

Office of the Vice-President Research



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

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Visit the [OVPR Grants Calendar](#) for up to date deadlines and events.

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

Resources for Researchers

Public Lecture on Open Access Publishing

We are excited to invite you to an enlightening and timely lecture on **Open Access Publishing: Challenges, Costs, and Ethical Models for the Future** by Leigh-Ann Butler, Scholarly Communications Librarian at the University of Ottawa.

In this thought-provoking lecture, Leigh-Ann will discuss the complexities of open access, including the financial barriers posed by article processing charges (APCs), and offer insights into the upcoming changes to the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy. This is a perfect opportunity to engage in discussions on how we can shift towards more sustainable and ethical publishing models.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this important conversation and enjoy a light lunch while networking with like-minded individuals. Join us as we explore how to shape a more inclusive and community-centered future for academic publishing.

Please contact DeDe Dawson (diane.dawson@usask.ca) with any questions or concerns.

RSVP today and secure your spot!

Event Details:

Date: 04 November 2024

Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Light Lunch: Available from 11:30 am

Location: Arts 102, University of Saskatchewan

Register Here: <https://libcal.usask.ca/calendar/workshops/OA>

More Info: <https://library.usask.ca/news/2024/Open-Access-Publishing-Challenges-Costs-and-Ethical-Models-for-the-Future.php>

Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP)

The **Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP)** aims to provide students with professional experience in the North while helping to offset the high costs associated with field work in the North (e.g., transportation, accommodation) for those conducting thesis research in Northern regions. Students will have the opportunity to develop expertise on northern issues and gain practical fieldwork skills and experience in the North.

Students are eligible for grant funding if they are:

- a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- enrolled in a Canadian university; and
- a graduate student; **or**
- a senior undergraduate student whose northern field work research is tied to their thesis

The deadline for **mandatory internal review** of applications by the USask Northern Studies Committee via the [NSTP portal](#) is 01 November 2024. Applications submitted after 01 November will be ineligible.

Deadline: 01 November 2024

Funding available: Up to \$6,000 per year

Questions can be directed to Dr. Camille Partin, Chair of the USask Northern Studies Committee at camille.partin@usask.ca

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

SHRF Virtual Care Research Expo

The SHRF Virtual Care Research Expo is more than just a showcase—it's an opportunity for collaboration and connection. The event will bring together stakeholders across the implementation spectrum, from researchers and healthcare providers to policymakers and industry leaders, for two main goals:

1. Showcasing Research Solutions
2. Networking and Collaboration Opportunities

The Expo will feature presentations and networking sessions to encourage dialogue and exchanging ideas. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the latest advancements in virtual care research.
- Meet the teams behind virtual care research projects.
- Connect with other stakeholders who are passionate about advancing healthcare solutions in Saskatchewan.

Details

When: Tuesday, 29 October 2024, 1 pm to 4 pm

Where: Wanuksewin Heritage Park, Saskatoon SK

Learn more and RSVP: <https://www.shrf.ca/virtual-care-research-expo>

CIHR Project Grant: Spring 2025

The [Project Grant program](#) is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches.

The Project Grant program is expected to:

- Support a diverse portfolio of health-related research and knowledge translation proposals at any stage, from discovery to application, including commercialization;
- Promote relevant collaborations across disciplines, professions, and sectors; and
- Contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge.

Registration Deadline: 05 February 2025

Application Deadline: 05 March 2025

Funding Available: Variable

OICR Innovation to Implementation (I2I) Funding Competition

Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) invites applications for the [Innovation to Implementation \(I2I\)](#) funding competition.

Research discoveries have led to interventions, tools and programs to better prevent, diagnose and treat cancer. In some cases, these innovations are underused or overused. Through the Innovation to Implementation (I2I) funding competition, OICR seeks to bridge the gaps between research products and their use in real-world settings by facilitating behaviour or system changes.

The goal of I2I awards is to fund research activities to study ways to speed up the appropriate adoption of innovations. OICR is committed to providing research funding to help support a sustainable health system that optimally delivers these innovations in a fair and equitable way to those who will benefit.

For further information on Implementation Science at OICR, please visit [OICR's Implementation Science web page](#) and the video link to OICR's previous [Implementation Science Workshop](#).

