

Office of the Vice-President Research



Research Funding and Support

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USask Workshops and Support Services

CIHR Project Grant Spring 2025 Workshop and Panel Q&A

You are cordially invited to a workshop and Panel Q&A that is being hosted for the CIHR Spring 2025 Project Grant competition. Participants shall have the opportunity to gain significant insights and ask questions about the CIHR application and peer-review process.

Highlights:

- Top tips and success strategies from Project Grant awardees

- Guidance and strategic insights from experienced Chairs/ Scientific Officers and members of the Peer review Committee on crafting a competitive application
- Panellists will provide advice and share some best practices for successful submission (and Re-submissions)
- Information on sex and gender consideration in health research and other special considerations during application development
- Program updates and overview; Amplified Internal Review Program

Date: 22 January 2025

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: HLTH 1130 (E-wing), Health Sciences Building

Register: [Online](#) (Light Refreshments will be served)

Questions can be sent to Manisha Jalla, Research Development Specialist for CIHR, at manisha.jalla@usask.ca

CIHR Project Grant Spring 2025: Internal Review/Intent to Apply

The Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related fundamental or applied knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. If you are applying to the [CIHR Project Grant Spring 2025 Competition](#), we would encourage you to participate in the Internal Review process. Your proposal will be forwarded to your suggested reviewers for their review and comment. This is an opportunity to get some early feedback on your proposal to ensure the strongest possible application.

USask [timelines](#) and [NOI](#) forms are available on the [USask Tri council website](#).

Only applicants who participate in the Internal Review process are eligible for USask CIHR Bridge Funding.

Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) and Request for Internal Review Deadlines:

- New Application: 12 December 2024
- Resubmission: 04 February 2025 (applications that were submitted to the Fall 2024 competition)

Agency (CIHR) Deadlines:

- Registration: 05 February 2025
- Application Submission: 05 March 2025

For Applicants Intending to Apply for Fall 2025/Spring 2026 or later competitions:

- [Amplified Internal Review Program](#) - Applicants intending to put in an application for Fall 2025 or later competitions have an early opportunity to avail targeted research support, longitudinal guidance/advice, and early feedback on their proposal. Please fill and submit the attached NOI form.

For more information, please contact Research Development Specialist for CIHR, Manisha Jalla, at Manisha.jalla@usask.ca / grant.review@usask.ca.

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 03 December 2024 [CIHR Access Newsletter](#):

- [Welcome Dr. Hébert, President, CIHR \(effective 02 January 2025\)](#)
- [CIHR is Transitioning to a New Narrative-Style CV](#)

- [Mark Your Calendars: Ask Me Anything Sessions](#)
- [CIHR is Updating the Notices of Decision and Notices of Recommendation for the Project Grant Competition](#)
- [Budget 2024 Investments: How is CIHR Investing These New Funds?](#)
- [CIHR Publishes its Anti-Ableism Action Plan: Join Us in Creating a More Inclusive Health Research System](#)
- [CIHR is Looking for the Next Scientific Director of its Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism, and Diabetes](#)
- [Rapid Funding for Research on Avian Influenza A\(H5N1\)](#)
- [Help Shape the Future of Circulatory and Respiratory Research in Canada](#)
- [New Guidance: Using Artificial Intelligence to Develop and Review Research Proposals](#)
- [New CIHR Policy Statement on Using Artificial Intelligence in Peer Review Meetings](#)
- [World Diabetes Day 2024](#)
- [Researchers and Knowledge Users Collaborate to Share Diabetes Research Findings](#)
- [CIHR Heard From the Black Health Research Community on How to Address Anti-Black Racism in the Funding System](#)
- [Opportunity for Patient Partners in Cancer Research](#)
- [23-30 November was National Addictions Awareness Week](#)
- [Notes Autism Researcher Dr. Laurent Mottron Wins Prestigious Award \(Available in French Only\)](#)
- [Calling All Published Neuroscience Students and Trainees: Submit Your Application for the 2024 Brain Star Awards](#)
- [Congratulations to Glenda MacQueen Award Winner Dr. Nicole Kozloff](#)
- [Raising Awareness About Lung Cancer and Lung Health](#)

Funding Opportunities:

- [CIHR Institute of Cancer Research & CAPO Psychosocial Oncology Awards](#)
- [IHSPR-CAHSPR Article of the Year 2025](#)
- [Better Care Closer to Home](#)
- [Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention Research](#)

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 03 December 2024 **SHRF Matters Newsletter**:

- [2024-25 Santé Awards: Join us as we celebrate health research in Saskatchewan](#)
- [Real-time Solutions: Andrew Eaton's Approach to Combat HIV and Syphilis in Saskatchewan](#)
- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action – Continuous Deadline *New*](#)
- [SHRF Team Member Support](#)
- [PEARL – Patient Engagement and Research Link](#)
- [HRDP-SK – Health Research Data Platform Saskatchewan](#)

SHRF 2024-25 Mobilize Grant Call #2

The purpose of the **Mobilize Grant** is to fund knowledge mobilization activities in relevant and practical settings and mediums, with the aim of improving the applicability and impact of health research in Saskatchewan.

