditions should apply:
- Students, graduate students, recent graduates or postdoctoral fellows on the research project self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis or Inuit)
- The partner organization is a for-profit organization with self-identifying Indigenous persons who hold 50% or greater ownership shares.
- The partner organization is a not-for-profit organization with board membership consisting of 50% or greater self-identifying Indigenous persons

If any of the latter two conditions are met students do not need to be identified at the time of application in order to still qualify for Indigenous Pathways. If the first condition is met, the partner organization(s) can be any eligible non-indigenous organization including companies, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and hospitals, as per regular Mitacs rules. All other Accelerate and BSI rules apply.

Information Session
Learn more about Indigenous Pathways through an information session.
When: 1-2 pm, Nov 21, 2023
Where: Health Sciences Building 1A03, University of Saskatchewan
For whom: USask faculty in all disciplines

To secure your spot or inquire about an alternate online information session contact Dr. Zsuzsa Papp at zpapp@mitacs.ca. Participants will have the opportunity to book follow-up meetings to receive support in the application process.

Funding amount: min $7,500 - no upper limit, scalable
Partner organization contribution: min $2,500
Project duration: 4 months-4 years
Deadline: no deadline to apply but the opportunity is subject to change after March 31, 2024
Selection: not a competitive process. All eligible projects that meet Mitacs criteria can receive funding
SHRF Mobilize Grant: Truth and Action

Mobilize Grants fund knowledge mobilization activities in relevant and practical settings and mediums, with the aim of improving the applicability and impact of health research in Saskatchewan.

Applications to Mobilize: Truth and Action must address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action report in combination with any area of human health.

This call is intended to provide funding to activities including but not limited to: emphasize co-creation; share knowledge and stories; highlight Indigenous ways of knowing; offer recognition of cultural knowledge and ethical protocols; address attitudes, behaviors, institutions, and structures; create cross-cultural and generational interactions and exchanges; and provide guidance on culturally responsive healthcare that responds to intersecting barriers to care, with the goal of improving the health of Indigenous Peoples in Saskatchewan.

**Funding Details**

**Amount:** $10,000  
**Term:** 1 year, eligible for no-cost extensions  
**Funding Start Date:** 01 February 2024

**Important Dates**

**Application Deadline:** 12 December 2023  
**Funding Decisions:** 29 January 2024

**Information Webinar:**  
Watch the webinar [here](#).

For questions, please contact Chelsea Cunningham at ccunningham@shrf.ca.

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International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals

As part of the University of Saskatchewan International Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office is thrilled to announce the 2023-24 International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals. Each year, through the International Blueprint, the university invests funding to engage, advance and scale international initiatives with partners around the world.

**International Travel Grants**

**Application deadline:** 20 November 2023
- **Global Ambassador Program (Incoming)** – supports incoming international experts and faculty to the USask aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
- **Global Ambassador Program (Outgoing)** – supports faculty and staff to travel to international universities and/or facilities aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
- **Internationalization Fund** – supports faculty and staff to increase the ability and confidence to initiate, build and support international and intercultural engagement and activities - valued up to $2,500
- **International Travel Fund** – supports faculty and staff to participate in international partnership and capacity building toward the university’s collective global citizenship and international community service engagement – valued up to $2,500

**International Project Grants**

**Application deadline:** 05 December 2023

- **International Research Partnership Fund** – to strengthen research collaborations with existing international partners - valued up to $20,000
- **Global Innovation Fund** – to initiate the development of new international research collaborations - valued up to $25,000
- **Global Community Service Fund – New Partnerships Grants** – to support new collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life - valued up to $20,000
- **Global Community Service Fund – Existing Partnerships Grants** – to support existing collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – valued up to $20,000

The Call for Proposals regarding specific targets, eligibilities, selection criteria, and application forms is available on the [International Office Internal Funding page](#).

Please connect with the International Research team at international.office@usask.ca with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.

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**Call for Nominations - University of Saskatchewan Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship**

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is now accepting applications for the Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship 2024 Competition. Funded through the USask International Blueprint for Action, *Connecting with the World*, this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international postdoctoral fellows to the University of Saskatchewan.

