

## Office of the Vice-President Research



# Research Funding and Support

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#### USask Workshops and Support Services

### 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 [rasl.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasl.support@usask.ca). If you have any questions about your application, please contact Christina Desnoyers, Research Specialist in RASI, at [christina.desnoyers@usask.ca](mailto:christina.desnoyers@usask.ca).

#### Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Launch Date of the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Community-based 2023–2024 Call for Proposals Funding Community-Based Projects

On **01 August 2023**, the Government of Canada will launch the annual New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) Community-based stream 2023-2024 Call for proposals (CFP) to invest in projects across Canada. This program is offered by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

Please note that the online Application for Funding Form and the Applicant Guide will only be available on the [NHSP Funding Page](#) as of 01 August 2023. It is important to note that you cannot submit your application before the CFP is officially launched.

Organizations will have a total of **six (6) weeks** to submit their applications, from **01 August to 14 September 2023 at 3pm (EST)**. To learn more information about NHSP, please visit the [NHSP Page](#).

Eligible projects must meet the CFP criteria, including:

- be no longer than 52 weeks
- request no more than \$25,000
- meet at least 1 [program objective](#)
- seniors will lead or play a vital role in its planning and/or delivery
- seek to benefit seniors and communities
- demonstrate cost effectiveness

The NHSP supports projects that address the following objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and,
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Organizations will be invited to apply for funding that supports the 2023-2024 program's national priorities:

1. Supporting healthy ageing, including:

- addressing social isolation, including through supporting seniors' digital literacy;
- addressing ageism; and,
- supporting mental health and dementia.

2. Preventing senior abuse, including:

- providing measures to reduce crimes and harm against seniors including elder abuse; and,
- developing educational material to prevent unscrupulous practices, financial fraud and scams from happening to seniors.

3. Celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion, including:

- promoting intergenerational mentoring and engagement;
- advancing Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and helping to secure a better quality of life for Indigenous seniors; and,
- collaborating with diverse communities notably by serving members of the following vulnerable groups: low-income seniors, Indigenous Peoples, members of 2SLGBTQI+ communities, members of official language minority communities (OLMCs), seniors who primarily speak languages other than English or French, members of racialized and newcomer groups, persons with disabilities, veterans and seniors living in rural or remote areas.

4. Supporting financial security, including:

- helping seniors navigate and access government services and benefits and providing support to file their taxes; and,
- supporting financial empowerment of seniors.

In addition to regional information sessions, technical support sessions will be provided to organizations during the application period and can be requested through Service Canada.

We encourage you to follow Seniors in Canada on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#) or access [canada.ca/seniors](https://canada.ca/seniors) to obtain the most up-to-date information about the benefits, programs and initiatives available to seniors. Additionally, we are asking you to please comment, like and share our content to help spread the word about the 2023-2024 NHSP Community-based projects CFP and other important seniors-related announcements. Feel free to use #SeniorsInCanada to join the conversation.

We invite you to [watch the message from the Minister of Seniors, Kamal Khara](#).

[Get notified of funding opportunities from Employment and Social Development Canada \(ESDC\)](#) by signing up to receive email notifications. To receive regular updates from the Minister of Seniors, [sign up here](#).

Please note that a **Call for Concepts for the Pan Canadian stream of the New Horizons for Seniors Program will be launched on 04 October 2023**. The theme of the Call for Concepts will be increasing the social inclusion of vulnerable populations of seniors and will support concepts that use a collective impact approach. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

If you are interested in attending a virtual Information Session, register [here](#).

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## 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 from 11am-noon (CST)/ 1-2pm (EDT)**. Please use [this link](#) to join this session.

Join by Telephone:

Local Saskatoon Zoom Dial-in Number: (639) 638-7474

Other Zoom Dial-in Numbers: <https://usask-ca.zoom.us/j/abPklFwxzy>

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](mailto:international.office@usask.ca).

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### DAAD: Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

This programme offers you the opportunity to network amongst colleagues and exchange experience in the framework of short-term research stays in Germany. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. University teachers and established academics and scientists who have usually completed a doctoral degree and work at a university or research institute in their home country can apply for this opportunity. More details can be found [here](#).

**Funding amount:** Monthly payments of:

- 2,000 euros for assistant teachers, assistant professors and lecturers
- 2,150 euros for professors

**Application deadline:** 16 October 2023 at 12am (CET or CEST)

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### DAAD: Research Grants – Short-Term Grants

The primary aim of this opportunity is to promote research projects within the context of doctoral programmes. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. It provides funding for a research project or course of continuing scientific education at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany, which is being carried out in coordination with an academic adviser in Germany. More details can be found [here](#).

**Note:** Confirmation from the academic host in Germany is required.

**Funding amount:** Monthly payments of

- 1,200 euros for doctoral candidates and postdocs
- 934 euros if you are not yet taking a doctoral degree

**External deadline:** 03 November 2023

**Internal deadline:** 20 October 2023

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### Promoting research: Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants

Fundación MAPFRE supports and promote research to improve the quality of life of the people who make up our society. That is why each year they organize the international [Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants](#), with the aim of supporting research related to two fields of action: health promotion; and insurance and

social security. If you want to develop a research project or give a definitive boost to the one you are already working on, do not hesitate to submit your application.