Objectives: Proposed activities must fulfill the purpose of knowledge mobilization by addressing at least one of the following objectives:

1. Facilitate the use and integration of health research knowledge and evidence into practice and decision making.
2. Facilitate the use of relevant knowledge (e.g., lived experiences, traditional knowledge) to inform and guide research activities.

3. Facilitate the participation of non-academic team members in the research and knowledge sharing process.

Funding Amount: \$10,000 for 1 year

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

Internal UnivRS Deadline: 5 working days before the external deadline

Information Webinar: [Watch now](#)

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.

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

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.

Questions can be directed to SSHRC at 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 with the subject line “Destination Horizon Grants” by **10 December 10 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

Global Essay Competition - St. Gallen Symposium

Graduate students in all fields of study are invited to participate in the [Global Essay Competition](#) for a chance to win a fully-paid week-long trip to the [54th St. Gallen Symposium](#), taking place in May 2025.

If you find it relevant, please feel free to share the information with your students, faculty and staff.

About the St. Gallen Symposium:

The St. Gallen Symposium is a platform fostering cross-generational dialogue and collaboration. Organized annually since 1969 by the International Students' Committee at the University of St. Gallen, the symposium brings together over 11,500 members, 400 businesses, and more than 300 universities worldwide.

The 54th edition of the Symposium (7-8 May 2025) will traditionally take place at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, and address the theme of "**Shifting Global Power**." The participants will discuss the growing influence of nations and economies in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. They will examine the impact of this shift toward multipolarity on the global economy, geopolitics, and society and explore strategies for fostering prosperity and cooperation in this new era.

Global Essay Competition:

Graduate students from Canada and abroad are invited to take part in the competition, which offers a chance to win a fully funded week in St. Gallen and join 100 Leaders of Tomorrow at the Symposium.

To participate, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in a Master's or PhD program in any field of study (as of 01 February 2025)
- Be born in 1995 or later
- Submit an essay (max. 2,100 words) on the topic: **Global power is shifting. What's your innovative idea to address a related risk or opportunity?**
 - BRIEFLY describe ONE specific risk or opportunity related to shifting power across world regions and nations in some specific field, including (but not limited to!) politics, business, economics, technology, sustainability or security
 - Offer your innovative and concrete solution to address this development, i.e. how to deal with the risk or leverage the opportunity you've identified
 - Be bold and think beyond the status quo, while being as specific as possible

Resources:

- [Application and details](#)

Submission deadline: 01 February 2025

Rakuno Gakuen University International Guest Researcher Program 2025

[Rakuno Gakuen University \(RGU\)](#), Japan invites researchers from our partnership institutions in order to promote international academic exchanges and to enhance and develop research and education.

Fields of study:

Academic fields in which RGU is able to accept researchers.

Eligibility:

- Full-time researchers at the level of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor or Lecturer belonging to universities and/or research institutions that have agreements of academic cooperation with our university (USask has an agreement with RGU). Applicants must have rich academic experience and obtained the prior consent of our university's host faculty member on their joint research.
- It is desirable that applicants have sufficient Japanese and/or English language proficiency to be able to communicate and live in Japan on a daily basis.
- Researchers who will present the results of their research at an academic conference and/or publish a scientific paper within one year after the end of their stay in Japan.
- Duplicate selection within the same fiscal year is not allowed.

Period of visiting research:

Period: From 01 April 1 2025 to 31 March 2026 (Japanese Fiscal Year 2025)

Duration: minimum 2 weeks to maximum 12 months

Stipend and expenses *subject to change according to the decided budget for FY 2025:

- Living stipend: up to 100,000 yen per month.
* Researchers who are staying for less than one month will be provided only a flat amount of 100,000 yen.
* If the number of stay days in the final month is less than a full month, the days in the final month will be paid on a daily pro-rata basis.
- Housing: Housing during the period will be provided by RGU. Utilities (heat, light, water), and bedding must be paid by the researcher on demand by the accommodation manager.
- Transportation expenses: Round-trip travel from the home country to RGU must be paid by the researcher.

