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Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

Canadian Access to ISIS Neutron Beam
The UK International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF) is providing funds to enable the development of Canadian use of ISIS and to foster the collaboration between ISIS and Canadian researchers. This funding, for the period 2023-2025, will support Canadian PI experiments at ISIS and a workshop to promote collaboration and partnerships between ISIS and Canada. A new collaboration agreement between ISIS and Neutrons Canada has been signed to support this programme.

Proposals for ISIS neutron beamtime are welcome from Canadian researchers, initially for experiments to be run by 31 March 2024. Funding is available for around 5 experiments, enabling travel and subsistence costs for up to two Canadian researchers to come to ISIS per experiment. Proposals should be submitted through the “Canadian Access” route in the ISIS online proposal system. Researchers are encouraged to contact an ISIS instrument scientist in advance of proposal submission, to discuss technical aspects of a proposal and beamtime availability before March 2024. In the event of oversubscription, preference will be given to users who are new to using neutrons or the ISIS facility.

A further 12 Canadian experiments will be supported to be run between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025. The ISIS online proposal system is also accepting proposals for these experiments, with a deadline of Wednesday 18 October 2023. Proposals should be submitted through the “Canadian Access” route in the ISIS online proposal system, as described above. A second call will be timed for the ISIS proposal round with deadline 17 April 2024.

Canadians who wish to take advantage of the opportunity for beam time at ISIS may consult the ISIS website for details.

For further details, please contact Philip King at ISIS.

Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities
SSHRC DIALOGUE Newsletter
Please see below for the October 2023 SSHRC DIALOGUE newsletter. Highlights are included below:

- 2023 SSHRC Impact Awards finalists
- Imagining Canada’s Future wins public sector award for excellence in innovation

Funding focus – Upcoming Deadlines:

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Network on Sustainable Agriculture in a Net-Zero Economy (20 October 2023)
- New Frontiers in Research Fund: Transformation competition (notice of intent, 24 October 2023)
- Partnership Grants—Stage 2 (by invitation only: 29 October 2023)
- Connection Grants (01 November 2023)
- Robbins-Ollivier Award for Excellence in Equity: 2023 Competition (nomination deadline: 07 November 2023)
- Open Research Area 8th Call for Proposals (14 November 2023)
- Partnership Development Grants (15 November 2023)
- Imagining Canada’s Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century—Stage 2 (by invitation only: 22 November 2023)
- New Frontiers in Research Fund: Exploration competition (full application: 12 December 2023)
- Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories (14 December 2023)
- Partnership Engage Grants (15 December 2023)
- New Frontiers in Research Fund: Transformation competition (letter of intent: 10 January 2024)

For more information, see Upcoming Deadlines, or subscribe to our RSS feed.

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 – grant average $20,000

- **Global Innovation Fund** – to initiate the development of new international research collaborations – grant average $20,000

- **Global Community Service Fund – New Partnerships Grants** – to support new collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $20,000

- **Global Community Service Fund – Existing Partnerships Grants** – to support existing collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $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](mailto: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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**The France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) – Learn More About 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 **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
**External deadline:** 17 November 2023
**Internal Deadline:** 30 October 2023

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**Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC): Feminist Lens in Development Workshop**

The Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation 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:** 06-07 November 2023
**Time:** 9am - 4pm
**Location:** Montcalm Stewart Room (2nd Floor Marquis Hall)
Agenda:
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, so please [register](#) as soon as possible.

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.

Are you a University of Saskatchewan student? This activity is approved for inclusion on your [USask student Co-Curricular Record](#), which is a personalized and official record of the university-approved and facilitated activities you have been involved in while a student here.

The TANGO2 Research Foundation (T2RF) Research Grants
The [TANGO2 Research Foundation (T2RF) research grants](#) provide essential funding for seed or pilot research projects, fostering the exploration of groundbreaking research concepts. These awards support initial testing phases, allowing researchers to embark on smaller-scale endeavors. The emphasis lies in evaluating feasibility and refining methodologies, shaping the trajectory of potential larger-scale studies. Through this funding mechanism, the foundation empowers researchers to take innovative ideas from conception to a vital stage of validation, contributing to the advancement of knowledge and discovery. The T2RF seeks to fund rigorous, high-quality research studies in efforts to fulfill our foundation’s mission enthusiastically.

