Office of the Vice-President Research

Research Funding and Support

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

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Catalyst Program: Call for Applications

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives invites applications from those interested in participating in our **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (PDG) Catalyst Program**. SSHRC's PDGs are a key tool for building academic partnerships, fostering community-engaged research, establishing national and international collaborations, and engaging in research with Indigenous communities. **The success rate of PDG applications is high and has ranged between 50 and 75 percent over the past three years.**

The Catalyst Program will support a cohort of up to six faculty members who are each planning to apply for a PDG. The cohort will be supported by SSHRC scholars and members of the RASI office and run for approximately 14 months. Participants in the program will receive:

- **Up to $10,000 in Fall 2023** to support partnership development activities.
- Peer-support and expert feedback over the 14-month grant development period. Participants will meet as a group once a month and work together to support one another throughout the application process.
- Up to $10,000 in matching funds, if the application is successful.

Application Deadline: 31 August 2023
Terms of Reference: **Online**
Application Form: **Online**

Submit your application by **31 August 2023** to rasi.support@usask.ca. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Christina Desnoyers, Research Specialist in RASI, at christina.desnoyers@usask.ca.

Call for Judges - SURE Summer Symposium 2023

We are looking for faculty, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, and staff to volunteer as judges for the annual SURE undergraduate student summer symposium. **Time commitment: 2 hours**.

The Symposium will be in-person only this year on Thursday August 31st at Convocation Hall and will include 3 sessions of student presentations– a morning session, noon session, and afternoon session.

To sign-up to be a judge, click here.

For more information about the symposium see our webpage. For questions, please contact undergraduate.research@usask.ca.

New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Competition

The **New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Stream** supports large-scale, Canadian-led **interdisciplinary** research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize **real and lasting change**. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects may involve any discipline, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding from across the three federal research funding agencies. Projects should engage the full range of disciplines required to achieve the project goals.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:
1. Tackle a **well-defined** problem or challenge.
2. Propose a **novel world-leading** approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issues.
3. Are **interdisciplinary**, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and
4. Have the potential to be **transformative**, defined as the potential to **create a significant and real change or impact** – a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

Transformation grants are awarded to an NPI at an eligible institution; they are not institutional grants. National, international and cross-sector collaborations are encouraged to ensure that the most appropriate individuals and/or organizations are involved and that team composition reflects best practices in equity, diversity and/or inclusion.

This grant is valued at between $2,000,000 and $4,000,000 per year for six years for an **overall total maximum of $24 million**. The competition budget is $144 million over six years.

Competition timeline is as follows:
NOI Deadline: 24 October 2023
LOI deadline: 10 January 2024
LOI results released: 6 May 2024
Full application deadline (if invited): 5 September 2024
If you are interested in applying, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca to discuss the supports offered for this opportunity.

In preparation of the NOI deadline, two webinars will be held at the end of August. Below is the full information:

English session
Thursday, 31 August 2023, 1:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
Link to Webinar
Webinar number: 2343 121 5895
Password: Transformation2024
Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 2343 121 5895

French session

Thursday, 31 August 2023, 10:00 am Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
Link to Webinar
Webinar number: 2330 376 4494
Password: Transformation24
Join by phone: +1-438-797-4001 Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 2330 376 4494

Call for Royal Society of Canada 2023 Nominations

Call for names for the **Royal Society of Canada (RSC)** Fellowship and College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists membership. The Royal Society of Canada recognizes Canada's leading intellectuals, scholars, researchers and artists. To help potential candidates develop exceptional nomination packages, we will be holding an internal process to ensure alignment with the criteria of the calls. RSC intends to update their website with the 2023 call last week of August.

USASK Notice of Intention
Deadline to submit nominee name and materials for internal consideration. The USask RSC Advisory Group, which includes USask Fellows and College Members, will review the submissions and recommend whether candidates are encouraged to move forward with a submission to RSC or to wait for a future year. Those recommended to move forward will receive internal review of their nomination dossiers. Contact brittany.walch@usaskca for a copy of the notice of intention to apply form. Please send the completed Notice of Intention Form <u>and</u> up-to-date CV to brittany.walch@usask.ca by 13 September 2023.

RSC Nomination Information Session (virtual) on 28 September 2023 –**NEW THIS YEAR**
The Membership and Awards Officer from the RSC will provide a presentation to USask, including an overview and general advice of every aspect of the nomination process and invite participants to ask questions. This is a presentation intended for researchers interested in being nominated, current College Members and Fellows interested in nominating, and research administrators who would like to learn about the nomination process in detail.