Application procedure:

- 1) Application Deadline 31 January 2025 *
There may be additional recruitment within the scope of the budget for the relevant fiscal year.
- 2) Application documents (Japanese translations must be attached unless the application is in English or Japanese.)
 - a) Guest Researcher Program Application Form with photo (jpeg)
 - b) Photograph (4x3 cm) data (for visa application; bust shot, no background, no hat)
 - c) Curriculum vitae (free format): Educational and professional history, research achievements, etc.
 - d) Recommendation letter from the head of the applicant's institution (free format)
 - e) Certification of health examination (designated form) *Only those who will stay for more than 3 months.
 - f) Acceptance letter from the host supervisor (designated form) *To be obtained prior to application.
 - g) Host supervisor is requested to provide documentation (free form) explaining the content, framework, and any resulting publications of the joint research if applicants previously conducted joint research with faculty members at Rakuno Gakuen University.
- 3) Submission of application documents
Please submit the documents (a) to (e) above to the Extension Center of RGU. Acceptance letter (f) and the documentation (g) can be submitted directly from the host supervisor to the Extension Center.

Application forms can be found [here](#).

Applications and any inquiries should be sent to:
International Affairs Division (Attn: Ms. Akiko Kakizaki),

Rakuno Gakuen University Extension Center
582, Bunkyo-dai-Midorimachi, Ebetsu, Hokkaido 069-8501, JAPAN
Phone: +81-11-388-4132, Fax: +81-11-387-2805
E-mail: rg-iad@rakuno.ac.jp

Application deadline: 31 January 2025

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Programs

The deadlines for **DAAD** programs in support of research and study in Germany have been announced for the next semester. Full details on each of these programs and how to apply found at the links below:

01 February 2025 - [Group Study Visit](#) (travel between 01 June – 31 August 2025)

01 May 2025 - [German Studies Research Grant](#)

01 May 2025 - [Group Study Visit](#) (travel between 01 September 2025 and 28 February 2026)

Group Study Visit Program

DAAD's **Group Study Visit** program aims to bring Canadian Bachelor and/or Master's students in contact with academic institutions, groups and individuals in Germany, and while providing them with insight into current issues in the academic, scientific, economic, political and cultural realms. This grant provides a *per diem* for each tour participant with an eye to helping defray the costs of accommodation, food and travel within Germany.

In the upcoming term, there are two application deadlines for this program:

- 1) 01 February 2025 (for trips beginning between 01 June and 01 September 2025)
- 2) 01 May 2025 (for trips beginning after 01 September 2025).

For full details, including how to apply, please [click here](#).

Foreign Language Assistantships: Pedagogical Exchange Office

The **Pedagogical Exchange Office (PAD)** offers recent graduates of Canadian Bachelor programs the opportunity to complete a 9-month placement as an English language assistant in a German school. Assistants must have at least A2 level German and work 12 hours week in class helping with conversation and oral practice of English. Program participants receive a cost of living allowance to cover basic expenses.

This year's application deadline is **03 March 2025**.

For full details on the program, including how to apply, contact Dr. Christian Thomas, Acadia University, christian.thomas@acadiau.ca

Canadian Summer School in Germany

The **Canadian Summer School in Germany (CSSG)** offers university-level language courses in Kassel, Germany in a unique and intensive cultural-immersion program. All courses are equivalent to a full-year course and the credits earned are transferable to all Canadian and U.S. institutions. One of CSSG's distinctive characteristics is the way in which it combines the academic study of German language with immersion in German daily life and culture.

Application deadline: 31 January 2025

For details on the program, including how to apply, please [click here](#).

Research Grants in Germany (PhDs and recent Postdocs)

The research grant offers the opportunity to realize a research project in Germany. The programme supports research stays during a doctorate or in the early postdoc phase.

You can apply if you:

- are doing your doctorate at a university or research institution outside Germany or
- have already completed your doctorate (post-doc, up to 4 years after completing your doctorate)

You cannot apply if you are doing your entire doctorate at a German university.

A **research project** at a state or state-recognized university or a non-university research institute **in Germany**, which is being carried out in agreement with a scientific supervisor in Germany.

Duration of the funding:

Funding is provided for a period of:

- **doctoral students: 2 to 12 months**
- **postdocs: 2 to 6 months**

It is not possible to divide the funding up within the funding period. The realization of research work in different countries outside Germany is not eligible for funding. Please indicate your desired funding period in the application form. The funding period will be determined by the selection committee during the selection process, taking your work schedule into account. The scholarship cannot be extended.

Application Deadline: 30 April 2025



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