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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 will now be six. NSERC has reversed their previous communications that the quota would be 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 01 May 2024.
- All proposals that receive institutional endorsement to submit an LOI and submit by the 01 May 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 six proposals to go forward.

EOI requirements: available here
EOI deadline: 05 April 2024
LOI deadline: 01 May 2024

If you have any questions about your application or the internal process, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca for more information.

DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards (Social Sciences, Humanities & Fine Arts) – Call for Adjudication Committee Members

USask faculty are invited to submit applications to join the DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards Adjudication Committee! Please apply by 28 February 2024. Committee members will be selected and notified by 4 March. Application reviews and committee meetings will take place in mid-March.

Details about the competition can be found online.

Application Form: Online
Deadline to Apply: 28 February 2024

Please contact dare.rasi@usask.ca with questions about the program and any questions about the application process.
CFI 2025 Innovation Fund (IF): NOI Released, New Funding Stream for Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts Research

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.

*NEW UPDATE*

CFI has announced an exciting new strategy for funding social sciences, humanities, and the arts (SSHA). To better support the research community in SSHA, the 2025 Innovation Fund will:

- Allow each institution to submit one proposal outside of the institutional envelope with the primary field of research in SSHA.
- Establish an SSHA-specific funding stream with adapted assessment criteria.
- Extend the eligibility of personnel required for the continuous development and use of databases (evergreening).

NOI documents 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.

- USask Led NOI Document
- Non-USask Led NOI Document

More information can be found on our RASI-CFI website. Immediate questions can be directed to rasi.support@usask.ca.

International Opportunities and Updates

Internationalization Award Opportunities for Faculty, Staff and Students

The International Office is pleased to announce the 2024 Internationalization award opportunities to recognize the achievements of faculty, staff and students who provide outstanding contributions to the internationalization of USask. Please visit our website for award details and nomination forms.

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

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

Nomination deadline for each four awards: 29 March 2024 at 4 pm CST/SK time
Value of each award: $1500

IDRC Pre-announcement: Upcoming Funding Opportunity on Climate Change and Health
This funding opportunity will be launched by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC, Canada) on February 19, 2024. It seeks to establish regional hubs on climate change and health — one each in West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. Each hub will be managed by a regionally based organization or consortium of organizations. The selected regional hub will be tasked with establishing, managing and supporting a cohort of research sub-grants in their respective region. The selected hubs will be expected to run one or more open competitive calls to identify and select research projects in their corresponding region.

Eligibility
This anticipatory funding opportunity will be open to individual organizations or consortia headquartered in the respective regions (West and Central Africa, East and Southern Africa, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa), with preference given to organizations in low- and middle-income countries. The anticipatory funding opportunity will not be open to individuals or government
ministries, and agencies or branches, offices and chapters of international organizations, but it is open to public research institutes, think tanks and universities. The full list of eligibility requirements will be published along with the funding announcement in February 2024.

**Funding value:** up to CAD 4 million per hub for up to five years

**Application process**
This anticipatory funding opportunity will involve a two-stage process. In the first stage, interested applicants will be required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI). The EOI stage is mandatory and will require applicants to complete an eligibility checklist and upload supporting documents. No technical proposal or concept note is required at the EOI stage. Only applicants whose EOIs are successful will be invited to submit a full technical proposal.

**Anticipated timelines**
Please be advised that these dates are approximations and subject to change.
- **Funding opportunity launch:** 19 February 2024
- **EOI submission deadline:** 15 March 2024
- **Communication of results to applicants:** 09 April 2024
- **Full proposal submission deadline:** 17 May 2024
- **Notice of decision:** 21 June 2024
- **Funding start date:** 01 September 2024

**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days prior to external deadlines

For more information, please visit [here](#).

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**Ekhaga Foundation Human Health Grants**

Ekhaga Foundation (Sweden) supports scientific research in organic agriculture as well as complementary and biological medicine. It promotes human health by working for the development of improved food, natural medicines and healing methods, as well as supporting research for a healthier way of life.