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in one of the following **2024 Competition Signature Areas of Research**:

- Indigenous Peoples: Engagement and Scholarship
- One Health: Solutions at the Animal-Human-Environment Interface
- Agriculture: Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future

**Eligibility**
1. The applicant must have completed a PhD no earlier than three years prior to the start date of the proposed fellowship.
2. The applicant must not be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident and must not have been a resident of Saskatoon for twenty-four months prior to the date of the application.
3. The applicant’s PhD must have been earned outside of Canada.
4. The applicant may only receive this fellowship once.
5. The applicant must have demonstrated strong achievement and early success in their chosen field of specialization.

For more information, please visit here.

Questions about the application process can be directed to postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca.

**Value:** At least $50,000 per year ($25,000 provided by CGPS and at least $25,000, inclusive of all employment deductions, provided by the award recipient’s supervisor)

**Duration:** 2 years

**Application deadline:** 01 February 2024

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**Global Affairs Canada: Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program (FMPBP)**

Global Affairs Canada has launched the 2024-2025 Faculty Mobility for Partnership Building Program (FMPBP) competition. This program offers grants to full-time Canadian faculty for short-term teaching and/or research activities in Latin America and the Caribbean. The program enables professors at Canadian post-secondary institutions to pursue short-term research and/or teaching activities in Latin America and the Caribbean as a means of exploring, creating and advancing institutional partnerships in the areas of research, student mobility, joint programming, capacity building, and others. The primary objective of the exchange is to create new institutional collaborations and/or to strengthen existing agreements between Canadian and non-Canadian post-secondary institutions eligible under the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP).

Host institutions must be located in one of the following ELAP-eligible countries:

- Caribbean: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos
- Central America: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
- North America: Mexico
- South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela

Canadian postsecondary institutions must apply on behalf of eligible candidates using the My EduCanada portal by 05 December 2023 at 11:59 pm EST. For application details, please consult the FMPBP guidelines.

**Funding Amount:** $7,000 maximum

**Duration:** 3 to 8 weeks
Internal Deadline: 21 November 2023
External Deadline: 05 December 2023

The France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) Call for Proposals – Funding for New Scientific Projects Jointly Developed by French and Canadian teams

The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF), open to every field of expertise, provides funding for new scientific projects jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that have never worked together before. Applications must come from principal investigators, both from research establishments located in France and Canada. The FCRF is co-managed by the Embassy of France to Canada and the University of Ottawa. The funding is awarded to two-year projects in amounts ranging from $8,000 to $15,000 CAD, according to the needs expressed by the principal investigators, and covers mainly researchers’ and students’ mobility.

The recording of the information session on the France Canada Research Fund (offered on Tuesday, 29 August 2023), as well as slides, are available here.

USask has a quota of a maximum of 5 applications in the 2023-2024 competition. Researchers interested in submitting an application should read the Guidelines carefully before preparing their application. The application form is available here.

Please submit your application via UnivRS by 17 November 2023 (extended from the original internal deadline of 30 October 2023) and inform us at international.office@usask.ca to participate in the internal competition.

Eligibility criteria:
• Only projects led by Principal Investigators (PIs) who have never collaborated before will be considered.
• PIs must have a tenure or tenure track position or full-time position working at an affiliate institute.
• Canadian PIs must be from one of the 23 Canadian member universities of the FCRF.

Selection criteria:
• Contribution to the advancement of knowledge (quality, scientific relevance)
• Innovative nature of the proposed project (expected project impact)
• Quality of the researchers and team members (publications, credits, other types of prior recognition)
• Proposed execution of research (methodology, calendar, budget)
• Significance and contributions of the bi-national collaboration (complementarity and balance between teams, interdisciplinarity)
• Participation of master’s or doctorate-level students and young researchers (contributions, benefits)

Applications in all research areas are encouraged. Up to eight (8) collaborative projects that fall under the following priority themes could be funded by the 2024 FCRF call for proposals:
• One Health - A multi-sector approach to achieving health equity
• Climate change and adapting to extreme environments
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact International Office international.office@usask.ca.

**Funding amount:** $8,000 to $15,000 CAD
**Deadline extended - Internal deadline:** 17 November 2023
**Deadline extended - External deadline:** 22 December 2023

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**2024 ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship**

ThinkSwiss is a 2–3-month scholarship open to all fields of study and designed for US and Canadian students who have completed their second year of study. It is a unique opportunity to discover Switzerland while conducting cutting-edge research in Swiss institutions – Universities, Schools of Applied Sciences, Polytechnical Institutes and Research Centers.

To apply for a ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship students must:

- Be currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. or Canadian university/college,
- Be a graduate student or an undergraduate student who will have completed their second year by the time the research visit to Switzerland begins, and
- Provide a written confirmation from a professor at a Swiss university that they will accept them for a research stay in their group.

