

# Office of the Vice-President Research



## Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on  
funding opportunities,  
workshops, and other  
support services.

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Learn more about RASI services [online](#).

### USask Workshops and Support Services

[SSHRC Insight Development Grant Workshops](#)

The USask SSHRC support team will be offering 2 workshops on IDG this year:

**Thursday, 12 December 2024: 10 - 11:30 am**

- General overview of the grant
- Discussion on “pressure points” and challenges in the grant
- Brief Overviews of:
  - Timeline and Budget
  - Research Team and Training (HQP and EDI) Plan
  - Knowledge Mobilization and Expected Outcomes
- Remaining time to ask questions, bring your work for review, brainstorm, work on your grant in general

**January Session: date and time TBA**

- Bring your grant, including internal review comments for discussion
- The session will provide final tips on the development of the Detailed Description
- This session will be dedicated to polishing your grant – bring questions for the Research Facilitators, work on your grant, etc.

Please note all sessions will be in person only and will **not** be recorded.

**Register for the December event [here](#).**

For more information, please contact Kristina Rissling Olson, Research Development Specialist at [Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca](mailto:Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca).

## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### Notice of Upcoming Funding Opportunity: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention Team Grants

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the **Team Grants: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention**.

The Team Grants: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention aims to unite interdisciplinary research teams to advance the biological and mechanistic understanding of cancer etiology, genesis, and risk, linked with host, lifestyle, environmental, social, and other factors, to identify new targets and approaches for cancer prevention, risk reduction, and early detection. Collaborations between traditional cancer prevention researchers (e.g., population and public health researchers, epidemiologists, social scientists) and those from other disciplines (e.g., biologists, immunologists, geneticists, drug developers) or who are new to the field are strongly encouraged. Collectively, these research teams will develop and disseminate evidence-based solutions to enable improvements in cancer prevention, risk reduction, and early detection at the individual and/or population-level.

**Anticipated Launch:** Fall 2024/Winter 2025

**Anticipated Application Deadline:** Summer 2025

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$400,000 CAD per year for up to five years

### CIHR-ICR & CAPO Research Excellence Award in Psychosocial Oncology

The purpose of the **Research Excellence Award in Psychosocial Oncology** is to recognize an individual who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors Association, has made a significant research contribution to Psychosocial Oncology. This award will follow a nomination and selection process as outlined in the [Award Terms of Reference](#). The nominee must be within seven years of completing their postgraduate, fellowship, or equivalent specialist training (defined as a PhD or MD or equivalent).

**Application Criteria:**

- The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual who, in the opinion of the Awards Committee and the Board of Directors of the Association, has made a significant research contribution to psychosocial oncology.
- The award will be presented at the annual CAPO conference by the Chair of the Awards Committee or an Institute designate.
- The winner(s) agree to have their name(s) released as winners of the award and to be featured on CHIR-ICR's various communication channels (e.g., website, social media, newsletter).

**Nomination Submission Deadline:** 31 January 2025

**Award:** Recognition award and reimbursement for travel expenses to the CAPO annual conference up to \$1000

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## **CIHR-ICR & CAPO Early Career Investigator Award in Psychosocial Oncology**

The CIHR - Institute of Cancer Research & CAPO [Early Career Investigator Award in Psychosocial Oncology](#) honours a new investigator for outstanding contributions to research in the field of psychosocial oncology. Candidates must be within seven years of completing their postgraduate, fellowship or equivalent specialist training (defined as a PhD or MD or equivalent). This award will follow a nomination and selection process as outlined in the [Award Terms of Reference](#). The nominee must be within seven years of completing their postgraduate, fellowship, or equivalent specialist training (defined as a PhD or MD or equivalent).

**Application Criteria:**

- The purpose of this award is to recognize a new investigator for outstanding contributions to research in the field of psychosocial oncology.
- The award will be presented at the annual CAPO conference by the Chair of the Awards Committee or an Institute designate.
- The winner(s) agree to have their name(s) released as winners of the award and to be featured on CHIR-ICR's various communication channels (e.g., website, social media, newsletter).

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## **AACR Scientist-Survivor Program 2025**

The CIHR Institute of Cancer Research (CIHR-ICR) is thrilled to be partnering with the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) to co-sponsor cancer survivor and patient advocates from Canada to participate in the 2025 [American Association for Cancer Research \(AACR\) Scientist↔Survivor Program® \(SSP\)](#). The AACR-SSP is being held in Chicago, Illinois at the McCormick Place Convention Center from 25 April to 30 April 2025, in conjunction with [AACR's 2025 Annual Meeting](#), "Unifying Cancer Science and Medicine: A Continuum of Innovation for Impact."