Notice of Intention (NOI) and Request for Internal Review Deadline: 13 September 2023
RSC Nomination Information Session: 28 September 2023
Agency Deadline: 01 December 2023

International Opportunities and Updates

The France Canada Research Fund (FCRF)

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 information session on the France Canada Research Fund will be offered to USask faculty and students on Tuesday, **29 August, 11am-noon (CST)/ 1-2pm (EDT)**. Please join the session here or use alternate connecting information below:

Join by Telephone:
Local Saskatoon Zoom Dial-in Number: (639) 638-7474
Other Zoom Dial-in Numbers: https://usask-ca.zoom.us/u/abPklFxwzy
Meeting ID: 989 9436 7084
Passcode: 71079578
Telephone Passcode: 71079578

Presenters:
Alejandro Merati, is the Assistant de coopération scientifique et universitaire à l'Ambassade de France au Canada, where he manages all the mobility programs provided by the French Embassy, including the FCRF. He is the main contact for partners and researchers from France.

Clotilde Ribaut works at the University of Ottawa Vice President Research and innovation Office's (Ontario) where she focusses on managing international programs, including the FCRF. She is the main contact for Canadian partners and researchers.

For more information, please contact international.office@usask.ca.

COST Actions open call 2023
European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) has announced the launch of its **COST Actions open call**. A COST Action is an **interdisciplinary research network** that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic for four years. Open to **all science and technology fields**, including new and emerging ones, COST Actions are also are bottom-up meaning you can propose a network based on your own interests or ideas. The funding a COST Action receives covers the expenses of networking activities and can be used to fund events, Short-Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools, communication activities, and virtual networking tools.

Note: there are 41 members of COST, Canadian researchers can get involved as a non-COST country participant by joining a running COST Action, becoming a member of a proposing team for a new COST Action, or working as an external expert.

External deadline: 25 October 2023 at noon CEST
Internal deadline: 11 October 2023

EURAXESS Sweden: Open Call for Staff Exchange for Applied AI, Automation, and Data Sharing 2023
Vinnova has released an open call for staff exchange in the fields of applied artificial intelligence, automation, and data sharing. Researchers can apply for personal mobility between **Sweden** and **Canada**, the **United States**, France, Germany, Brazil, Korea, or Israel, in aim to create collaboration and increase knowledge about

AI within their organizations. Submit your proposal soon to increase your chances of receiving funding! Applications are assessed on an ongoing basis and the total budget is limited. The decisions will be announced within two months after the proposal has been submitted. [Read more](#).

Available funding: up to 500,000 Swedish kroner (approximately CAD $64,700)
External deadline: 05 September 2023 at 2pm CEST (8am ET / 5am PT)
Internal deadline: 28 August 2023

MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2023

MSCA (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions) Postdoctoral Fellowships enhance the creative and innovative potential of researchers holding a PhD and who wish to acquire new skills through advanced training, international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility. MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships will be open to excellent researchers of any nationality. The scheme also encourages researchers to work on research and innovation projects in the non-academic sector and is open to researchers wishing to reintegrate in Europe, to those who are displaced by conflict, as well as to researchers with high potential who are seeking to restart their careers in research.

Total funding: EUR 260.47 million
External Deadline: 13 September 2023
Internal Deadline: 30 August 2023

2023 Sloan Research Fellowships

The **Sloan Research Fellowships** seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists, faculty, and scholars of outstanding promise who have the potential to revolutionize their fields of study. Fellows are selected on the basis of their independent research accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become leaders in the scientific community through their contributions to their field.

Available funding: $75,000 each year for two years
External Deadline: 15 September 2023
Internal Deadline: 01 September 2023

Canadian TREE Fund: Jack Kimmel International Grant Program

The **Jack Kimmel International Grant Program**, championed by the Canadian TREE Fund, honors the late Jack Kimmel who was the former Director of Parks for the City of Toronto. He is remembered for his contribution of 46 years of leadership to the ISA and its Ontario chapter. Jack Kimmel grants provide much needed funding to arboriculture and urban forestry researchers all over the world. This grant is administered by TREE Fund, with participation from the Canadian TREE Fund in the evaluation process.

These grants are available to researchers whose work is primarily outside of the United States. Projects are expected to be completed within one to two years.