*Applications to ETH Zurich require a minimum research stay of 91 days is required, and a visa.*

The ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship provides a **prorated amount according to the length of the student’s stay:** a monthly scholarship of **CHF 1,800 (approx. CAD $2,750)** for a period of two to three months (maximum **CHF 5,400, approx. CAD $8,250**). Applicants may begin their research at any time between 01 May 2024 and 01 December 2024, but must begin no later than 01 December 2024. Most students choose to go abroad during the summer months as this period falls between regular university semesters. Watch a *promotional video.*

**Scholarship amount:** a monthly scholarship of approx. CAD $2,750 (maximum approx. CAD $8,250)
**Duration:** two to three months
**Deadline:** 31 December 2023

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**Mitacs Globalink Research Award - Thematic Call**

Mitacs is pleased to launch the **2023 Thematic Call** in cooperation with several international partners. This is a competitive call for applications to the Mitacs Globalink Research Award program in all areas of strategic importance for the Canadian and international research communities. Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor at a university in Canada and an institution affiliated with one of Mitacs’ international partners, senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows included in successful applications will receive a **$6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-week research project** in the other country. Eligibility criteria may vary between participating international partners and please review program guidelines for detailed instructions.
The themes include but are not limited to the list below. Please note that there is a great deal of scope under the open theme social and scientific innovation, all kind of projects can be submitted under that specific theme:

1. Advanced computing (e.g., AI and Quantum technologies, Robotics, Cybersecurity)
2. Clean technologies (e.g., electric vehicles)
3. Health Innovations (e.g., biomanufacturing)
4. Open theme: Social and scientific innovation

Here is the two-step application process for professors:

- Fill out the eligibility form and get in touch with a Mitacs advisor
- After clearing the eligibility check, apply through the GRA application portal: link will be shared after the eligibility form is completed

Eligible international partners are in the following countries and regions: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom (new partnership).

**Funding Amount:** CAD $6,000 per award

**Internal Deadline:** 10 November 2023

**External Deadline:** 17 November 2023

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**Mitacs Globalink Research Award - Quantum Call**

The **Globalink Research Award (GRA)** quantum technologies initiative supports research collaborations between Canada and select partner organizations or other universities located in the eligible countries and regions. It is open to all universities in Canada. The full list of eligible countries and regions can be found [here](#).

Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor, successful senior undergraduate students, graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive:

- $6,000 award to carry out a research project over 12 to 24 weeks
- $12,000 award to carry out a research project over 24 to 36 weeks

If a Mitacs international partner is involved in the project:

- $9,000 award to carry out a research project over 12 to 24 weeks
- $15,000 award to carry out a research project over 24 to 36 weeks

**Note:** No co-funding is required of the Canadian university.

For internships starting in mid-April:

**Internal Deadline:** 21 December 2024

**External Deadline:** 12 January 2024

For internships starting in July 2024:

**Internal Deadline:** 15 March 2024

**External Deadline:** 31 March 2024
Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI): Addressing Evidence-Based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction

HABRI is issuing a call for research proposals from institutions and organizations across the globe to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted interventions (AAI), both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the positive effects of companion animals on human health.

HABRI is interested in funding a wide range of studies. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Broadly generalizable human-animal bond studies, impacting large populations in the categories of child health and development, healthy aging, mental health, and physical health.
- The human health impacts of therapy animals in professional practice, volunteer programs, and educational contexts, and research that refines or informs best practices to improve health outcomes and quality of life for the humans and animals involved.
- Studies that are translational in that at least one aim is to produce actionable advice, guidelines, and recommendations for human health practitioners, pet care professionals and/or policymakers.
- How companion animal ownership and/or interaction helps address those impacted by public health and social crises, such as social isolation and loneliness; suicide, addiction, and substance abuse; access to social service and housing; trauma and/or post-traumatic stress; obesity and physical activity; and cardiovascular health.
- The role of pets in supporting the health and wellbeing of people from diverse backgrounds or underrepresented or minoritized populations.
- The role of the human-animal bond in veterinary medicine, including its impact on access to care, compliance and quality of care, and veterinary team wellbeing.
- The bond between humans and understudied pet species, including cats, birds, reptiles, small mammals, and fish.
- International perspectives of the human-animal bond, investigating the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or AAI in countries, communities, and cultures, including those that are under-represented in current literature.

