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### USask Workshops and Support Services

**CFI 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.

**Pitch Session Details:**

**Date:** 22 January 2024  
**Time:** 1:30 pm-4:30 pm  
**Location:** TBD

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](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca).
Spotlight on Mitacs: Mitacs-NSERC Joint Applications for Enhanced Funding Information Session

Mitacs and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) present a joint application opportunity to amplify project objectives and funding for collaborative initiatives between universities and partner organizations through the Alliance-Accelerate process.

- Available for Alliance Option 1 only
- Applicants must satisfy both NSERC Alliance and Mitacs Accelerate eligibility and merit criteria
- Applies to new submissions only (not retroactive)
- Two-stage review process
  - Mitacs conducts an internal review
  - NSERC leads the external peer review
- Identification of students, graduate students, recent graduates and postdoctoral fellows is not required at the application stage
- Mitacs-funded projects need to give opportunity to HQP to communicate and collaborate with the partner organization(s) outside of the academic lab or office
- All other Accelerate rules apply.

**Alliance-Accelerate Information Session:**

**When:** 2-3 pm, Nov 28, 2023  
**Where:** Health Sciences Building B505, University of Saskatchewan  
**For:** USask faculty in disciplines related to natural sciences and engineering

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 schedule follow-up meetings for application support.

**Funding amount:** minimum $35,000 (scalable)  
**Partner organization contribution:** min $10,000  
**Project duration:** 1-5 years  
**Deadline:** rolling intake

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**Resources for Researchers**

**Communities & Sustainability Signature Research Area: Connect & Collaborate Event**

The Communities & Sustainability Signature Research Area explores the interrelatedness of human communities and natural ecologies. Understanding the relationships among different peoples and the natural world and ensuring that they are maintained in a good way—a philosophy embodied in the Cree/Saulteaux concept of wāhkōhtowin—is crucial to overcoming urgent environmental, social, economic, and political hurdles.
We welcome USask researchers who work with communities to solve real-world problems to join us for this connection and collaboration event. We aim to renew relationships and build new cross-campus collaborative groups of researchers who work with communities to address urgent questions. These new collaborations can form the hub of new research grant proposals and collaborations for greater impact.

**Date:** Thursday, 30 November from 1pm-3pm  
**Location:** Grad Student Commons (Old Emmanuel and St. Chad Chapel), 1337 College Dr.  
**Register:** [here](#)

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**SHRF 2023-24 Align Grant Deadline Reminder**

The deadline is coming up for the [Align Grant](#) applications for developing research questions, engaging interdisciplinary research teams including members outside of academia and shaping research to align with the needs of Saskatchewan for success in future peer-reviewed funding competitions.

**Important Dates**

- **Application Deadline:** 30 November 2023 at 4:30 p.m. CST  
- **Funding Start:** 01 January 2024

**Opportunity Summary**

- **Amount:** up to $10,000. Values requested must be reflective of a justified and fiscally responsible budget and in balance with the expected deliverables and outcomes of the proposed activities.  
- **Term:** 1 year  
- **Purpose:** Enable a diverse and connected research community in Saskatchewan that is well-positioned to receive peer-reviewed funding and conduct impactful research aligned with Saskatchewan needs.

Applications to this funding opportunity must address the following objectives:

1. Increase research relevance, coordination, and potential for impact by either:
   a. Enabling development and engagement of robust interdisciplinary research teams, including stakeholders* outside academia.  
   b. Providing funding to complete activities that shape research to align with the Saskatchewan context and respond to Saskatchewan needs.

2. Increase quality and success of Saskatchewan applications to peer-reviewed funding competitions at the regional (e.g.; western Canadian- minimum two provinces), national and international level, as well as to SHRF.

3. Support the development of Saskatchewan research and health professional trainees through opportunities to gain experience in collaborative team building and engagement outside academia, co-development of research questions and approaches, and other research and professional skills related to proposed activities.

Watch the information webinar [here](#).