**Funding amount:** There are two categories of funding:

1. Health Promotion: 30,000 euros
2. Insurance and Social Protection: 15,000 euros;

**External deadline:** 17 October 2023 (at 11:59pm, Spain UTC+2)

**Internal deadline:** 03 October 2023

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## Microsoft: Climate Innovation Fund

While the world will need to reach net zero, those of us who can afford to move faster and go further should do so. That is why Microsoft is announcing an ambitious goal and a new plan to reduce and ultimately remove carbon footprint. By 2030 Microsoft will be carbon negative, and by 2050 Microsoft will remove from the environment all the carbon the company has emitted either directly or by electrical consumption since it was founded in 1975. This funding opportunity will focus on areas such as direct carbon removal, digital optimization, advanced energy systems, industrial materials, circular economy, water technologies, sustainable agriculture, and business strategies for nature-based markets. More details can be found [here](#).

**Funding amount:** There are two categories of funding:

3. Health Promotion: 30,000 euros
4. Insurance and Social Protection: 15,000 euros

**External deadline:** Ongoing

**Internal deadline:** Two weeks prior to the external

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## Open Technology Fund's (OTF) Internet Freedom Fund

The [Internet Freedom Fund \(IFF\)](#) is OTF's primary way to support projects advancing Internet freedom for users in repressive environments. The Internet Freedom Fund, supports development, research, and implementation projects creating or promoting the use of tools that allow users—including journalists, human rights defenders, activists, and regular people—to circumvent Internet censorship, communicate safely, or otherwise access information that is blocked. Applied research efforts supported through the IFF may track how, why, or where censorship is happening, study specific Internet freedom tools and ways to improve them, advance understanding around what types of content censors target, or concentrate on assessing threats to Internet freedom in a specific geographic context.

**Funding amount:** Typical applications seek funding for between \$50,000 - \$200,000 for efforts between 6 and 12 months

**External deadline:** Ongoing

**Internal Deadline:** One week prior to planned submission to allow time for internal compliance review

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## Eurostars Call for Projects SEP 2023

Eurostars is a funding instrument that supports innovative SMEs and project partners (large companies, universities, research organisations and other types of organisations) by funding international collaborative

R&D and innovation projects. By participating, organisations can access public funding for international collaborative R&D projects in all fields. More details can be found [here](#).

**Note:** The innovative SME leading your consortium must open an application and invite the other partners to collaborate on the online application form.

**Funding amount:** Vary from country to country

**External deadline:** 14 September 2023

**Internal deadline:** 31 August 2023

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### **UNDP: COFSA - Call for Proposals for Conscious Food Incubator 2023**

The **Conscious Food Systems Alliance (CoFSA)**, convened by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is a movement of food, agriculture, and consciousness practitioners united around a common goal: to support people from across food and agriculture systems to cultivate the inner capacities that activate systemic change and regeneration. The Conscious Food Incubator intends to support the experimentation of innovative approaches to transform food systems through the cultivation of inner capacities, to scale up and accelerate progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The cultivation of inner capacities for regenerative food systems constitutes a new field of practice which requires testing and innovation to identify, develop and nurture potentially transformative solutions.

**Funding amount:** Up to US\$20,000

**External deadline:** 18 August 2023 at noon CEST

**Internal deadline:** 04 August 2023

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### **US NIH: Primary Care-Based Screening Tool and Intervention Development for the Detection and Prevention of Abuse and Neglect in Older and Vulnerable Adults With, or at Risk for, Mild Cognitive Impairment and AD/ADRD (R61/R33 Clinical Trial Required)**

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research that can lead to the development of primary care-based screening tools and early interventions to detect and prevent AN in older and vulnerable adults living with, or at risk for, mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and AD/ADRD. In the interest of supporting early-stage research that can lead to the development of screening tools and behavioral interventions that can be successfully implemented in primary care settings with diverse patient populations. Research responsive to this call will explicitly address priority research needs and gaps highlighted in the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force's (USPSTF) 2018 final recommendation statement on Intimate Partner Violence, Elder Abuse, and Abuse of Vulnerable Adults. More details can be found [here](#).

**Funding amount:** Varies by phase:

- R61 phase: NIA intends to commit \$3.21 million in FY 2024 to fund 2-4 R61 awards.
- R33 phase: NIA intends to commit \$5.6 million in FY 2026, FY 2027, and FY 2028 to fund 2-4 R33 awards.

**External Letter of Intent due date:** 20 September 2023

**Internal Letter of Intent due date:** 06 September 2023

**External application deadline:** 20 October 2023

**Internal deadline to apply:** 06 October 2023

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## **US NIH: Time-Sensitive Research Opportunities in Environmental Health Sciences (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

This funding opportunity is intended to support research in environmental health science in which an event has or will imminently occur that provides a limited window of opportunity to collect samples and data to support the assessment of exposures and human health impact. The goal of the program is to characterize initial exposures, collect human biological samples, or collect human health and exposure data to provide critical information to understand exposure-health outcome relationships, with the goal of providing data that will facilitate timely action to protect public health. The program also supports the use of innovative techniques (hazard identification, sensing and mitigation technologies) that are uniquely valuable for deployment at a time of disaster to inform our understanding of the human health impacts of the disaster. More details can be found [here](#).

**Note:** All applications are due **by 5pm local time** of applicant organization. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

**Funding amount:** NIEHS intends to commit \$800,000 per year for fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 to fund 4-5 awards each year

**External Letter of Intent due date:** 30 days prior to the application due date

**Internal Letter of Intent due date:** Two weeks prior to external letter of intent due date

**External application deadline:** Varies

**Internal deadline to apply:** Two weeks prior to external application deadline

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