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USask Workshops and Support Services

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.

Learn more about USask’s 2025 IF Competition Timeline.

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.
Mitacs Accelerate Enhanced Funding Support: Call for Proposals and Information Sessions

For a limited time, Mitacs Accelerate can leverage industry and community partner funds at 1:2 ratio for new applications with identified students and eligible sectors through Accelerate Special Calls - Mitacs.

- Eligible sectors: Cleantech; Agrifood-Ag-Tech; Digital (AI, quantum, ICT); Biotech/Biomanufacturing/Life sciences
- No limit on number of applications per professor.
- Maximum application size is 50 units.
- Maximum 3 years of funding per student or postdoctoral fellow.

Mitacs Information Sessions at USask!
Join Zsuzsa Papp to learn more about this new, limited time funding opportunity at the following information sessions:

- **When:** 28 Nov, 2-3 pm
  - **Where:** B505 Health Sciences
  - **For:** faculty in all disciplines

- **When:** 01 Dec, 1:30-2:30 pm
  - **Where:** 2C88 Engineering
  - **For:** faculty in Engineering

- **When:** 11 Dec, 2:00-3:00 pm
  - **Where:** 1E80 Agriculture
  - **For:** faculty in Agriculture and Bioresources and WCVM

Funding Information

- **Funding amount:** $10,000 – $500,000
- **Partner organization contribution:** $5000 – $375,000
- **Project duration:** 4 months-4 years

Deadline to receive draft applications for pre-review at zpapp@mitacs.ca: 15 Jan 2024

Usask internal deadline: Jan 31, 2024. **Deadline for complete submissions:** 09 February 2024.

Selection: *not a competitive process. All eligible projects that meet Mitacs criteria can receive funding.*

One Mitacs Accelerate unit is a 4–6 month project period, stackable. Two enhanced funding models are available:

- **$15,000 /unit:** $5,000 partner + $10,000 Mitacs
- **$17,500 /unit:** $7,500 partner + $10,000 Mitacs

  - Only applicable to units with identified interns (students, recent graduates and postdoctoral fellows).
  - Units with TBD (to-be-determined) interns are at 1:1 funding ratio.
  - Maximum 6 enhanced leverage units per intern, or the regular allocation*, whichever is lower. Beyond 6 units/person units are at standard 1:1 funding ratio.
Companies incorporated in Canada, municipalities, hospitals, and most not-for-profit organizations are eligible as partner organizations. Several organizations can provide funding and collaboration in one application.

For more information and support in developing applications please contact Dr. Zsuzsa Papp at zpapp@mitacs.ca

*Regular allocation limit per eligible intern (for 1:1 leverage ratio):
Undergraduate students: 3 units
Recent graduates from undergraduate, Masters or PhD programs (within 2 years of graduation): 3 units
Masters students: 6 units
PhD students: 12 units
Postdoctoral fellows: 9 units

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**Internal Research Programs**

*nātawihowin and mamawiikikayaahk* Research, Training and Mentorship Networks (SK-NEIHR) Funding Opportunities

The *nātawihowin and mamawiikikayaahk* Research, Training and Mentorship Networks (SK-NEIHR) offers Research and Knowledge Translation funding opportunities for research and knowledge translation projects on health and wellness, with Metis and First Nations Peoples in Saskatchewan. They have community research facilitators on staff who can assist with developing projects and putting in funding applications. Please share this with people who might be interested. Details, application forms and a webinar on this funding are all posted on our [website](#).

There are two kinds of support funds available for researchers and community partners:

- **Community Partnership Support Funds**: up to $10,000 of seed funding to support researchers and community stakeholders to develop grant applications to the Tri-Councils and other major research funders, on Indigenous health research. These are planning and development funds, intended to support research proposal development, not funding to undertake research projects.
- **Knowledge Translation Support Funds**: up to $10,000 for researchers and community partners to create knowledge translation products and materials to share findings from Indigenous health research projects in Saskatchewan broadly.

These support funds are now available on a continual basis. Applications are peer reviewed. To apply, please send an application to skneihr@usask.ca.

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

CIHR and SHRF Offer Health System Impact Fellowship (HSIF)

The HSIF program provides salary support for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows collaborating with healthcare-related host organizations and provides a unique career development opportunity. Full details on the program are found at [https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51211.html](https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51211.html)

**Information Webinar**: 9 January 2024, 12pm-1pm ET.
Application Deadline: Anticipated to be in March 2024

Please share this opportunity with your graduate students, recent graduates, and healthcare colleagues. Host organizations interested in being paired with a student or trainee can complete a CIHR profile, enabling them to be viewed and contacted by potential applicants. This profile can be prepared via the Partner Linkage Tool.