For questions, please email the program contact Chelsea Cunningham at ccunningham@shrf.ca.
International 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 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.

Environmental Research & Education Foundation: Request for Applications to address Solid Waste Management
The Environmental Research & Education Foundation has announced a request for applications to address all areas of integrated solid waste management, with a strong focus towards research that increased sustainable solid waste management practices. View the program [here](#).

Eligibility:
- Principal investigators (PI) must be qualified to do the work proposed and should be experts in the subject matter referenced in the pre-proposal/proposal. Typically this would include full-time faculty at academic institutions, post-doctoral employees, and principals or senior personnel at non-academic institutions. Graduate students are not eligible to be principal investigators.

External deadlines per year for pre-proposals: 01 December and 01 May
Internal deadlines: 10 business days before the external deadlines

Funding amount and duration:
Previously awarded grants have ranged from US$15,000 to over US$500,000 with the average grant amount in recent years being $160,000. Typical project durations are about 2 years. It should be noted that proposed research in excess of US$300,000 or longer than 3 years should contain sufficient details that justify the need for the higher than average amount requested and longer project duration.

Stanford Internet Observatory Call for Proposals: Expanding Online Trust & Safety Research Grant Program

The Stanford Internet Observatory, with support from the Omidyar Network, is launching a pilot grants program to support researchers studying issues of online trust and safety in the majority world. View the program here.

Eligibility:
Researchers must be affiliated with an academic institution, research institution, think tank, NGO, journalistic organization, or civil society organization that will be the recipient of the research grant.
The proposal can include work that is ongoing or incremental to a larger project.

Funding amount: up to US$15,000
Internal deadline: 16 January 2024
External deadline: 30 January 2024

AIAS-PIREAU Fellowship Theme: 'Labour market transformations and inequality'

Aarhus University, Denmark, through its Platform for Inequality Research (PIREAU) and Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) announced five joint theme-based fellowships of a duration of ten months from September 2024 to June 2025. Projects may investigate inequality in economics, health, politics, or any other outcome of societal importance, but should have a focus on how today’s changing labour market affects, or is affected by, these inequities. Within this broad theme, all research questions and approaches are welcome. View the program here.

Eligibility:
The call is open for researchers of any nationality and from all disciplines with research profiles within the thematic scope of the call. The target group of the programme is talented researchers at all career stages with minimum a PhD at the time of application.

The fellowship includes:
- a salary based on seniority (employment conditions and wages are regulated through the Danish collective union agreements)
- relocation assistance
- travel costs (up to a maximum of 2,000 euro)

Fellows will have office space at AIAS and can participate in academic training activities, conferences and workshops at AIAS. They will also be affiliated with relevant research environments at PIREAU and Aarhus University.

Internal deadline: 18 January 2024
**The Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Awards**

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences or allied disciplines that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence and aggression. Highest priority is given to research that addresses urgent, present-day problems of violence—what produces it, how it operates, and what prevents or reduces it. View the program [here](#).

The Foundation is interested in violence related to many subjects, including, but not limited to, the following:

- War
- Crime
- Terrorism
- Family and intimate-partner relationships
- Climate instability and natural resource competition
- Racial, ethnic, and religious conflict
- Political extremism and nationalism

**Eligibility:**

- Applicants for an award must be Ph.D. candidates entering the dissertation stage of graduate study. Usually, this means that fieldwork or other research is complete and writing has begun or will at the beginning of the award period. If analysis and writing are not far enough along for an applicant to be confident that the dissertation will be completed within the award year, an application should not be submitted. In some disciplines, particularly experimental fields, research and writing can reasonably be expected to be completed within the same year, and in those cases, it is appropriate to apply.
- Applicants may be citizens of any country and studying at colleges or universities in any country.

