

## Office of the Vice-President Research



# Research Funding and Support

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## Workshops and Support Services

### CFI-JELF Information Session

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) [John R. Evans Leaders Fund \(JELF\)](#) is a program to provide institutions the opportunity to acquire infrastructure for leading research faculty to undertake cutting-edge research. USask has been provided a JELF institutional envelope from which **project leaders can request up to 40% of the eligible project costs**. USask regularly participates in the February and October JELF submissions to the CFI.

This session to be held on **Wednesday, 05 April 2023, from 2-3pm** has been targeted for those interested in the **October 2023** submission group. Potential applicants and co-applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Research facilitators and technical staff are welcome too.

#### October 2023 JELF Guidelines

- Proposed infrastructure will support cutting-edge research at USask. It is appropriate to include in an existing or emerging core facility.
- Proposals can request up to \$800,000 from the CFI, with a maximum total eligible cost of \$2 million
- Core team (upto 3 applicants) must have continuing, full-time academic appointments.
- Requests by OVPR to Innovation Saskatchewan will not be part of this special call process. Rather, proposals have to demonstrate that all matching funding has been received by the university and/or provide letters of commitment from funding sources upon Expression of Interest submission.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed for impact to the USask research community, need for the infrastructure, feasibility and sustainability of the project and availability of institutional JELF envelope.

To register for this online information session, please contact [cfi.support@usask.ca](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca).

## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) have announced the [NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable agriculture research initiative](#) to support research to initiate or accelerate the development of solutions that will be required for a sustainable, resilient, and profitable agriculture sector in a net-zero economy.

This funding will support fundamental and applied research to accelerate transformative alternative practices, technologies, and their adoptions, as well as to build measurement tools and performance metrics. Grant support will range from **\$500,000 to \$2 million per year**, for four years. NSERC and SSHRC will provide support for 100% of the eligible costs of research.

This call is open to Canadian university researchers in social sciences and humanities, natural sciences, and engineering, who are collaborating with organizations from the private, public, or not-for-profit sector.

Eligible college faculty may participate as co-applicants. Partner organizations are not required to provide cash contributions but must actively play a role in the research and support it through in-kind contributions.

If you are interested in applying, please contact [rasl.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasl.support@usask.ca).

**Funding Amount:** \$500,000 to \$2 million per year, for 4 years

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** 8 May 2023

**Full Proposal Deadline:** 8 November 2023

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## Scotiabank Economic Resilience Research Fund (SERRF) in partnership with Mitacs

After partnering to fund 18 high impact research internships across Canada in 2021 and 2022 Mitacs and Scotiabank are launching a third round of the [Scotiabank Economic Resilience Research Fund \(SERRF\)](#).

SERRF is designed to help reduce the financial barriers for charities and not for profit organizations access expertise from Canadian Academic Institutions through the Mitacs [Accelerate program](#). Through this third round of the program SERRF funding will be awarded to up to 50 research internship projects to occur in the fall 2023.

The [SERRF](#) has been launched to support research projects in three key focus areas that are central to Scotiabank's ScotiaRise initiative:

- 1. Accelerate newcomer integration**

Proposed research projects will explore the experiences of newcomers to Canada (in the past three years) including immigrants, refugees, and temporary foreign workers to help fast track meaningful employment for newcomers to the country. Integration essentials might include language, culture and life skills, training and help qualifying for and finding employment, and support networks.

- 2. Increase high school graduation and post-secondary participation**

Proposed research projects will target disadvantaged populations, including Canadian Indigenous communities and at-risk youth to ultimately facilitate a higher rate of high school graduation and post-secondary participation. Post-secondary education is defined broadly, to include university, college, and trades programs.

- 3. Remove barriers to career advancement for disadvantaged groups**

Proposed research projects should be focused on one or more equity seeking groups that face obstacles of sexism, racism, or homophobia (e.g., people with disability, Indigenous, veterans, LGBTQ, women, and BIPOC). The project should determine how to remove barriers to meaningful employment and find solutions to career entry and advancement.

Successful projects will receive **up to \$12,750 in funding** from Scotiabank and Mitacs to support a four to six month Mitacs Accelerate internship. The funding contribution from the SERRF program reduces the required contribution from the not for profit or charity partner organization from \$7,500 to \$3,750.

This opportunity is time limited and interested projects must submit an Expression of Interest by 05 April 2023.

View the program guide [here](#).

