

# Office of the Vice-President Research



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

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

## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### **SHRF 2025-26 Establishment Grant Now Accepting Applications**

**SHRF's Establishment Grant** supports early-career researchers in Saskatchewan to establish an autonomous program of research addressing Saskatchewan health challenges and achieve the research productivity necessary for obtaining major funding from national and other external agencies.

Principal Applicants must hold a qualifying appointment in Saskatchewan at, or above, the rank of Assistant Professor (or equivalent), that meets the definition of Principal Applicant as outlined in the [SHRF Funding Guide](#).

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$150,000 for up to 3 years

**Eligibility Deadline:** 23 January 2025

**Full Application External Deadline:** 13 March 2025

**Internal UnivRS Deadline:** 5 working days before the external deadline

**Information Webinar:** 18 December 2024, noon CST | [Register for the webinar here](#)

**Program Contact:** Pawan Kumar ([pkumar@shrf.ca](mailto:pkumar@shrf.ca))

## Natural Sciences and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

### NSERC Contact Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 10 December 2024 [NSERC Contact Newsletter](#):

- [NSERC presents IMPACT: The Electric Vehicles Issue](#)
- [2024 NSERC Prizes recognize outstanding achievements in science and engineering](#)
- [Increases to Discovery Grants as a result of Budget 2024](#)
- [Message from the Tri-agency Presidents: Granting councils transitioning to a new CV template](#)
- [NSERC releases a new summary report of Gender Based Analysis Plus in its programs](#)
- [The Council of Canada Academies releases EDI report](#)
- [Guidance on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Development and Review of Research Proposals](#)
- [NSERC welcomes Mark Daley, from Western University, as its new Scholar in Residence in Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Expression of interest – Seeking members for the Reference Group for the Appropriate Review of Indigenous Research](#)
- [New call for proposals to the National Science Foundation’s Designing Materials to Revolutionize and Engineer our Future, NSERC’s latest collaboration with the NSF](#)
- [National Science Foundation Global Centers addressing global challenges through the bioeconomy](#)
- [NSERC and the French National Research Agency \(ANR\) partner to support quantum computing hardware and software projects](#)
- [Government of Canada invests in research on avian influenza A\(H5N1\)](#)
- [The Government of Canada invests in new research projects to develop solutions towards sustainable agriculture](#)
- [Government of Canada announces creation of external advisory panel on the creation and dissemination of scientific information in French](#)
- [College and Community Social Innovation Fund grants 2025 competition now open](#)
- [Geoffrey Hinton wins the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics](#)
- [UQAM professor, Pierre Chastenay, wins the NSERC Award for Science Promotion \(Individual\)](#)
- [The research image contest Science Exposed is back!](#)

## Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

### Launch of the 2025 SSHRC Impact Awards Competition

Please note the following information regarding the USask Internal Deadlines for **the SSHRC Impact Awards**

**USask candidate recommendation deadline:** 13 January 2025 – **\*New extended deadline\***

**SSHRC Information Session:** 23 January 2025, 12:30-2:00 PM

**SSHRC Deadline:** 01 April 2025

USask is limited to **one submission per award**, so candidates will be considered internally prior to developing a full nomination package.

Please send the following information to [brittany.walch@usask.ca](mailto:brittany.walch@usask.ca) by **13 January 2025** for internal consideration.

- Nominee name and affiliation.
- Award category being considered (Gold, Talent, Insight, Connection, or Partnership).
- 500-word rationale to describe (*Award descriptions and selection criteria can be found [here](#)*):
  - How nominee is suitable for the award based on the award description.
  - How the nominee meets the award selection criteria. Please ensure you review the selection criteria for the award and speak on how they meet the Challenge and Achievements.
- Names of potential nominators (if known) including a short rationale to explain why they would be an ideal nominator.
- Current CV (specific CV format not needed at this stage, however, if the nomination is to go forward, an updated SSHRC CV format will be required).
- Confirm the nominee holds or have held SSHRC funding relevant to the award category.

Please contact Institutional Awards Officer Brittany Walch ([brittany.walch@usask.ca](mailto:brittany.walch@usask.ca)) for questions.

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## SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 12 December 2024 **SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter**:

- [2024 SSHRC Impact Award Winners announced!](#)
- [New Destination Horizon Grants funding opportunity launched](#)
- [Agencies sign five-year agreement for Tri-Agency Interdisciplinary Peer Review Committee](#)
- [New Canada Research Chairs, equity award recipients and support for indirect research costs](#)
- [Tri-agency scholarship and fellowship increases come into effect](#)
- [International Policy Ideas Challenge 2024 winners](#)
- [SSHRC transitions to new tri-agency CV format](#)
- [Council of Canadian Academies releases report on equity, diversity and inclusion in the postsecondary research system](#)
- [Empathy proves critical to long-term water protection](#)
- [Remembering Ian Manners](#)

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- [SSHRC's Storytellers Challenge](#) (21 January 2025)
- [Destination Horizon Grants](#) (22 January 2025) \*new\*
- [Connection Grants](#) (01 February 2025)
- [Insight Development Grants](#) (02 February 2025)
- [Partnership Grants—Stage 1](#) (10 February 2025)
- [Research on Research Joint Initiative](#) (20 February 2025)
- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (15 March 2025)

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## 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.