**Funding amount:** US$25,000

**Internal deadline:** 18 January 2024

**External deadline:** 01 February 2024

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**U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Call for Proposals: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites Research Project Grant (R01) applications that propose to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genetic or genomic research. Applications may propose studies using either single or mixed methods. Approaches may include but are not limited to empirical qualitative and quantitative methods, and conceptual, legal, and normative analyses. Applied research designed to address ELSI issues in genetics and genomics will also be considered responsive. Direct engagement with communities and other interested groups is encouraged, but not required. View the opportunity [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.
**Funding amount:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Duration:** up to 5 years

**External deadlines:** For new submissions, three times per year starting from 20 February 2024

**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days before external deadlines

**Important note:**

- For small projects that are primarily exploratory in nature or designed to generate pilot data in preparation for a larger study, applicants should consider PAR-23-294, the ELSI Exploratory/Developmental Research (R21) NOFO, which provides a total of up to $275,000 in direct costs over three years (this call is included in this newsletter).

- For very small projects, such as those involving single investigators, focused conceptual or analytical studies, or secondary data analyses, applicants may wish to consider PAR-23-295, the ELSI Small Research Grant (R03) NOFO, which provides a total of up to $50,000 in direct costs a year for two years. Note that not all Institutes and Offices participating in this R01 NOFO participate in the R21 and R03 NOFOs (this call is included in this newsletter).

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**U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Call for Proposals: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (R21) applications that propose to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genetic or genomic research. Applications may propose studies using either single or mixed methods, that break new ground, extend previous discoveries in new directions, or develop preliminary data in preparation for larger studies. Approaches may include but are not limited to empirical qualitative and quantitative methods, and conceptual, legal, and normative analyses. Applied research designed to address ELSI issues in genetics and genomics will also be considered responsive. Direct engagement with communities and other stakeholders is encouraged, but not required. View the opportunity [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.

**Funding amount:** up to US$275,000 in direct costs for the two or three-year project period with no more than $200,000 in direct costs in a single year

**Duration:** up to 3 years

**External deadlines:** For new submissions, three times per year starting from 20 February 2024

**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days before external deadlines

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**U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Call for Proposals: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Small Research Grant (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)**

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites Small Research Grant (R03) applications that propose to study the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of human genetic or genomic research. These
applications should be for small, self-contained research projects, such as those that involve single investigators. Of particular interest are projects that propose normative or conceptual analyses, including focused legal, economic, philosophical, anthropological, or historical analyses of new or emerging issues. This mechanism can also be used for the collection of preliminary data and the secondary analysis of existing data. Applications may propose studies using either single or mixed methods. Applied research designed to address ELSI issues in genetics and genomics will also be considered responsive. Direct engagement with communities and other stakeholders is encouraged, but not required. View the opportunity [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.

**Funding amount:** up to US$50,000 in direct costs per year  
**Duration:** up to 2 years  
**External deadlines:** For new submissions, three times per year starting from 19 February 2024  
**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days before external deadlines

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The Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN) invites applications from neuroscience investigators seeking support to advance their small molecule drug discovery and development projects into the clinic. Participants in the BPN are responsible for conducting all studies that involve disease- or target-specific assays, models, and other research tools and receive funding for all activities to be conducted in their own laboratories. View the opportunity [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.

**Funding amount:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.  
**Duration:** up to 5 years  
**External deadlines:** For new submissions, three times per year starting from 09 February 2024  
**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days before external deadlines

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**U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) Call for Proposals: Effect of HIV and Substance Use Comorbidity on the Placenta and Maternal Outcomes (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications for research targeted at elucidating the effect of HIV and/or anti-retroviral therapy on the growth, development and functioning of the placenta in pregnant individuals with substance use/misuse, the impact of placental abnormalities on maternal outcomes, and the underlying mechanisms. View the opportunity [here](#).

**Eligibility:** Non-domestic (non-U.S.) Entities (Foreign Institutions) are eligible to apply.
**Funding amount:** The proposed budget must reflect the actual needs of the proposed project. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Scientific/Research Contact listed in Section VII of this announcement prior to submission.

**Duration:** up to 5 years

**External deadlines:** 15 November 2024  
**Internal deadlines:** 01 November 2024