

## Office of the Vice-President Research



# Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on  
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## USask Workshops and Support Services

### Student Registration Open - SURE Summer Symposium 2023

The Student Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Summer Symposium is taking place in-person on **31 August** at Convocation Hall. Please encourage the undergraduate students that you work with to share their summer research, scholarly or artistic work at this event.

**Student Registration:** Students should complete [this form](#) by **02 August 2023 at 5pm**.

For more information about the symposium see our [webpage](#). For questions, please contact [undergraduate.research@usask.ca](mailto:undergraduate.research@usask.ca).

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### Crohn's and Colitis Canada 2024 Grants-in-Aid of Research Competition

The [Grants-in-Aid](#) program supports research projects related to inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) aligned with Crohn's and Colitis Canada's Promise and strategic directions. Funding is limited to a **maximum of \$125,000 annually for up to three years**, contingent upon available funds.

**To apply:**

- Submit a Notice of Intent to Apply by **Tuesday, 01 August 2023 at 5pm (EST)**
- Applicants who submit a Notice of Intent may submit a Full Application by **Monday, 02 October 2023 at 5pm (EST)**

Crohn's and Colitis Canada is also delighted to announce the launch of its [2024 Innovations in IBD Research Competition \(INN\)](#). The INN program supports novel or innovative approaches to IBD research projects directly related to IBD. This grant is intended to stimulate and support research that may not be encompassed within the boundaries of traditional medical research. Research proposals must conform to sound research principles and may aim to collect pilot data for follow-on application(s). Our organization seeks mission relevance and excellence as well as innovation. Grants to a **maximum of \$50 000 for one year** may be awarded.

**To apply:**

- Submit a Full Application by **Monday, 02 October 2023 at 5pm (EST)**

For application instructions & full details on these grant competitions, visit the [Crohn's and Colitis Canada website](#).

Please review the grant guidelines carefully for the eligibility criteria for the 2024 grant competitions. All applications must be submitted via [Proposal Central](#) before the deadline.

If you have questions or encounter difficulties with the online application form, please contact us at [research@crohnsandcolitis.ca](mailto:research@crohnsandcolitis.ca).

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## International Opportunities and Updates

### UKRI: Responsible AI UK Impact Accelerator Round One

This funding opportunity is being run through Responsible AI UK (RAI UK). This UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) funded programme supports research on the technical, social, legal and ethical challenges surrounding responsible AI. RAI needs an interdisciplinary ecosystem that adopts equality, diversity and inclusivity (EDI), trusted research, and responsible research and innovation (RRI) as fundamental principles. And therefore, particularly interested in supporting diverse, multidisciplinary teams that co-create research with industry and the public. More details can be found [here](#).

**Note:** USask researchers would have to partner with UK eligible institution to apply

**Available funding:** £1,500,000

**Award range:** £50,000 - £300,000

**Opening date:** 24 July 2023 at 10am UK time

**Registration due date (mandatory):** 07 August 2023 at 4pm UK time

**External application deadline:** 07 September 2023 at 4pm UK time

**Internal deadline to apply:** 24 August 2023

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### US DD: Toxic Exposures Research Program – Clinical Trial Award

Applications to the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) [Toxic Exposures Research Program \(TERP\)](#) are being solicited by the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) using delegated authority provided by United States Code, Title 10, Section 4001 (10 USC 4001). The vision of the TERP is to minimize and mitigate the impact of military-related toxic exposures and improve the health and quality of life of those affected. The TERP aims to support impactful and highly relevant research focused on military-related toxic exposures that Service Members, Veterans, or their beneficiaries may be exposed to because of deployed, garrison, or other work environments and living conditions. It is expected that research findings would also benefit the general population.

