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International Opportunities and Updates

Internationalization Awards: Nominations Open for USask Internationalization Recognition Awards

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

- J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award;
- Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty;
- Global Research Leadership Award for Students; and
- 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

International Open Education Week and SDG Week Canada

USask will celebrate International Open Education Week and SDG Week Canada from 06-10 March 2023. Here are some events that may be of interest:

Mon, 06 March at 11am	Panel: Introducing the USask Sustainability Fellows
Mon, 06 March at 1:30pm	What Are Open Educational Practices and How Do I Get Started?
Tues, 07 March at 1:30pm	Introduction to Pressbooks for USask faculty
Wed, 08 March at 1pm	Panel: Using Open Educational Practices to Address Institutional and Community Priorities
Wed, 08 March at 4pm	Panel: International Women's Day - STEMM and the SDGs with graduate students from USask and the University of Tasmania
Thurs, 09 March at 4pm	Increasing Sustainability with Students as Co-Creators and Collaborators for Open Educational Resources
Fri, 10 March at 12:30pm	SDG Multiplier Training for USask students, staff, faculty

See a list of all sessions, descriptions, and links to register [here](#).

Globalink Research Award: A new partnership with Aix-Marseille Université (France)

Mitacs [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program offers a new opportunity (open all year) with Aix-Marseille Université (France — travel to Canada and/or travel from Canada). No financial contribution is required from

the Canadian institution. The program is open for all disciplines and full-time master's and PhD students or postdoctoral fellows (travel to Canada) and full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows (travel from Canada).

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible to discuss your application and institutional signature needed for the submission.

Award amount: \$6,000

External deadline: open all year

Internal deadline: two weeks prior to external

Globalink Research Award: Partnership with National Research Foundation (NRF) Korea

Mitacs [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program offers research opportunities in partnership **with** National Research Foundation (NRF) Korea. No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution. The program is open for all fields of Science and Technology, Interdisciplinary studies involving S&T and Humanities or Social Sciences. Full-time master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to apply (travel to and from Canada).

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible to discuss your application and institutional signature needed for the submission.

Award amount and external deadline: \$9,000 to \$15,000 (travel to Canada; submit to NRF by 23 March 2023, at 5 p.m. PT (website accessible from Korea only and found [here](#)))

\$6,000 (travel from Canada; submit through USask International Office; applications are accepted on an ongoing basis)

Internal deadline: two weeks prior to external

Globalink Research Award: Partnership with Consejo de Rectores de las Universidades Chilenas (CRUCH-FUDEA)

Mitacs [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program offers research opportunities in partnership **with** Consejo de Rectores de las Universidades Chilenas (CRUCH-FUDEA) in Chile. No financial contribution is required from the Canadian institution. The program is open to all disciplines for full-time senior undergraduate, master's and PhD students, or postdoctoral fellows (travel to and from Canada).

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible to discuss your application and institutional signature needed for the submission.

Award amount: \$6,000

External deadline: 30 April 2023 at 5pm

Internal deadline: two weeks prior to external

CDMRP Lung Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Programs

Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) opens seven funding opportunities within the call Lung Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Programs.

More details on the Lung Cancer Research Program awards can be found [here](#). For Ovarian Cancer Research Program awards, click [here](#).

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible to discuss your application and institutional information needed for the submission.

Total funding: varies according to the award

Anticipated number of awards: varies according to the award

External pre-application (pre-proposal) deadline: varies according to the award (earliest 17 April 2023)

External application deadline: varies according to the award

Application submission is a two-step process: (1) pre-application and (2) application. Successful candidates will be invited to submit their applications.

Internal deadline to apply: two weeks prior the external application deadline.

Commonwealth Peace and Reconciliation Challenge Grants

Commonwealth Peace and Reconciliation Challenge Grants are aimed at academic and professional staff at [ACU member universities](#), and the grants can be used to support initiatives advancing peace, reconciliation, and indigenous knowledge. Four grants of up to **GBP2,500 each**, will be available for ACU members to meet the costs of organising projects that promote the aims and priorities of the Commonwealth Peace and Reconciliation Network. More details can be found [here](#).