T2RF funds two types of Research Grants:
- Single-Institution – This grant supports a research initiative within a single institution that may or may not involve multiple research investigators and/or a multi-departmental research team.
- Multi-Institution – This grant supports a collaborative research initiative conducted in conjunction with an institution(s) or with personnel not affiliated with the awarded PI/PD’s academic/research institution.

Who can apply?
- A clinical, basic, or community researcher with a terminal degree (MD, DO, Ph.D., NP, or international equivalent) working in an academic medical institution or nonprofit/research institution
U.S. and international researchers

**Funding Amount:** Up to USD $25,000 for single institution & up to USD $50,000 for multi-institution

**Project Duration:** 1 year

**Letter of Intent Internal deadline:** 01 November 2023

**Letter of Intent External deadline:** 09 November 2023 at 5pm EST

**Full Proposal Internal deadline:** 16 February 2024

**Full Proposal External deadline:** 01 March 2024 at 5pm EST

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**Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG): Small Research Grants (SRGs) and PhD Research Grants**

STEG invites applications for two opportunities: **Small Research Grants (SRGs)** and **PhD Grants**.

1) **SRGs of between £10,000 and £25,000** can fund research assistance, data collection and/or purchase, and potentially research stipends/teaching buyouts (see SRG Budget Guidelines for eligibility requirements). Grants also support travel to field sites, even when secondary data is utilized. STEG views this kind of travel (with the possibilities for field visits and conversations with policy makers) as particularly important for researchers who lack prior experience in the countries that they intend to study.

Research may focus on broad systemic patterns and processes of structural transformation and growth for low- and middle-income countries, in a comparative sense across time or space, or more narrowly defined topics related to one or more of the following six research themes:

- Data, measurement, and conceptual framing;
- Firms, frictions and spillovers, and industrial policy;
- Labour, home production, and structural transformation at the level of households;
- Agricultural productivity and sectoral gaps;
- Trade and spatial frictions;
- Political economy and public investment.

Other areas of interest may not fit cleanly into any of the themes but are centrally relevant to STEG and are also encouraged. STEG is also focused around three cross-cutting issues that are simultaneously relevant to many areas of structural transformation, including the six research themes:

- Gender;
- Climate change and the environment;
- Inequality and inclusion.

Research proposals speaking to these issues will receive particular consideration.

2) **PhD Research Grants (PhD RGs) of up to £15,000** can fund research assistance, data collection and/or purchase, and stipends. Stipends should only be requested if they allow the researcher(s) to reduce teaching/administrative duties and therefore free up time for research. Stipends are capped at £12,000 for PhD
students in programmes located in high-income countries and the PPP equivalent for PhD students in programmes located in low- and middle-income countries.

**Funding Amount:** between £10,000 and £25,000 for Small Research Grants (SRGs) & up to £15,000 for PhD Research Grants

**Project Duration:** 12 months

**Internal Deadline:** 30 October 2023

**External Deadline:** 06 November 2023 at 11:59pm BST

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**U.S. Department of State: DRL Internet Freedom Annual Program Statement**

The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) from organizations interested in submitting Statements of Interest (SOI) for programs that support Internet Freedom. In support of the U.S. International Strategy for Cyberspace, DRL’s goal is to protect the open, interoperable, secure, and reliable Internet by promoting fundamental freedoms, human rights, and the free flow of information online through integrated support to civil society for technology, digital safety, policy and advocacy, and applied research programs. DRL invites organizations interested in potential funding to submit SOI applications outlining program concepts that reflect this goal.

**Four funding themes:** Technology; Digital Safety; Policy and Advocacy; Applied Research. Applications should be made through the grants.gov system. Read more [here](#).

**Funding Amount:** from USD $500,000 to USD $3,000,000

**Internal Deadline:** 15 December 2023

**External Deadline:** 05 January 2024

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**The Water Research Foundation: Two Funding Options**

The Water Research Foundation has opened two funding options for international cooperation. Each Request for Proposal (RFP) outlines specific application requirements; submit your proposal following the guidance included in the RFP. Be sure to note deadlines as proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

1) **Making the Case for Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure and Supporting Strategies**

**Project Objectives**

- To develop water sector-specific guidance, including a decision-support tool on how to make a case for investments in climate-resilient stormwater, wastewater, and drinking water infrastructure, considering both structural approaches (i.e., physical assets) and non-structural approaches (e.g., codes and standards).
- To advance quantitative approaches to utility decision-making about climate resilient capital projects, as well as other approaches within the web of complex challenges facing water utilities today.
- To enhance stakeholder engagement and education by incorporating a collaborative component in the decision-support tool, enabling utilities to engage community members, utility staff, and peer agencies around climate-resilient water investments.
2) **Guidance for Algaecide Application in Source Waters**

**Project Objectives**
The objective of the project is to develop a guidance document that will help utilities optimize their algaecide application and develop monitoring protocols.