For further information or to start the EOI development process please contact Dr. Zsuzsa Papp [zpapp@mitacs.ca](mailto:zpapp@mitacs.ca) or reach out directly to [serrf@mitacs.ca](mailto:serrf@mitacs.ca).

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## International Opportunities and Updates

### Gender Equality in Program Design and Delivery

The [Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation](#), in partnership with the USask International Office, is pleased to invite you to a 2-day workshop on the Feminist Lens in Development with leading Canadian expert on gender equality, [Karen Craggs-Milne](#) in Saskatoon. This is open to community-based organizations, university students, academics, and the general public.

This 2-day workshop will cover everything from the foundational concepts of gender equality, to the new Feminist International Assistance Policy in Canada and impacts for Canadian NGOs, to gender-based analysis for programming.

**Date:** Monday, 27 March & Tuesday, 28 March

**Time:** 9am - 4pm

**Cost:** \$20 per person (includes lunch and snacks)

**Location:** Montcalm Stewart Room (2nd Floor), Marquis Hall, University of Saskatchewan

**Day 1:**

Gender Equality Concepts

Gender Equality within Organizations

**Day 2:**

Feminist International Assistance Program (FIAP) Requirements

Gender Equality in Program Design

Space is limited to 40 participants, so please [click here](#) to register as soon as possible and feel free to forward this invitation across your network!

This activity is approved for inclusion on USask student Co-Curricular Record (<https://ccr.usask.ca>), which is a personalized and official record of the university-approved and facilitated activities you have been involved in while a student here.

About the trainer: Karen Craggs-Milne has extensive experience in designing, implementing and evaluating gender-sensitive programming within the international development sector, and specifically with Plan International Canada and their Because I Am A Girl campaign. Karen also planned several Annual Technical Roundtables around Gender Equality in collaboration with the Canadian government, leading sector experts and NGOs from around the world. Karen is an Obama White House recognized Gender Equality Changemaker (2016). Karen has a bilingual B.A. in International Studies with Honors from Glendon College, York University and a M.Sc. in International Development Management with Merit, from the London School of Economics, in the UK.

For inquiries, kindly email [programassistant@saskcic.org](mailto:programassistant@saskcic.org).

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## Friendly Reminder: Nominations for USask Internationalization Recognition Awards

As part of the University of Saskatchewan [International Blueprint for Action 2025](#), the International Office announces the following [awards](#):

1. J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award;
2. Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty;
3. Global Research Leadership Award for Students; and
4. International Engagement Service Award for Staff.

These awards are to recognize the achievements of faculty, staff and students who provide outstanding contributions to the internationalization of USask. Nominate a deserving colleague for an Award.

**Value:** \$1,500

**Nomination deadline:** 31 March 2023 at 4pm CST/SK time

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## Wenner-Gren Foundation Global Initiatives Grant

Each year, the Wenner-Gren Foundation funds a small number of initiatives that meet a need not already addressed by their other programs. [Global Initiatives Grants](#) help support innovative projects that benefit the discipline as a whole by creating the conditions for anthropologists to do better work. We look for initiatives in which a small amount of money can have a wide and lasting impact, building capacity for the discipline to thrive.

**Eligibility:** Primary scholarship applicant must hold a doctorate in anthropology. Applicants from all nationalities and locations are welcome to apply.

**External deadline:** 15 May 2023

**Internal deadline:** 01 May 2023

**Total Fund:** \$30,000 USD

**Granted amounts range from:** \$5,000 - \$20,000 USD

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## Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

The [Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship](#) enables German researchers at various stages of their career to conduct their research abroad in cooperation with a host of their choice from the Humboldt Network worldwide.

Postdocs may apply for a 6- to 24-month fellowship, experienced researchers for a 6- to 18-month fellowship that can be split into up to three stays over the course of three years.

**External deadline:** The review committee meets every February, June and October

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

**Funding amount:** Dependent on funding calculator, family and child allowance

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## **US Department of Health and Human Services: Using Secondary Data Analysis to Determine Whether Preventive Interventions Implemented Earlier in Life Reduce Suicide Risk (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

The purpose of this [Funding Opportunity Announcement](#) (FOA) is to encourage research that will integrate and harmonize existing large prevention trial data sets. The data sets should consist of well-characterized participant-level data for interventions implemented earlier in life to examine whether they reduce risk for later suicide, including suicidal thoughts and behaviors — fatal and nonfatal (STB), and related external injuries (e.g., nonfatal SUD/ODU/accidents, and all-cause mortality (e.g., National Death Index)).