Available funding: GBP10,000

External deadline: 10 April 2023

Internal deadline to apply: 27 March 2023

The Minor Foundation for Major Challenges (MFMC)

The MFMC is a Norwegian foundation that supports communication projects which advance the transition to a low carbon economy. The Foundation supports advocates of climate change mitigation. The calls for applications are open to international applicants. MFMC supports projects that support urgent, large-scale transformation, with a focus on changing policies and practices in public or private institutions. MFMC traditionally announces six calls for applications every year, in two different categories: large and small grants. More details can be found [here](#).

Available funding:

- **Large Grants:** Projects from EUR20,000 to EUR200,000 or more
- **Small Grants:** Projects up to EUR10,000

External deadline: 20 April 2023

Internal deadline to apply: 06 April 2023

Supporting Critical Open-Source Technologies That Enable a Free and Open Internet: Bureau of Democracy Human Rights and Labor

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) announces an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for projects to strengthen the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms online through an open, interoperable, reliable, and secure global Internet, with a focus on technology development. Competitive proposals will develop and implement programs to develop, improve, implement, and sustain open-source technologies which serve as critical foundations for a free and open Internet. Read more [here](#).

Available funding: \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

External deadline: 19 April 2023

Internal deadline to apply: 05 April 2023

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

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Canada-Brain Canada Trainee Program 2023

Brain Canada and ALS Canada share a strong belief that it is crucial that promising young investigators are nurtured in the early stages of their careers so they can strive to promote discovery and advancement.

The intent for the [ALS Canada-Brain Canada Trainee Program](#) is to attract the brightest young minds to ALS research, which will contribute to a succession plan for the Canadian ALS research community. This program is designed to nurture and support innovative ideas and compelling breakthroughs across the spectrum of ALS research.

A \$315,000 pool of funds will be available for this program. Each **Doctoral Award would be funded at \$25,000 per year for up to three years**, and each **Postdoctoral Fellowship would be funded at \$55,000 per year for up to three years**. The funds awarded through this fellowship will be utilized to support the stipend/salary of the awardee(s).

Evidence clearly shows that increasing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in research environments enhances excellence, innovation, and creativity. Brain Canada is committed to excellence through equity, and we encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds to apply to our funding opportunities, which will promote the expression of diverse perspectives, approaches, and experiences, including those of underrepresented groups.

Click [here](#) to view the Terms of Reference.

Deadline: 11 April 2023 at 13:00 ET

Please see below for highlights from the 27 January to 23 February [CIHR Access Newsletter](#):

Announcements:

- [Café Scientifique Program](#)
- [Webinar: Applied Public Health Chair](#)
- [New Workshop Summary: Heterogeneity in Nutrition and Metabolic Health](#)
- [Inuit Knowledge to Support Climate Change Adaptation](#)

Upcoming funding opportunities:

- [National Women's Health Research Initiative: Innovation Fund - Biomedical Discovery Grant](#)
- [Operating Grant : 16th JPIAMR transnational call for research projects \(2023\)](#)
- [Team Grant: Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases 2022: Non-communicable disease prevention in cities](#)
- [2023 Health System Impact Program: PhD and Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

Canada Launches New Small Modular Reactor Funding Program

NRCAN announced a call for proposals for its [Enabling Small Modular Reactor Program](#). The new program will provide **\$29.6 million over four years** to:

- Develop supply chains for SMR manufacturing and fuel supply and security to support the crucial elements necessary for Canada's SMR industry to thrive; and
- Fund research on safe SMR waste management solutions to ensure that SMRs, and the waste they generate, will be safe now and into the future.

Eligible applicants include private companies, utilities, provinces and territories, universities and Indigenous groups.

This program is complementary to the NSERC-NRCAN Alliance grant that is also currently accepting Expressions of Interest but is open to a broader audience.

Additional information on the NRCAN program is available here:

- [News release](#)
- [Call for proposals](#)

Deadline: 07 April 2023 at 11:59pm EST

For enquiries, please contact smr-prm@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca.

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