**Available funding:** Varies

**Pre-Application Submission Deadline:** 13 September 2023 at 5pm Eastern time (ET)

**Application Submission Deadline:** 04 October 2023 at 11:59pm ET

**Internal deadline for pre-application:** 30 August 2023

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### Notice of Pre-Application Webinar for Funding Opportunity: Transition to Aging Research for Predoctoral Students

The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the National Institute on Aging (NIA) will hold a pre-application technical assistance live webinar for RFA-AG-23-016, [Transition to Aging Research for Predoctoral Students](#) (F99/K00 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

**Date:** Thursday, 17 August at 2:30pm ET

Registration link: [here](#)

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## DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory Broad Agency Announcement for Foundational Research

The purpose of this combined Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 35 and Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) under 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200.204 (henceforth referred to as “BAA”) is to solicit research proposals for submission to the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM) Army Research Laboratory (ARL) for funding consideration. ARL’s mission as the Army’s foundational research laboratory is to Operationalize Science to ensure overmatch in any future conflict. ARL’s foundational research mission spans basic research, and applied research. But may include advanced technology development, and advanced component development and prototypes when opportunities arise to directly or indirectly help achieve ARL’s mission. ARL partners across the national security enterprise to deliver fundamentally advantageous change that is rooted in the creation and exploitation of scientific knowledge. More details can be found [here](#).

**Available funding:** Varies

**External Deadline:** Varies

**Internal deadline to apply:** Two weeks prior to submission

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## 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/j/abPkIFxwzy>

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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## Sony Research Award Program

As part of one of the world's most innovative and recognizable brands, Sony is committed to support university research and innovation in the U.S., Canada, India, and select European countries, while also fostering partnerships with university faculty and researchers. The Sony Research Award Program provides funding for cutting-edge academic research and helps build a collaborative relationship between faculty and Sony researchers. Both the Faculty Innovation Award and Focused Research Award create new opportunities for university faculties and research institutions to engage in pioneering research that could drive new technologies, industries and the future. More details can be found [here](#).

**Note:** There are two awards under this opportunity

**Available funding:** Varies from US\$100K to US\$150K

**External Deadline:** 15 September 2023

**Internal deadline to apply:** 01 September 2023

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## Collaboration Opportunity from the Japan Science and Technology Agency for NSERC-Supported Researchers: ASPIRE

The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) has launched a new large-scale call for international joint research and there are potential benefits for NSERC-supported researchers at all career levels in the following fields: AI and Information, Biotechnology, Energy, Quantum, Materials, Semiconductors and Telecommunications. The inaugural [ASPIRE call](#) is open to Japan-based researchers intending to conduct collaborative research with counterpart researchers from select countries (including Canada) who are currently receiving or expecting to receive support for their research from eligible funding agencies, such as NSERC (any size and any length of grant).

Please note that NSERC has not dedicated special funding for this. Proposals will be accepted by JST in the areas mentioned above. ASPIRE has three streams: Top Scientists, Top Teams, and Early Career Researchers (ECRs). Top Scientists/Top Teams streams will jointly fund a total of twenty, 5-year projects of up to 100 million yen/year (approx. 1 million CAD/year), and the Rising Scientists stream will fund thirty 3-year projects of up to 30 million yen/year (approx. 300K CAD/year). For more information, including how career stages are defined for each stream, contact [aspire@jst.go.jp](mailto:aspire@jst.go.jp).

**Funding Amount:** 30 million to 100 million yen

**External Deadline:** 17 August 2023

**Internal Deadline:** 03 August 2023

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## UNESCO: Call for entries: Future Designer International Innovation Design Awards (IIDA) & Science for SDGs Innovation Contest

Graduate student opportunity: Do you have an idea for an original design which advocates for sustainable development while addressing the pressing challenges facing our world, such as environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, climate change, food and water insecurity or energy poverty? Are you a secondary school pupil or undergraduate or graduate student at university? If you fulfil these criteria, we encourage you to apply for the 2023 Future Designer International Innovation Design Awards and Science for the Sustainable Development Goals Innovation Contest. The aid has a total duration of up to three months. More details can be found [here](#).

**External Deadline:** 30 September 2023

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