

Office of the Vice-President Research



Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on
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USask Workshops and Support Services

CFI

2025 Innovation Fund (IF) Notice of Intent Released

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).

Learn more about USask's [2025 IF Competition Timeline](#).

NOI documents ([USask Led NOI Document](#) and [Non-USask Led NOI Document](#)) are now available on the RASI website and are due **05 April 2024**. Should USask-led proposals be interested in RASI feedback prior to final submission, they can submit to RASI by 01 **March 2024**.

More information can be found on our [RASI-CFI website](#). Immediate questions can be directed to ras.support@usask.ca.

Faculty Call for Lab2Market

Opus is reaching out to you with an exciting opportunity to explore entrepreneurship and the potential of transforming your academic research into a tech-focused business. This 3-day faculty program is called Lab2Market and will expose you to new ways of thinking and help you determine if you have a passion for business.

Eligibility:

Research faculty interested in exploring entrepreneurship.

Details:

Date: 3 days, 20-22 February 2024 from 9am-noon MST/CST

Location: Online (virtual)

Register: [here](#)

Don't miss out on this free opportunity, visit our website to [learn more](#).

If you have any questions, please contact David Yee (Discover Facilitator) at David.yee@ratelnovus.ca or Demetre Balaktsis at demetre.balaktsis@umanitoba.ca.

Managing Your Data: How to Improve Your Research Processes and Prepare for the Tri-Agency RDM Policy

Kevin Read (RDM Librarian) is hosting a virtual RDM workshop coming up on **13 February 2024, from 10-11am**. This workshop is open to everyone to attend. Please feel free to distribute to your faculty and trainees. Kevin will be hosting this workshop in the fall as well.

Description:

Tri-Agency funders (SSHRC, CIHR, and NSERC) and scholarly publishers are increasingly requiring that researchers manage and share their research data. In this session, you will learn about data management requirements and expectations, with a focus on how to create a data management plan (DMP) to better support your research processes. During the session you will create parts of a DMP for your own research project and develop a better understanding of data organization, storage, and sharing throughout the research lifecycle. Registration is required.

Register: [here](#)

If there's specific requests or interest for training, please reach out to Kevin Read at kevin.read@usask.ca.

Resources for Researchers

Tri-Agency Report – What We Heard: A Report from the Three Federal Research Funding Agencies' Ad Hoc Working Group on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership

Please find attached the link to the Tri-Agencies' report entitled, [*What We Heard: A Report from the Three Federal Research Funding Agencies' Ad Hoc Working Group on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership*](#).

The report stems from a commitment under [Setting new directions to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada](#), the Canada Research Coordinating Committee's strategic plan identifying how better to support Indigenous research and research training in Canada. The resulting strategy's implementation will be guided by the [Indigenous Leadership Circle in Research](#).

The report reflects on recent developments in postsecondary spaces as institutions embark on similar journeys and outlines key principles that will inform future work in these areas by the agencies. Further, the report provides the context for developing a policy on the issue to better support Indigenous researchers to access opportunities intended for them. Contributors to the What We Heard report include Indigenous academics, researchers and administrators, as well as institutions' leaders.

We invite you to read the report to find out more.

Sincerely,
Ron Borowsky (NSERC Leader)
Dawn Wallin (SSHRC Leader)
Darcy Marciniuk (CIHR Leader)

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

SHRF 2024-25 Align Grant Now Accepting Applications

The [Align Grant](#) aims to enable a diverse and connected research community in Saskatchewan that is well-positioned to receive peer-reviewed funding and conduct impactful health research aligned with Saskatchewan stakeholder needs.

Stakeholders include communities, people with lived experience, families, caregivers, decision makers, health practitioners, health care administrators, educators, policy makers, patient groups, community-based organizations, industry, health charities, etc.

This opportunity is open to applications in any area of human health.

Applications to this funding opportunity must address the following objectives:

- 1) Increase research relevance, coordination, and potential for impact by:
 - a. Enabling development and engagement of robust interdisciplinary research teams, including stakeholders outside academia.
 - b. Providing funding to complete activities that shape research to align with the Saskatchewan context and respond to Saskatchewan stakeholder needs.
- 2) Increase quality and success of Saskatchewan applications to peer-reviewed funding competitions at the regional (e.g.; western Canadian- minimum two provinces), national and international level, as well as to SHRF.
- 3) Support the development of Saskatchewan research and health professional trainees through opportunities to gain experience in collaborative team building and engagement outside academia, co-development of research questions and approaches, and other research and professional skills related to proposed activities.

Funding Details:

Amount: up to \$10,000

Values requested must be reflective of a justified and fiscally responsible budget and in balance with the expected deliverables and outcomes of the proposed activities.

Term: 1 year (Funding is eligible for no-cost extensions)

Application Deadline: 27 March 2024 at 4:30pm CST

Funding Start: 01 May 2024

Information Webinar: 07 February at noon CST

Register: [here](#)

For questions, please email the Program Contact, Chelsea Cunningham at ccunningham@shrf.ca.

NSERC CREATE – Call for Applications, Institutional Quota, Internal Selection Process

The NSERC CREATE program supports the training and mentoring of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad. The aim of the program is to develop innovative training programs that foster professional skills and improve job readiness for careers in industry, government, non-governmental organizations, or the academy.

