

Office of the Vice-President Research



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

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Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 31 October 2024 [CIHR Access Newsletter](#):

- [CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC Are Transitioning to a New Narrative-Style CV](#)
- [What We Heard: Tri-Agency Engagement with the Research Community on Modernization of the Federal Research Support System](#)
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- [29 October Marked World Stroke Day](#)
- [The Public Health Agency of Canada \(PHAC\) is Looking for its New Vice-President, Infectious Diseases and Vaccination Programs](#)
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- [Research on Research Joint Initiative](#)
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SHRF 2024-25 Mobilize Grant Now Accepting Applications

The **Mobilize Grant** supports knowledge mobilization activities used to bring awareness to research and findings in a way that can be used in practice, for **any area of health research**.

This includes but is not limited to knowledge synthesis (ie. compiling and interpreting information from multiple sources), dissemination (ie. distributing information to others), transfer (ie. sharing skills experience and ideas), exchange (ie. consulting and collaborating learning environments), and co-creation (ie. collaborating with other stakeholders to guide the design process).

Knowledge mobilization should encourage exchanges between researchers and knowledge-users (any individual who could receive and use new knowledge to implement improvements in health at any level).

Mobilize Grants can be held by **Principal Applicants at non-profit organizations as well as researchers** at post-secondary institutions that have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SHRF, provided the Principal Applicant holds a position that supports them to carry out activities that promote evidence-based health knowledge and practices on behalf of their organization for public benefit. See the [Application Package](#) for further eligibility details.

The Mobilize Grant **does not support academic knowledge sharing activities**. For SHRF sponsorship of health research academic events (e.g. conferences, poster days, etc.), please see <https://www.shrf.ca/sponsorship> to submit a request.

Questions about event sponsorships should be directed to info@shrf.ca

Application Deadline: 06 February 2025 – 4:30 p.m. CST

Funding Amount: Up to \$10,000

Term: Up to 1 Year

Information Webinar: [Watch here](#)

Program Contact: Chelsea Cunningham (ccunningham@shrf.ca)

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 01 November 2024 [SHRF Matters Newsletter](#):

- [Health System Impact Fellows Work to Bring Challenges to Our Health Systems](#)
- [SHRF Virtual Care Research Expo Recorded Presentations](#)

Deadlines at a Glance:

- [Parkinson Canada 2025 Research Fellowships](#) – 01 November 2024
- [Alzheimer Society 2024-25 Research Program](#) – 04 November 2024
- [Align Grant](#) – 20 November 2024
- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action](#) – 19 December 2024
- [Mobilize Grant: Open Call](#) – 06 February 2025

Available Funding:

- [2024-25 Align Grant Call #3](#)
- [2024-25 Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action](#)
- [2024-25 Mobilize Grant Call #2](#)
- [2025 Parkinson Canada Postdoctoral and Clinical Scientist Fellowships](#)
- [2024-25 Alzheimer Society Doctoral & Postdoctoral Awards](#)
- [2024-25 CABHI Ignite](#)

Resources:

- [SHRF Team Member Support](#)
- [PEARL – Patient Engagement and Research Link](#)
- [HRDP-SK – Health Research Data Platform Saskatchewan](#)

International Opportunities and Updates

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 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 Travel Grants

Application deadline: 02 December 2024

- **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: 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 with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.

Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) – Thematic Call

[Mitacs is launching another thematic call](#) in cooperation with several of its international partners in September. This is a competitive call for applications to the Mitacs Globalink Research Award program in all areas of strategic importance for the Canadian and international research communities and will remain open until 20 November 2024.

Under the joint supervision of a home and host professor at a university in Canada and an institution affiliated with one of Mitacs' international partners, senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows included in successful applications will receive a \$6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-week research project in the other country. Eligibility criteria may vary between participating international partners. For the list of the participating international partners and the respective eligibility criteria, please check the [program website](#).