An information webinar for potential applicants is being held January 9, 2024, 12pm-1pm ET. Link to join the webinar.

Host organizations can be from any part of the health care system (e.g., public, private for-profit, not-for-profits, Indigenous health organizations, etc.). The student or trainee work with the host organization and their academic supervisor for the term of the project (1 or 2 years).

CIHR provides funding for 70% of the salary, and for Saskatchewan health organizations, SHRF has committed to cover the remaining 30% of funding. This means no additional salary funding is required from the host organization to participate in the program.

Examples of previously funded fellows can be found at: https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/53687.html.

If you have any questions at all about a possible application or eligibility, please reach out to SHRF’s Director of Programs and Partnerships, Karen Tilsley ktilsley@shrf.ca.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

Funding for Critical Minerals Research

NRCan has released two major calls for funding for critical minerals research:

1. The $1.5B Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund (CMIF), which will fund projects valued at up to $50M that support clean energy and transportation infrastructure necessary to enable the development and expansion of Canada’s critical minerals production.
2. The Federal in-kind Research Development Support program, where federal laboratories will provide R&D support to projects at low technology readiness levels to propel them into the pre-commercialization phase of development.

The CMIF offers two streams, the first of which supports activities to advance infrastructure-specific consultation and engagement with local stakeholders and Indigenous communities, energy modeling and feasibility studies, engineering, planning and design work, and climate change environmental reviews or assessments. Stream 2 supports shovel-ready clean energy or transportation infrastructure projects. For both streams, NRCan will contribute up to 50% of the total cost for most projects, though projects in the Artic and North will be covered up to 75%

Application Deadline:  
18 December 2023 (Federal in-kind R&D support)  
29 February 2024 (CMIF)
If you are interested in an application, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca for further details.

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities**

**SSHRC DIALOGUE Newsletter**

Please see below for the November 2023 SSHRC DIALOGUE newsletter. Highlights are included below:

- Canada Excellence Research Chairs Program Enters a New Era
- Seeking New Members for Tri-Agency Indigenous Leadership Circle in Research

**Funding Focus:**

- Imagining Canada’s Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century—Stage 2 (by invitation only: 22 November 2023)
- Canada Graduate Scholarships—Program (01 December 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)
- Connection Grants (01 February 2024)
- Insight Development Grants (02 February 2024)
- Partnership Grants—Stage 1 (10 February 2024)

For more information, see [Upcoming Deadlines](#), or subscribe to our RSS feed.

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**SSHRC Impact Awards**

The SSHRC Impact Awards recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or completely by SSHRC. They include the Gold Medal, the Talent Award, the Insight Award, the Connection Award, and the Partnership Award.

**Internal Deadline:** 15 January 2024

**SSHRC Information Session:** Approximately mid/late-January

**SSHRC Deadline:** 01 April 2024

USask is limited to one submission per award, so potential nominees will be considered internally prior to developing a full nomination package.

Please send the following information to brittany.walch@usask.ca by 15 January 2024 for internal consideration.

1. Nominee name and affiliation.
2. Award category being considered (Gold, Talent, Insight, Connection, or Partnership).
3. 500-word rationale to describe (Award descriptions and selection criteria can be found [HERE](#)).
   a. How nominee is suitable for the award based on the award description.
b. How the nominee meets the award selection criteria. Please ensure you review the selection criteria for the award and speak on how they meet the Challenge and Achievements.

4. Names of potential nominators (if known) including a short rationale to explain why they would be an ideal nominator.

5. Current CV (specific CV format not needed at this stage, however, if the nomination is to go forward, an updated SSHRC CV format will be required).

6. Confirm the nominee holds or have held SSHRC funding relevant to the award category.

Contact: Brittany Walch, Institutional Awards Officer (brittant.walch@usask.ca)

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### International Opportunities and Updates

#### 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.

#### Unity for Humanity Grant

**Unity for Humanity** provides funding and technical support for RT3D impact projects. This year, we’re collaborating with the Inspiring Children Foundation, founded by award-winning artist and mental health advocate, Jewel.