CIHR-ICR will support travel and accommodations to attend the AACR-SSP and AACR will support 2025 Annual Meeting registrations, meals provided through the program, and a one-year AACR Affiliate Membership for the successful applicants. Incidentals and meals outside of the program will not be covered by AACR or CIHR-ICR. CIHR-ICR patient advocates will have access to all of the benefits provided to AACR-SSP participants including, but not limited to, access to the Advocacy/SSP Lounge, Mentor Working Groups, Special Interest Sessions, all Educational and Lecture Sessions, Advocate Reception, and Poster Presentation in the Exhibit Hall.

**The AACR-SSP is for survivor and patient advocates who:**

- Actively support cancer research through policy advocacy, research advocacy, and/or community outreach;

- Have a constituency with which they will share the knowledge they gain through the program;
- Have access to avenues for disseminating the knowledge gained from the program to colleagues and/or constituents;
- Are able to present an advocate poster during the AACR Annual Meeting;
- Are able to participate in all components of the multi-day in-person program (Friday – Wednesday).

**Application Deadline:** 18 December 2024 at 11:59 PM ET

## Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

### SSHRC is Transitioning to a New, Narrative-Style CV

The presidents of the three federal research granting agencies—the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) and SSHRC—[recently announced](#) the gradual transition to a [new, narrative-style, tri-agency CV](#) for their competitions.

The transition of all SSHRC funding opportunities will take place over the next few years, as each is onboarded onto the [tri-agency grants management solution](#) (TGMS), a project to modernize the funding agencies' systems to better support applicants, administrators and reviewers.

In the short term, we are pleased to share that SSHRC will, starting in December 2024, begin gradually transitioning to this new CV format for funding opportunities using the Convergence Portal. **The first funding opportunity to use the tri-agency CV will be the 2025 Impact Awards competition.**

If you have questions related to the new, narrative-style, tri-agency CV, please email [meritreview@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:meritreview@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

## International Opportunities and Updates

### International Office OVPR: Internal UnivRS Deadline for International Funding Applications

Funding applications are considered 'international' if they:

- Include project activities located outside of Canada
- Are funded by an international agency
- Have an international partner

The internal deadline to submit an [international research grant application to UnivRS](#) and obtain all academic approvals for institutional review and approval is **ten (10) business days prior to the external agency's deadline.**

#### **Applications submitted 5 – 10 business days before the external deadline:**

An International Research Specialist (IRS) may be able to conduct a preliminary compliance review of the submission, case-by-case, if time and other priorities allow. If this review is not possible an IRS will approve the application with the understanding that it has obtained academic approvals and the PI is responsible for adhering to agency and funding program guidelines, [research security guidelines](#) and the [deybwewin | taapwaywin | tapwewin: Indigenous Truth policy](#). If a grant is awarded, we will complete the compliance review at this stage and if it is not possible to ensure compliance based on USask policies, negotiate grant provisions with the funding agency or adjust the proposed budget of the grant at this stage, USask may not be able to accept the grant.

#### **Applications submitted less than 5 business days before the external deadline:**

In situations where the application is received less than five business days of the competition deadline, we may facilitate institutional approval without review with the understanding that the applicant, facilitators, and other units on campus who have contributed to the development of the application have ensured that all required elements are complete per the agency guidelines. In the case of submissions submitted without review, the applicant assumes responsibility for application rejection or compliance issues. Please note that if institutional instances of non-compliance are found after submission, the application may be withdrawn if the issues cannot be remedied, or the acceptance of a research funding may require the removal or modification of any troublesome clauses(s) and /or satisfactory resolution of deviations from university or agency policies.

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## 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 2024-25 International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals. Each year, through the International Blueprint, USask invests funding to engage, advance and scale international initiatives with partners around the world.

### ***International Project Grants***

Application deadline: 16 December 2024

- **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 Partnership 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 Partnership 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](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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## SSHRC New Funding Opportunity: Destination Horizon Grants

The **Destination Horizon Grants**, valued at \$15,000 for one year, are intended to support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “[associated countries](#)” researchers, with the goal of applying to [Horizon Europe](#)—Pillar II calls for proposals.

This funding opportunity follows the [agreement signed by the Government of Canada and the European Commission](#) allowing for increased Canadian participation in Horizon Europe under Pillar 2. This agreement provides Canadians with greater access to Horizon Europe.