OICR is currently inviting applications for projects that are in-scope, including:

- Projects aimed at facilitating the adoption of research output, interventions, policies, or practices in the healthcare system using scientific methods and drawing on implementation science.
- Projects focused on developing and testing implementation science methods or strategies to facilitate uptake and integration of research outputs, interventions, policies, or practices in the healthcare system.
- Projects investigating the barriers to implementation or developing optimal solutions to implementation challenges in the context of the Ontario healthcare system.
- Projects evaluating the comparative effectiveness and cost effectiveness of different implementation strategies in the oncology ecosystem.

Letter of Intent (LOI) Deadline: 05 December 2024 by 5 PM ET

Full Application Deadline: 10 April 2025 by 5 PM ET

For questions, Visit the [FAQ page](#) before contacting the OICR Scientific Secretariat office at ScientificSecretariat@oicr.on.ca.

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Partnership Grant - Stage 1 Funding Call

[SSHRC Partnership Grants](#) provide support for new and existing formal partnerships to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or in-kind contributions. Partnership Grants are

intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

Project Duration: 4 to 7 years

Funding Amount: \$2.5M

Stage 1 Application Deadline: February 2025

Stage 2 Application Deadline - by invitation only: October 2025

If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, please contact RASI at ras.support@usask.ca for more information.

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 November 20, 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:

- 1) **Digital and Emerging technology** (e.g. AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Semiconductors)
- 2) **Sustainability and Net Zero** (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Oceans, Clean Technology)
- 3) **Life Sciences** (e.g. Biomanufacturing, Bioeconomy, Agri-Food, Agri-Tech, Health Sciences)
- 4) **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

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](#).

UArctic: University of the Arctic – Entrepreneurship Fund

To truly solve the challenges facing the Arctic, and thus the world, UArctic is committed to enhancing human capacity in the North and promoting viable communities and sustainable economies. **The UArctic Entrepreneurship Fund** is an initiative that complements other existing prize funds with a seed-fund program, providing training and mentorship, and encouraging innovation and solutions on a local level.

The program is managed and run by the UArctic Thematic Network on Managing Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in the North, with UiT The Arctic University of Norway as the host. Through collaboration with other Thematic Networks, the fund also leverages UArctic's breadth of expertise and knowledge in its activities.

The fund is open to any individual with an incubator-stage product or service that directly benefits the Arctic environment or Arctic communities and has a positive, demonstrable impact on the Arctic. The UArctic especially encourages applications from Arctic Indigenous and/or northern-based entrepreneurs. Expected grant disbursement amounts are in the range of \$2,000 to \$5,000 USD, though exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

Goals:

1. Accelerate high-potential incubator-stage products and services aiming to benefit the Arctic environment and/or Arctic communities. Benefit in this context can be described as being greatly diverse; from having a positive impact on the environment, e.g. pollution reduction, or a product that can increase internet connectivity in the Arctic etc.
2. Increase engagement from aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators toward Arctic issues.
3. Support and encourage ideas of aspiring Indigenous entrepreneurs.
4. Support and foster a bridge between UArctic's wealth of academic knowledge and recipients of the UArctic Entrepreneurship Fund.
5. Reward creativity and risk-taking by supporting a broad selection criteria that is not solely return-on-investment focused.

Funding amount: \$2,000 to \$5,000 USD

External deadline: 31 October 2024

Spencer Foundation: Small Research Grants on Education Program

The **Small Research Grants on Education Program** supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets of up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. The Foundation accepts applications three times per year.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The goal of this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.

Funding amount: up to USD \$50,000

Internal deadline: 20 November 2024

External deadline: 04 December 2024, 12:00 pm, Central Time

Spencer Foundation: Large Research Grants on Education Program

The **Large Research Grants on Education Program** supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets ranging from \$125,000 to \$500,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. The Foundation anticipates awarding grants with budgets across each of the following funding tiers -- \$125,000 to 250,000; \$250,001 to \$375,000; and \$375,001 to \$500,000. Within each of their funding tiers, the Foundation evaluate projects within tier and **strongly** encourage applicants to submit for funding that best fits their project rather than applying for the highest amount. The Foundation accepts Intent to Apply forms twice a year.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The Foundation’s goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education. [Read more.](#)

Funding Amount: up to USD\$ 500,000, depending on the funding tier

Funding Period: up to 5 years

Internal Deadline: Ten business days before external Intend to Apply or External Application deadline

Intent to Apply Deadline: Applications are accepted twice a year; nearest – 14 January 2025, 12:00 pm Noon (Central/Chicago Time)

External Deadline: Applications are accepted twice a year; nearest – 11 February 2025, 12:00 pm (Central Time)



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