The themes include but are not limited to the list below. Please note that there is a great deal of scope under the open theme humanities and social innovation, all kind of projects can be submitted under that specific theme:

- **Digital and Emerging technology** (e.g. AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Semiconductors)
- **Sustainability and Net Zero** (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Oceans, Clean Technology)
- **Life Sciences** (e.g. Biomanufacturing, Bioeconomy, Agri-Food, Agri-Tech, Health Sciences)
- **Humanities and Social Innovation** (open category)

Internal deadline: 05 November 2024

External deadline: 20 November 2024

France Canada Research Fund 2025

The [France Canada Research Fund \(FCRF\) 2025](#) call for proposals is open to any research field and incentivizes interdisciplinarity. The FCRF aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Support the development of new expert partnerships between France and Canada
- Promote the advancement of research and innovation
- Prepare and structure scientific cooperation between the two countries
- Promote researchers' mobility, particularly for early-stage researchers
- Provide research training for researchers at the master's and doctorate levels
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Eligibility:

- Applications must come from principal investigators (PIs), both from research institutions located in France and Canada. Both PIs must hold a tenure or a tenure track position. The FCRF endorses new research collaboration between PIs who have never obtained a joint funding prior this application. In consequence, applicants must apply for a joint call for the first time. Exceptions may be granted for researchers who previously collaborated during their PHD or during a post-doctoral contract.
- All research institutions in France affiliated to the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) are eligible, including universities, grandes écoles, research institutes and research centers.
- PIs from Canada must be from one of the 23 Canadian universities who are members of the FCRF consortium, which include USask.

Funding amount: CAD 8,000-15,000

Duration: 2 years

Application process:

Step 1:

The application form must be submitted electronically to the USask International Office at international.office@usask.ca before **18 November 2024** for the pre-selection. USask can pre-select up to 5 applications.

Step 2:

If your application is pre-selected at USask, it will be submitted to the French Embassy in Canada before 20 December 2024.

There are **complimentary funding opportunities** for master's and doctoral students for the FCRF projects selected for the 2025 Call for Proposals

- French Ministry of Higher Education and Research Doctoral Contracts
- L'Oréal Canada – FCRF Awards
- Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)

For more details, please visit program website [here](#).

ThinkSwiss Research Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate Researchers

A scholarship opportunity for students in Canada: the [2025 ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship](#) is now accepting applications.

This program offers a chance to conduct research in Switzerland at a lab of your choice. The program is funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) and is supported by the Swiss representations (Embassy and Consulates) in Canada.

ThinkSwiss eligibility criteria:

- Be enrolled at an accredited Canadian university, institute of technology, college, or research institute.
- Be enrolled in a PhD or Master's program, or will have completed their second year of a Bachelor's degree by the time the research stay in Switzerland begins.
- Have a written confirmation from a professor at a Swiss university or research institute that they will accept you for a research stay in their group.
- While the program is open to all specializations, we specifically encourage applicants with an interest in Climate Innovation, Space, Quantum, and Bioengineering to apply.

Approved candidates receive a monthly scholarship of up to CHF 1,800 (approx. 2,800 CAD) for a period of 2-3 months. Non-Canadian citizens enrolled at Canadian institutions are eligible to apply.

You can find a list of Swiss Universities [here](#).

External Deadline: 15 January 2025

Questions: Contact the Swiss Consulate in Vancouver at: tamara.shtanova@eda.admin.ch

The Humboldt Residency Programme 2024: The Future of Food

The **Humboldt Residency Programme 2025** invites researchers, artists, writers, and civil society actors to Brandenburg/Berlin for a six-week residency on the topic of “The Future of Food”.

The Humboldt Residency Programme brings together a transdisciplinary, international group of twelve participants consisting of Humboldtians and junior researchers with a diverse range of disciplinary backgrounds with writers, artists, civil society actors, and social entrepreneurs.

During the six-week residency in Brandenburg/Berlin, participants will meet daily in shared working spaces. They will have the unique opportunity to enjoy the time and freedom to gain an in-depth understanding of each other’s work and thinking, build transdisciplinary bridges, explore synergies, pose bold questions, and connect with relevant stakeholders in Berlin and internationally.