We’re awarding $500,000 USD total, including a grant specifically awarded to a project that promotes holistic health for youth in alignment with Jewel’s Inspiring Children Foundation.
Neil Ker Memorial Fund Grants 2023 – 2024: Funding for the study of Western medieval manuscripts

The objective of this fund, established by the family and friends of Neil R Ker, FBA, is to promote the study of Western medieval manuscripts, particularly those of British interest; that is enabling investigation of their production (including decoration), readership and use in particular. View the opportunity here.

Awards are offered to support any aspect of research, including travel and research assistance. Grants are not available to fund attendance at conferences or seminars. The fund is not intended to support research visits to read manuscripts for their textual/historical or literary purposes.

Applications are invited from both early career and established scholars of any nationality, engaged on original research intended to produce monographs, editions or studies of documents, texts or illustrations, that include the analysis of the material features of original manuscripts.

Funding amount: Approximately £2,000 per award
Project duration: Up to 12 months
Internal deadline: 15 December 2023
External deadline: 10 January 2024

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Advancing Technologies to Improve Delivery of Pharmacological, Gene Editing, and other Cargoes for HIV and SUD Mechanistic or Therapeutic Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to develop technologies to improve the delivery of pharmacological, gene editing, or other cargoes for HIV and substance use disorder (SUD) mechanistic or therapeutic research. View the opportunity here.

This NOFO requires a Plan for Enhancing Diverse Perspectives (PEDP), which will be assessed as part of the scientific and technical peer review evaluation. Applications that fail to include a PEDP will be considered incomplete and will be withdrawn. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the NOFO instructions carefully and view the available PEDP guidance material.

Funding available: 4 – 6 projects will be funded for a total of USD$2,000,000
Maximum total project duration: 5 years
Letter of Intent internal deadline: 01 October 2024
Letter of Intent external deadline: 15 October 2024

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Psychedelics Treatment Research in Substance Use Disorder (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trials Optional)
The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support the development of classic psychedelics (e.g., psilocybin, LSD), empathogens (e.g., MDMA), dissociatives (e.g., ketamine and related compounds), and other hallucinogens (e.g., ibogaine and its analogues) (henceforth “psychedelics”) as new treatment options for Substance Use Disorder (SUD). There is an urgent need to develop novel treatments for SUD in light of the escalating rates of substance use, addiction, and overdose. Psychedelics may offer a new potential therapeutic use in SUD. Applications may include the evaluation of an existing psychedelic, a new formulation, or a new psychedelic compound. The application can be at a preclinical and/or clinical phase of medication development. View the opportunity here.

**Funding available:** 3 - 5 projects will be funded for a total of USD$2,000,000  
**Maximum total project duration:** 5 years  
**Letter of Intent internal deadline:** 14 January 2024  
**Letter of Intent external deadline:** 28 January 2024

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**National Institutes of Health: Bidirectional Influences Between Adolescent Social Media Use and Mental Health (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Adolescents have increasing access to and spend an increasing amount of time engaging in online social interactions and consuming content on social media platforms, yet there is limited knowledge of how online social behavior and experiences interact with adolescent mental illness and risk for psychopathology. The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to encourage applications that focus on understanding bidirectional relationships between social media use and adolescent mental illness, psychiatric symptoms, and risk or resilience for psychopathology. This NOFO uses the R01 grant mechanism, whereas its companion NOFO, RFA-MH-24-181, seeks shorter, higher-risk R21 grant applications. View the opportunity here.

**Funding available:** 5 - 6 projects will be funded for a total of USD$5,000,000  
**Maximum total project duration:** 5 years  
**Letter of Intent internal deadline:** 18 January 2024  
**Letter of Intent external deadline:** 01 February 2024

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**Morris Animal Foundation: Veterinary Student Scholar**

The Veterinary Student Scholar (VSS) program is a competitive program that provides veterinary students the opportunity to become involved in mentored research that advances the health and/or welfare of dogs, cats, equids or wildlife. The VSS program awards stipends up to $5,500 to veterinary students who are selected by their institution to participate in clinical or basic animal health research. View the opportunity here.

Morris Animal Foundation is committed to training the next generation of veterinary researchers. These awards are competitive, and each institution is encouraged to select and submit the strongest student projects based on scientific merit, potential animal health impact and opportunity for the student scholars to develop veterinary research skills. All proposals must adhere to Morris Animal Foundation’s guidelines and mission.

**Funding amount:** USD$5,500  
**Deadline:** 17 January 2024
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