Available funding: maximum of $10,000, may vary depending upon the adjudged value of the project

Letter of Intent Due Date: 15 September 2023
External Deadline: 01 October 2023
Internal Deadline: 22 September 2023

US NIH: Prevention and Treatment through a Comprehensive Care Continuum for HIV-affected Adolescents in Resource Constrained Settings Implementation Science Network (PATC³H-IN) Implementation Science Coordinating Center (UM2 Clinical Trial Optional)

This funding opportunity invites applications to participate in a research program cooperative agreement to support the Prevention and Treatment through a Comprehensive Care Continuum for HIV-affected Adolescents in Resource Constrained Settings Implementation Science Network (PATC³H-IN). The Network will expand and/or improve on successes achieved by its predecessor, PATC³H, to new geographic settings and/or risk populations and stimulate much-needed implementation science (IS) research in a neglected area of public health significance: prevention of new HIV infections among adolescents at risk and the identification of, and linkage and retention to care of and long-term viral suppression among youth living with HIV in low-to-middle income countries (LMICs). Rates of successful achievement of milestones on the HIV prevention and/or HIV care continuum (PHCC) must be improved to address the youth HIV epidemic most effectively. This requires rigorous IS research, the most critically needed next step to optimally differentiating successful interventions to meet the needs of adolescents who typically experience challenges with adherence behaviours and adjusting to health systems not adept at providing for their care. IS research is the study of methods to promote the integration of research findings and evidence into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. More details can be found here.

Available funding: $2,000,000 to fund one award for fiscal year 2024
Letter of Intent Due Date: 06 November 2023
External Deadline: 06 December 2023
Internal Deadline: 22 November 2023

US NIH: Network of Genomics-Enabled Learning Health Systems (gLHS) – Clinical Sites (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

This funding opportunity, RFA HG-23-041, invites applications for Clinical Sites (CS) to participate in a Genomic-Enabled learning health system (gLHS) Network. The Network will consist of a Coordinating Center (CC, RFA-HG-23-042) and 4-6 CS working collaboratively with NHGRI to identify and improve approaches for clinical integration of genomic information in a virtuous learning health system cycle of implementation, evaluation, refinement, and re-implementation. The Network will share genomic medicine implementation strategies and identify those most suitable for cross-network implementation; use these strategies to conduct 2-4 intervention projects network-wide and evaluate their impact; and develop and refine successful gLHS implementation strategies as resources that can be broadly shared and adopted, including in resource-limited settings. More details can be found here.

Available funding: $3,700,000 per year total costs for five years to support 4-6 gLHS Clinical Sites
Letter of Intent Due Date: 06 October 2023

External Submission Deadline: 07 November 2023
Internal Deadline: 24 October 2023

ACU: HR in HE Community Challenge Grants

Applications are open for the third round of the **Human Resources in Higher Education (HR in HE) Community Challenge Grants**. HR professionals continue to play a vital role in supporting university leaders, staff and students to navigate the challenges caused by COVID-19, as well as exploring future ways of working and learning. In light of this, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) introduced the HR in HE Community Challenge Grants in 2021. The grants aim to support university HR practitioners in the ever-changing world of work by encouraging collaboration and promoting the sharing of good practice. The grants can be used to support a diverse range of virtual or in-person projects, workshops, or events.

Available funding: GBP 10,000
External Deadline: 04 September 2023
Internal Deadline: 25 August 2023

TU Berlin: Critical Sustainability - All Online Course

The **Critical Sustainability course** provides a digital space to learn, reflect, discuss and act together - across many human-made borders. The participants come together with others to share and question different knowledge, expertise and perspectives. Together they jointly analyze existing power relations as well as society-nature relations and democratize them.

The participants broaden their understanding of sustainability through various interactive, artistic and group-dynamic formats. They engage in individual work as well as group work to reflect and analyze the reciprocal relations between technology, individuals, nature, society and democracy. Furthermore, the participants explore how they may contribute to a socio-ecological transformation of society by intervening individually and collectively into society.

TU Berlin cordially invites students of all study programs from all universities. Non-Students are also warmly welcomed. Together they will explore societal problems across any borders between humans and mutually work on them.

Time and effort commitment:
6 ECTS Course // highly interactive and international // free for everyone
Tuesdays + Thursdays // 16 meetings via videoconference
Winter Semester 2023 // 05 Sep - 02 Nov 2023 // 2-4pm CET

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