NSERC has made significant changes to the CREATE program this year. These changes are as follows:

- The number of applications institutions are permitted to submit has been reduced to three.
- The LOI will no longer be adjudicated. Applicants who have received institutional endorsement will submit a short LOI that outlines their team, research area, and suggested reviewers on May 1, 2024.
- All proposals that receive institutional endorsement to submit an LOI and submit by the May 1 deadline will be invited to proceed to full proposal.
- All CREATE programs will be required to provide mobility experiences for trainees.

To select USask's quota, applicants are required to submit an Expression of Interest to RASI by **05 April 2024**.

An EOI must be submitted to be considered to be a part of the institutional quota. A panel of CREATE recipients and NSERC scholars will select up to three strong proposals to go forward. Details of what is required for the EOI are available below.

To help applicants navigate the new CREATE application process, NSERC is hosting a webinar on **07 February**. Login details are available below.

RASI will also host an information session in early March (date TBA) to speak to the program changes, institutional processes, and supports available for applicants. Those interested in applying for a CREATE are encouraged to attend the sessions as well as to reach out to rasi.support@usask.ca to discuss your project.

Expression of Interest Requirements – to be released early February

RASI Information Session – early March, date TBA

NSERC Webinar – 07 February, noon-2pm; login details:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 287 863 459 907

Passcode: a5uBiX

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 343-809-4415,,536468906#](#) Canada, Ottawa-Hull

[\(888\) 896-2137,,536468906#](#) Canada (Toll-free)

Phone Conference ID: 536 468 906#

International Opportunities and Updates

J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award for Faculty

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office announces the J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award to recognize the achievements of a USask faculty member who provides outstanding contributions to the internationalization of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask faculty for a J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit [here](#) for details.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024 at 4pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office announces the Global Research Leadership Award to recognize exceptional contributions of a USask faculty member toward strengthening the global profile of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask faculty for a Global Research Leadership Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit [here](#) for details.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024 at 4pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

International Engagement Service Award for Staff

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office announces the International Engagement Service Award to recognize the achievements of a USask administrative staff member who provides outstanding contributions to the internationalization of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask staff for an International Engagement Service Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit [here](#) for details.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024 at 4pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Global Research Leadership Award for Students

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office announces the Global Research Leadership Award to recognize exceptional contributions of a USask student or student-led team who provides outstanding global research leadership. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask

students for a Global Research Leadership Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit [here](#) for details.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024 at 4pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Water Award: Innovative Research and Development Award

The [Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Water Award](#) supports research and development of new and innovative technologies that produce, distribute, store, monitor, desalinate and purify water using renewable energy to support the global position of the UAE in developing solutions for challenges that are faced by poverty- and disaster-stricken communities worldwide.

The biennial Award encourages leading corporations, research centres, institutions, the youth and innovators from across the world to compete in finding sustainable and innovative solutions to the problem of water scarcity. Until today and in three cycles, the agency has awarded bright minds from around the world for their pioneering in water desalination and purification systems to overcome the world's water crisis.

Funding Amount: USD\$40,000 - \$200,000

Internal Deadline: Ten business days prior to external deadline

External Deadline: 30 April 2024

The KWI Fellowship Program

The [KWI fellowship program](#) is designed for excellent researchers from the humanities, cultural studies, and the social sciences. The institute provides fellows with modern infrastructure, office space, technical support and offers a library service, event and research management, and administrative and communicative support.

Applications from research fellows who have completed their PhD and have up to six years of post-doctoral experience are accepted. Project proposals should address KWI's research agenda. The KWI international Fellowship Program is open to researchers from around the world. German nationals may only apply if they are currently employed at an international institute

Duration: Six months from 1 October until 31 March

Funding Amount: 4,000 Euros/month

External Deadline: 28 February 2024

Al Qasimi Foundation Doctoral Research Grants

The [Al Qasimi Foundation's Doctoral Research Grants](#) encourage scholars from a wide range of disciplines and professional fields to undertake research toward informing policymaking in the United Arab Emirates.

The Grants are open to PhD students from all nationalities studying at an accredited university in the United Arab Emirates or abroad.

Doctoral Research Grants financially support PhD candidates in the research phase of their dissertations. Currently, two awards are available each year for applied research projects that have Ras Al Khaimah as a primary site for data gathering and analysis. The Grant covers all student expenses associated with their field research in the United Arab Emirates, including return airfares, furnished accommodation for up to 12 months, a stipend to cover living costs, and research support. Recipients are expected to produce one to two policy papers as part of the Grant and record a podcast or make at least one presentation to the local research community.

Funding Amount: Covers all student expenses related to field research in the UAE

External Deadline: 01 March 2024

The Barakat Trust Grants Programme

The Barakat Trust Grants Programme offers various grants to student researchers, post-doctoral fellows, and professors are available through this organization to support research into Islamic art and culture.

The Barakat Trust awards are open to applicants worldwide in the fields of:

- research into the history of the art and architecture, and the archaeology and material culture of Islamic societies, including archaeological and other fieldwork, and research trips
- the conservation, preservation, restoration, and presentation to the public of artefacts, buildings and archaeological sites produced by Islamic societies
- the work of libraries, museums and other public collections in the conservation, documentation, and presentation of artefacts and manuscripts produced by Islamic societies in their broadest sense, including the digitisation of archives and collections, and the training of conservation and curatorial staff
- the organisation of events intended to further research in the history of the art, architecture, archaeology, and material culture of Islamic societies, including colloquia and conferences, lectures, seminars and workshops, exhibitions, and attendance at such events

Funding Amount: 10,000 to 25,000 GBP

Internal Deadline: 10 business days before the external deadline

External Deadline: 31 March 2024

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