**Available funding:** \$3 million

**Letter of Intent due date:** 10 September 2023

**External deadline:** 10 October 2023

**Internal deadline to apply:** two weeks prior the external deadline

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## **Administrative Data Research (ADR) England Research Community Catalysts**

Apply for funding to become an [ADR England Research Community Catalyst](#). ADR UK, in collaboration with other co-funders, is piloting a new approach to encourage the research use of ADR England Flagship data (PDF, 1.5MB) across one of the following three themes: (1) children at risk of poor outcomes; (2) youth transitions; (3) evaluation.

The full economic cost (FEC) of your project will depend on the theme, ranging from a maximum sum of around £670,000 to £970,000. ESRC and co-funders will fund 80% FEC. Projects must start no later than 31 January 2024 and end by 31 March 2026.

**Note:** USask researchers need to partner with UK based colleagues to apply for funding.

**External deadline:** 06 June 2023 at 4pm UK time

**Total Fund:** £2,400,000

**Maximum Award:** £970,000

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## Call for Proposals: Evaluation of the Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX) Applied Research Portfolio

The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Knowledge and Innovation Exchange (KIX), a joint endeavour with International Development Research Centre (IDRC), connects expertise, innovation, and knowledge to help countries strengthen education systems and accelerate progress toward SDG 4. IDRC expects the evaluators to follow a utilization-focused approach to evaluation. The emphasis should be on providing evaluative insights that are useful and credible to the primary intended users in a timely manner. More details can be found [here](#).

**Available funding:** Up to CAD150,000

**External deadline:** April 12, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time

**Internal deadline to apply:** March 29, 2023

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### Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

#### CAAIF Call for Applications

CAAIF has just released the Call for applications for the following awards:

- Graduate Student Awards in Asthma (four PhD awards and three MSc awards)
- Fellowship in Immunodeficiency
- Research Grant in Hereditary Angioedema
- Research Grant in Upper Airway Allergic Disease
- Studentship & Fellowship in Asthma and Immunology

#### Graduate Student Awards in Asthma

The objective of the [Graduate Student Awards in Asthma](#) is to create value-added opportunities for the training, education and professional development of graduate students, to ensure continued understanding of causes, mechanisms, improvement of asthma treatments and progress towards finding a cure for asthma.

There are four (4) awards for PhD students **valued at \$30,000 each** and three (3) awards for MSc students **valued at \$15,000 each**.

**Application deadline:** 17 April 2023 at 11:59pm in the time zone of the applicant

#### CAAIF Research Grant in Immunodeficiency supported by Takeda Canada

The objective of the [CAAIF Research Fellowship in Immunodeficiency](#) is to:

- Increase Canadian research capacity in the area of Immunodeficiency,
- Support the research career of promising researchers, and
- Produce high-quality research in Immunodeficiency.

There is one Award available in the **amount of \$50,000**.

**Application deadline:** 17 April 2023 at 11:59pm in the time zone of the applicant

**CAAIF-Miravo Healthcare Research Grant in Upper Airway Allergic Disease**

The objective of the [CAAIF-Miravo Healthcare Research Grant in Upper Airway Allergic Disease](#) is to fund a research grant focused on the area of upper airway allergic disease.

There is one Award available in the **amount of \$50,000**.

**Application deadline:** 01 May 2023 at 11:59 pm in the time zone of the applicant

**CASP-CAAIF Research Grant in Hereditary Angioedema (HAE)**

The objective of the [CASP-CAAIF-Biocryst Research Grant in Hereditary Angioedema \(HAE\)](#) is to fund a research grant focused on the area of Hereditary Angioedema (HAE).

There is one Award available in the **amount of \$50,000**.

*This research grant initiative was supported by BioCryst Canada through an unrestricted educational grant*

**Application deadline:** 01 May 2023 at 11:59 pm in the time zone of the applicant

**Studentship & Fellowship in Asthma and Immunology**

In partnership with the Canadian Lung Association, one (1) Studentship and one (1) post-doctoral/clinical Fellowship will be funded if a highly ranked project's theme investigates new and better treatments that improves the lives of Canadians living with asthma and immunologic diseases. More details can be found [here](#).

Registration Deadline: 05 April 2023

Applications Deadline: 26 April 2023

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