**There are three deadlines associated with the Destination Horizon Grants:**

- 22 January 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 10 December 2024**)
- 22 May 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 05 April 2025**)
- 22 September 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 05 August 2025**)

All applications deemed eligible will be entered into a randomized selection process to determine awards. An eligible application that is not randomly selected for an award may be resubmitted for a future competition.

SSHRC will hold webinars for applicants and research administrators at the following times:

- Wednesday, 04 December at 11:00 a.m. eastern [in French](#).
- Wednesday, 04 December at 1:00 p.m. eastern [in English](#).

Questions can be directed, contact SSHRC at [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) or consult [SSHRC's website](#).

**Please note that a postsecondary institution may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline so internal selection must occur prior to submission.** To submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration to apply for the 22 January 2025 deadline please send the following documents to [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with the subject line “Destination Horizon Grants” by **10 December 2024**. The email should include the following attachments:

- Project Description (max. 1000 words)
  - a description of the existing relationships with researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia from European Union and associated countries;
  - a description of the overall research goals and specific research objectives of the researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia;
  - a description of how Destination Horizon funding and host contributions will support the further development of the network and/or consortium in order to apply to a future Horizon Europe—Pillar II call for proposal;
  - the nature and extent of training, mentoring and employability activities for students, emerging scholars and/or other highly qualified personnel, if applicable; and
  - details on how all activities can be undertaken within one year.
- List of Applicants (please provide name, affiliation, email address, and role in this application)
- Funds requested from SSHRC ([template at this link](#))
- Funds from other sources ([template at this link](#)) **Please note that according to the [Call for Proposals](#), additional support in the form of eligible cash (not in-kind) contributions equivalent to 100% of the amount requested from SSHRC must come from the host institution (USask).**

\*\*Letter of support will be required at the full application stage, please notify your partner about this requirement well in advance.\*\*

**Internal Expression of Interest (EOI) Deadline for January Submission: 10 December 2024**

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## Tips & Tricks for Successful Horizon Europe Proposals – A Webinar for Canadians

Looking for tips and tricks for a successful Horizon Europe proposal?

[Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada \(ISED\)](#) is collaborating with the Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) to offer a virtual webinar for Canadians on 12 December at 9AM EST.

**Register here:** [Tips & Tricks for Successful Horizon Europe Proposals for Canadians Tickets, Thu, 12 Dec 2024 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Horizon Europe](#) is the world's largest research and innovation funding program. Canada recently associated to Pillar 2 of the program giving Canadians more opportunities to elevate their research and participate in international research consortia.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Overview of Horizon Europe
- Best Practices for Preparing Horizon Europe Proposals
- Live Demos of Horizon Europe Resources
- Expert Q&A session

This training is being offered for free and registration will close on 06 December 2024 (11:59PM EST). Once registration closes, the ISED Horizon Europe Secretariat will send the link for the virtual meeting.

ISED is working with Horizon Europe experts from the Brussels unit of the Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE). Mattia Ceracchi and Francesco Palumbo are bringing a wealth of experience on Horizon Europe and other research and innovation initiatives offered by the European Commission.

Please note: This training is only being offered in English. La formation étant dispensée uniquement en anglais, l'inscription se fera également en anglais.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the ISED Horizon Europe Secretariat at [horizoneurope@ised-isde.gc.ca](mailto:horizoneurope@ised-isde.gc.ca). Stay up to date with all things Horizon Europe by visiting our [website](#) and signing up to our [distribution list](#).

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## **Parkinson's Foundation – Visiting Scholars Award, Summer Student Fellowships, and Melvin Yahr Parkinson's Disease Clinical Research Award**

### **Visiting Scholars Award – for PhD students and postdoctoral fellows**

This award provides a \$4,000 stipend to support the travel and housing of scholar while visiting a host laboratory to learn new techniques that will benefit their Parkinson's research.

#### **Eligibility:**

- PhD students and postdoctoral fellows conducting Parkinson's research for their thesis are eligible for this program.
- This program is open to applicants regardless of nationality or location.

**Funding amount:** US\$4,000

**Internal deadline:** 10 January 2025

**External deadline:** 03 February 2025

### **Summer Student Fellowships – for Undergraduate students and medical students**

The Summer Student Fellowships Program supports students, specifically advanced undergraduates and medical students, in their pursuit of Parkinson's-related summer research projects.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Undergraduate students and medical students are eligible for summer fellowships.
- Each applicant must show a mentor with whom he or she will conduct the proposed project.
- This program is open to national and international applicants.