While the participants themselves will benefit by learning from each other, they will also select and implement innovative formats to communicate their key messages to target audiences outside of academia.

This year’s theme is The Future of Food

Nourishment is a basic human need and thus our shared relationship with food connects people across time and space. But rather than just a biological necessity, food is a lens through which we view and create society. This topic explores how technological innovations and ethical frameworks in food production and consumption address global health challenges and social inequalities. Participants will dissect the evolving landscape of global food practices and speculate about the future of food.

Subtopics may include (but are not limited to):

- Environmental Shifts Driving Innovation
- Food Trends Around the Globe
- Health and Ethical Considerations
- A Cultural Construct
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We welcome applications from individuals from all (academic) disciplines who can demonstrate a relevant connection to the annual theme either in their work or other engagement. We explicitly invite applications from those with innovative or creative approaches to the key questions.

Should you have questions regarding the programme or application process, you are invited to attend our digital info session on 28 November 2024, 2:00 – 3:00pm (CET). You can register for the Zoom session [here](#).

Find out more about the programme [here](#).

Please reach out to residency@avh.de should you have any questions regarding the programme or application process.

External Deadline: 09 December 2024

Open Technology Fund: Internet Freedom Fund

The **Internet Freedom Fund** is the primary opportunity through which Open Technology Fund supports innovative global internet freedom projects. These projects are focused on technology development and

implementation, but can also include applied research, convenings, and digital security projects. See below for more details about each category.

OTF prioritizes projects coming from individuals or organizations who are applying for the first time, identify as under-represented within the field, and address areas that are underfunded.

Applications to the Fund go through a two-stage application process and are accepted on a rolling basis.

Successful applicants are paired with an OTF program manager who will oversee all project monitoring and evaluation for the duration of the contract. Monitoring and evaluation assessments are based on predetermined and agreed-upon metrics, deliverables, and goals as laid out by the applicant in the project proposal.

Funding Amount: USD \$10,000 to \$900,000 (ideal applicants apply for between \$50,000 to \$200,000)

Project Duration: up to 24 months (ideal duration is between 6 to 12 months)

Internal Deadline: Ten business days prior to planned submission date

External Deadline: Applications accepted on a rolling basis

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Behavioral & Integrative Treatment Development Program (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The purpose of this [NIH notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is to encourage research grant applications on the development and testing of behavioral and integrative treatments for drug and alcohol use, misuse, and dependence. This NOFO reaffirms the continued commitment of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to major programs of research on behavioral and integrative treatments. The term "behavioral treatment" is used in a broad sense and includes but is not limited to psychotherapies, cognitive, relapse prevention, remediative, rehabilitative, skills training, counseling, family, and exercise therapies. Screening, brief, computerized, adherence, prevention interventions for HIV risk behaviors, and interventions that target therapist training and fidelity are included. Integrative refers to combinations with other treatments, including pharmacotherapies or other complementary approaches. The development and testing of putative targets and mechanisms of behavior change, as well as the use and development of valid and reliable assessment tools are crucial to the three stages of treatment research supported under this initiative:

- Stage I (treatment generation, refinement) encompasses all activities related to the creation of a new behavioral intervention. This stage also includes the modification, adaptation, or refinement of an existing intervention (Stage IA). Stage I culminates in feasibility and pilot testing (Stage 1B). For example, one can conduct Stage I studies in research settings, with research therapists and research subjects, or in community settings with community providers.
- Stage II ("Efficacy") research consists of experimental testing of promising behavioral interventions in research settings, with research-based therapists/providers.
- Stage III ("Efficacy in Real-World") research consists of experimental testing of promising behavioral interventions in community settings, with community-based therapists/providers and patients, while maintaining a high level of control necessary to establish internal validity.

Stages I, II, and III all include a focus on theory-derived, targets/putative moderators, mediators, and change mechanisms that underlie the treatment, and studies that optimize combined, sequential, or integrated behavioral/pharmacological treatments.

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

Project Duration: The maximum project period is 5 years.

Internal Deadline: 22 January 2025

External Deadline: 05 February 2025

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