**Funding Amount:** varies  
**Project Duration:** varies  
**Internal Deadline:** 01 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 14 November 2023 at 3pm Mountain Time

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**U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH): HIV Vaccine Research and Design (HIVRAD) Program (P01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

The HIV Vaccine Research and Design (HIVRAD) Program supports projects that address hypotheses crucial to the design of an efficacious HIV/AIDS prophylactic vaccine. An application submitted in response to this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) should include hypothesis-supporting data that the research has advanced past the exploratory stage, including preliminary immunogenicity to justify the vaccine candidate development; and the application should lay out a research plan with clear decision points. Preclinical evaluation of vaccine concepts in nonhuman primates and/or small animal models, such as transgenic humanized mice, may be included.

This NOFO will support research including but not limited to:

- Approaches to elicit durable and broadly adaptive immunity against HIV and/or SIV  
- Identifying correlates of vaccine-induced immune protection against infection with HIV and/or SHIV/SIV in preclinical models  
- HIV structural studies as they relate to designing HIV immunogens  
- Improved animal model systems to address vaccine immunogenicity and/or efficacy  
- Approaches to improve the immunogenicity of HIV antigens (e.g., novel adjuvants and delivery systems)  
- Novel candidate vaccine design for addressing the heterogeneity of HIV  
- Developing or improving vaccine vectors  
- Determining how immune cells can be mobilized to relevant mucosal sites  
- Investigations into innate immunity to alter the outcome of infection

**Funding Amount:** up to $2,500,000 per year  
**Project Duration:** up to 5 years  
**Internal Deadline:** two weeks prior the external submission  
**External Submission Date:** As early as 13 February 2024  
**Letter of Intent Due Date(s):** 30 days prior to the application due date
U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH): Mechanistic Research on Neuromodulation for Substance Use Disorders Treatment (R61/R33 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to encourage clinical research that will identify and validate:

- Novel targets for non-invasive brain stimulation (NIBS) to treat substance use disorders (SUD)
- Substance use disorder (SUD)-relevant neurobiological, cognitive, and behavioral responses to NIBS that may precede clinical outcomes like reduced craving or substance use

Applications are expected to be exploratory and developmental in nature. As such, these studies may involve considerable risk of failure but may lead to a breakthrough in a particular area that could have a major impact on SUD research involving NIBS. This NOFO uses a R61/R33 Phased Innovation award activity code to support applications that propose Basic Experimental Studies Involving Humans (BESH) that meet both the definition of basic research and the NIH definition of a clinical trial. Types of studies that should submit under this NOFO include studies that prospectively assign human participants to conditions (i.e., experimentally manipulate independent variables) and that assess biomedical or behavioral outcomes for the purpose of understanding the fundamental aspects of phenomena without specific application towards processes or products in mind.

Read more [here](#).

**Funding Amount:** For the R61 planning phase costs for up to two years may not exceed $600,000; for the R33 phase, budgets are not limited.

**Project Duration:** up to 5 years

**Internal Deadline:** two weeks prior the external submission

**External Submission Date:** As early as 16 December 2023

**Letter of Intent Due Date(s):** 30 days prior to the application due date

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**Eureka: Open Call for Network Projects Applications**

The call for Network projects is open for applications all year round. Access national funding for your international collaborative R&D projects using a simple flexible programme. The Network projects programme eases collaboration between organisations in Eureka countries, offering you the freedom to design your project proposal and build your ideal consortium. With limited eligibility criteria and minimal paperwork, taking part accelerates your access to public funding. Submit your project idea using one of three models:

- Apply whenever you want
- Apply for bilateral or multilateral calls for projects between two or more Eureka countries
- Apply for thematic calls for projects between two or more Eureka countries

All organisations in any country can join a project consortium provided there are two or more participating organisations from Eureka countries. For more information about the programme and national funding information, eligibility criteria and additional application steps, visit [the Network projects page](#).
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

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