**Funding amount:** US\$4,000

**Duration:** 10 weeks of clinical or laboratory work

**Internal deadline:** 20 January 2025

**External deadline:** 03 February 2025

### **Melvin Yahr Parkinson's Disease Clinical Research Award**

The Melvin Yahr Parkinson's Disease Clinical Research Award is jointly supported by the Parkinson's Foundation and the International Association of Parkinsonism and Related Disorders (IAPRD). This award is designed to foster clinical research into any aspect of Parkinson's disease conducted by young investigators who are under-represented in current research.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Early-stage investigators based at universities, research hospitals, or non-profit research institutions worldwide are eligible to apply.
- Candidates should hold an MD degree; be specialized in one of these fields: neurology, psychiatry, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or related fields; be either less than 35 years old or 5 years out of the residency program (which one best applies).
- We particularly encourage applications of investigators from under-represented countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

**Funding amount:** US\$50,000

**Duration:** 1 year

**Internal deadline:** 20 January 2025

**External deadline:** 03 February 2025

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## **U.S. NIH - Towards a Better Understanding of the Neurological Effects of Infection-Associated Chronic Illnesses (R21 / R01)**

The purpose of these Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications focused on the neurological and/or mental health-related manifestations of infection-associated chronic illnesses, including the post-acute sequelae of COVID-19 (Neuro-PASC) as well as other chronic illnesses with a potential infectious trigger (post-treatment Lyme Disease, myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome [ME/CFS], postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome [POTS], post-viral fatigue syndromes, etc.). Projects that investigate common neurological and/or mental health-related mechanisms across multiple infection-associated chronic illnesses would be of particular interest, although this is not a requirement (i.e., applications can focus on a single condition). Neurologically focused clinical research investigating scientifically compelling pathways that contribute to the development of infection-associated chronic illnesses - including basic experimental studies in humans (BESH) or mechanistic clinical trials that will accelerate the development of effective treatments - are within the scope of this initiative. Preclinical studies utilizing animal, cell culture, and/or human tissue models are also encouraged. All applications must propose such studies in the context of a post-infectious etiology.

### **R21 - Clinical Trial Optional**

**Funding Amount:** The combined budget for direct costs for the two-year project period may not exceed \$275,000. No more than \$200,000 may be requested in any single year.

**Project Duration:** Maximum 2 years

**Internal Deadline:** 10 business days prior to the external deadlines

**LOI Deadline:** 30 days prior to application due date

**Application Deadline:** 16 February 2025, 16 June 2025, 16 October 2025

### **R01 - Clinical Trial Optional**

**Funding Amount:** Application budgets are limited to less than \$500,000 in direct costs/year and need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Project Duration:** Maximum 5 years

**Internal Deadline:** 10 business days prior to the external deadline

**LOI Deadline:** 30 days prior to application due date

**Application Deadline:** 05 February 2025, 05 June 2025, 05 October 2025

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## **U.S. NIH - Ending the Epidemic: New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services (R01 / R34)**

**Ending the Epidemic: New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services (R01 Clinical Trial required)**



The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support the testing of enhanced models of care that optimally integrate HIV and Hepatitis B and C, addiction, and primary care services. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is interested in research that addresses gaps related to the delivery of comprehensive, integrated health services to include the full continuum of HIV/AIDS services, addiction prevention and treatment services, and primary care services, with a goal of improving the coordination of care, and improving health outcomes related to HIV, Hepatitis (optional), and substance use disorder (SUD) in the US.

**Funding Amount:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Project Duration:** Maximum 5 years

**Internal Deadline:** 05 March 2025

**External Deadline:** 19 March 2025

### **Ending the Epidemic: New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support the development and testing of enhanced models of care that optimally integrate HIV, Hepatitis B and C, addiction, and primary care services. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is interested in research that addresses gaps related to the delivery of comprehensive, integrated health services to include the full continuum of HIV/AIDS services, addiction prevention and treatment services, and primary care services, with a goal of improving the coordination of care, and improving health outcomes related to HIV, Hepatitis (optional), and substance use disorder (SUD) in the US.

**Funding Amount:** Direct costs are limited to \$450,000 over the 3-year R34 project period, with no more than \$225,000 in direct costs allowed in any single year.

**Project Duration:** Maximum 3 years

**Internal Deadline:** 05 March 2025

**External Deadline:** 19 March 2025

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