**Global Arctic Leadership Initiative (GALI)**

[The Global Arctic Leadership Initiative \(GALI\)](#) fund is now open for applications! Global Affairs Canada's GALI funding program aims to strengthen Canada's global leadership in the Arctic. Supported through Global Affairs, funding is delivered through Memorial University with two funding opportunities (listed below).

GALI funding gives researchers the opportunity to fund projects that focus on enhancing Canada's leadership in the Arctic and fostering collaborations in the Circumpolar North.

The two funding opportunities include the [Indigenous and Northern Collaborative Research and Education Engagement Fund](#) and the [Indigenous and Northern Relationship Development Fund](#).

**[Northern Collaborative Research and Education Engagement Fund:](#)**

The purpose of this fund is to support researchers with established relationships and partnerships in the Arctic who are interested in continuing their research and education programs in the region in keeping with the UArctic values, [Memorial University's Policy on Research Impacting Indigenous Groups](#), and supporting priorities within [Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework](#).

**This fund is a maximum total of \$40,000 over a 1-year duration.**

**[Northern Relationship Development Fund:](#)**

The purpose of this fund is to help researchers at all UArctic member institutions, those in the North and those in the South, establish new relationships or strengthen the existing ones in order to develop collaborative, co-created research projects based on mutual respect and acknowledgment of the deep understanding and knowledge Indigenous and Northern people bring to such projects while ensuring that the academic research and engagement projects meet the needs of the people and the regions where such research takes place.

**This fund is a maximum total of \$15,000 over a 1-year duration.**

**Who can apply for these funds:**

UArctic and Memorial University encourage engagement between Northern Canadian UArctic member institutions, other Canadian members, and other UArctic member institutions for these initiatives. The lead applicant must come from a Canadian Arctic/Northern UArctic member institution. A complete and updated list of member institutions can be found on the UArctic [website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [Lisa Goulet](#), Membership Engagement Coordinator for Canadian UArctic members.

**Internal Deadline:** 31 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 15 February 2025

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## Global Innovation Fund: Climate Resilience Innovators

Global Innovation Fund is pleased to announce a dedicated call for applications for funding from [Climate Resilience Innovators](#) working to enable the world's poorest to adapt and be more resilient to changing climate. The agency currently welcomes applications for investment in innovations which have the potential to address critical climate challenges for people living on less than \$5 a day, have a credible case, ideally backed by evidence, of how the innovation can deliver adaptation and resilience, and have the potential to scale to bring benefits to millions of people.

The agency is seeking applications which align with their [key thematic areas](#) that have the potential to create meaningful, long-term impacts. While the agency provides examples of the problems the innovations should address, it strongly encourages applicants to propose original, context-specific ideas that align with these themes.

Interested applicants are encouraged to review the [funding guidance](#).

**Funding Amount:**

- **Pilot category:** up to USD \$230,000
- **Test and transition:** up to USD \$2.3 million
- **Scale:** up to USD \$15 million

**Internal Deadline:** 02 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 15 January 2025

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## ChadTough Defeat DIPG Foundation

The [ChadTough Defeat DIPG](#) grants are intended to incentivize novel approaches and spark innovation to find a cure for the deadliest pediatric brain cancer, DIPG. It is no easy task. By working together with the passionate doctors and researchers focused on making progress on this disease, children with DIPG will finally be able to look forward to a bright future.

### [New Investigator Grant](#)

Supporting newly independent DIPG researchers working to establish DIPG research labs – OR – established researchers (who have not previously conducted brain tumor research) to encourage them to start DIPG research. The ChadTough Defeat DIPG New Investigator Grant is up to \$400,000 over 3 years (maximum of \$135,000 in any one year).

### [Game Changer Grant](#)

Funding for hypothesis-driven research projects that represent an innovative approach to a major challenge in DIPG research, with a potential to lead to groundbreaking discoveries in the field. The ChadTough Defeat DIPG Game Changer Grant is up to \$600,000 over 3 years (maximum of \$200,000 per year).

**Internal Deadline:** 20 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 03 February 2025

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## **National Institutes of Health (NIH): Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

The purpose of this **Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** is to support studies that will identify, develop, and/or test strategies for overcoming barriers to the adoption, adaptation, integration, sustainability, scale-up, and spread of evidence-based interventions, practices, programs, tools, treatments, guidelines, and policies (herein referred to collectively as evidence-based interventions). Studies that promote equitable dissemination and implementation of evidence-based interventions among underrepresented communities are encouraged. Conversely, there is a benefit in understanding circumstances that create a need to stop or reduce (de- implement) the use of practices that are ineffective, unproven, low-value, or harmful. In addition, studies to advance dissemination and implementation research methods and measures are encouraged. Applications that focus on re-implementation of evidence-based health services that may be disrupted amidst disasters (e.g., pandemics, climate change) remain relevant.

**Project Duration:** Maximum project period is 2 years

**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 a single year.

**Internal Deadline:** 10 business days before the external deadline

**External Deadline:** Various from 16 February 2025 – 16 October 2027

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