For more information, click here.

**Funding Amount:** ranges from USD $10,000 to $100,000  
**Internal Deadline:** 08 February 2024  
**External Deadline:** 22 February 2024 at 11:59pm ET

US Agency for International Development (USAID): Ending Neglected Diseases through Operational Research (ENDOR)

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified entities to implement the Ending Neglected Diseases through Operational Research (ENDOR) project. Eligibility for this award is not restricted. USAID welcomes...
applications from both US and non-US organizations. USAID supports disease-endemic countries to control and/or eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) with proven, cost-effective public health interventions to treat and measure treatment impact against 7 NTDs: lymphatic filariasis (LF), blinding trachoma (TRA), onchocerciasis (OV), schistosomiasis (SCH), plus three intestinal worms, collectively known as soil-transmitted helminths (STH). NTDs cause significant morbidity and mortality worldwide. More than 1.7 billion people, one-seventh of the world’s population, suffer from one or more NTDs. Often the source of deep stigma, NTDs cause disability, severe disfigurement, and blindness. These diseases affect the world’s most vulnerable populations with devastating, often lifelong disabilities that contribute to ensnaring individuals, families, and even entire communities in poverty.

**Funding Amount:** USD $35,000,000 - 45,000,000  
**Duration:** 5 years  
**Internal Deadline:** 24 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 08 December 2023

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**US Agency for International Development (USAID): Development Innovation Ventures (DIV) Program**

Through a year-round grant competition, Development Innovation Ventures (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.

**What DIV might fund.** 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.

More details on each of DIV’s grant types can be found [here](#).

**Funding Amount:** Up to USD $15,000,000
**International Development Research Center (IDRC): Two Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) calls**

1) **KIX call for proposals: Knowledge and innovation for supporting teacher professional development, agency, and well-being**

IDRC and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are pleased to invite proposals for applied research projects that generate and mobilize evidence in support of contextualizing and scaling the impact of promising or proven innovative approaches to strengthen teacher professional development, agency, and well-being, in GPE partner countries. While the broader domain of teacher professional development, agency, and well-being encompasses numerous significant aspects, this request for proposals focuses on two issues that can make a difference in teaching and learning. The challenges are:

- Improving the quality and scope of teacher education and development.
- Supporting teacher agency and well-being.

GPE and Innovation Exchange (KIX) aims to respond to these challenges by doing the following:

- Generating evidence about how to scale the impact of innovative approaches that address the challenges of teacher professional development, agency, and well-being.
- Strengthening the capacities of relevant stakeholders to use that knowledge and innovation.
- Mobilizing the evidence developed to improve policy and practice in education systems.

This funding opportunity is open to either individual organizations or consortia of up to three organizations working in Global Partnership for Education partner countries. Specific eligibility requirements, including funding and duration, vary across the three types of grants available (single country, multi-country and regional/global).

Please consult the [detailed call document](#) for more specific eligibility requirements.

2) **KIX call for proposals: Knowledge and innovation for inclusive early learning and school readiness**

IDRC and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are pleased to invite proposals for applied research projects that will generate and mobilize evidence in support of contextualizing and scaling the impact of innovative approaches to strengthen inclusive early learning and school readiness in GPE partner countries. Within the overarching topic of inclusive early learning and school readiness, this call for proposals specifically focuses on two fundamental issues that have the potential to impact children’s learning significantly. The challenges are:

- Inclusive early learning pedagogy.
- Foundational skills for a smooth transition and school readiness.
The GPE Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) aims to respond to these challenges by doing the following:

- Generating evidence about how to scale the impact of innovative approaches to promote inclusive early learning and school readiness.
- Strengthening the capacities of relevant stakeholders to use that knowledge and innovation.
- Mobilizing the evidence developed to improve policy and practice in education systems.

This funding opportunity is open to either individual organizations or consortia of up to three organizations working in Global Partnership for Education partner countries. Specific eligibility requirements, including funding and duration, vary across the three types of grants available (single country, multi-country and regional/global).

Please consult the detailed call document for more specific eligibility requirements.

**Funding Amount:** Single country grants of up to CAD $500,000. Multi-country grants of up to CAD $1,250,000. Regional/global grants of up to CAD2,000,000.
**Duration:** Single country grants up to 24 months. Multi-country and regional/global grants up to 33 months.
**Internal Deadline:** 03 January 2024
**External Deadline:** 15 January 2024