**Funding value:** no maximum ceiling for the amount of funds that can be applied for. The foundation's annual distribution framework in recent years has been in the range of SEK 10-20 million (approximately CAD 1.3-2.6 million). Usually there are about 10 projects that receive funds each year.

**Internal deadline:** 03 May 2024
**External deadline:** 20 May 2024

For more information, please visit [here](#).

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**Conservation, Food and Health Foundation Grant**
The Conservation, Food and Health Foundation (U.S.) seeks to protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East.

**Types of Support**
The Foundation supports projects and applied research that:
- Generate local or regional solutions to problems affecting the quality of the environment and human life;
- Advance local leadership and promote professional development in the conservation, agricultural, and health sciences;
- Develop the capacity of local organizations and coalitions; and
- Address challenges in the field.

The Foundation prefers to support projects that address under-funded issues and geographic areas. The Foundation funds applied research, pilot projects, new initiatives, training, and technical assistance, rather than ongoing support for programs that are already well underway. An important goal for the Foundation is to provide seed money to help promising projects, organizations, and individuals develop the track record they need to attract major foundation funding in the future.

**Funding amount:** There is no minimum or maximum grant size. It is anticipated that most grants will fall in the $25,000-$50,000 per year range.

**Duration:** Grants are made for a one- or two-year period.

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**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days prior to external deadlines

For more information, please visit [here](#).

**Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation: Pediatric Cancer Research Grant**

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation (ALSF, the U.S.) is one of the leading funders of pediatric cancer research in the U.S. and Canada, funding more than 1,000 research projects and providing programs to families affected by childhood cancer.

The Reach Grant seeks to remove one of these barriers by providing support for important pre-clinical hypothesis-driven research projects that are necessary to move a study from the preclinical arena into a
clinical trial. Thus, the goal of this award is to support translational studies that will result in a phase 1 and/or 2 clinical trial, two to three years from the project end date.

**Applicant Eligibility**
- Applicant institutions must be based in the United States or Canada. Applicants need not be United States citizens. Funds must be granted to nonprofit institutions or organizations.
- Applicants must have an MD, PhD, or MD/PhD or equivalent and be appointed as faculty (or equivalent) at an academic institution.
- Applicants must have a demonstrated track record of pediatric cancer research with experience in translational research.
- Multiple investigator applications that bring together pairs or teams of researchers with complementary expertise are encouraged.

**Funding amount:** up to $250,000 USD
**Duration:** 2 years

**Internal deadline:** 11 March 2024
**External deadline:** 25 March 2024

For more information, please visit [here](#).

**GenScript Life Science Research Grant**
GenScript is a U.S. based biotech company. This new initiative is dedicated to supporting breakthroughs in life science research areas including but not limited to gene and cell therapy development, antibody drug discovery, vaccine development, diagnostics, and plant sciences. This program is designed to empower researchers by providing grant funding specifically earmarked for purchasing GenScript reagents and services.

**Funding amount:** up to USD 100,000
**Duration:** 12 months

**Internal deadlines:** 10 business days prior to external deadlines
**External deadlines:**
- 15 March 2024
- 15 June 2024
- 15 September 2024
- 15 November 2024

For more information, please visit [here](#).

**Academics Without Boarders: Call for Volunteers for Online Learning Support**
Academics Without Borders (AWB) is a Canadian nonprofit organization. Its mission is to help low and middle-income countries improve their universities and colleges, so that they can train their own experts and conduct research to promote their countries’ development.

AWB’s projects are involved in the full range of activities, from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones. AWB fulfills its mission by providing volunteer experts for projects that originate in, and are owned by, developing world institutions of higher education. Volunteers work online and/or travel to the partner university. Volunteers are reimbursed for their travel expenses but are not paid a salary.

Volunteer Opportunity Reference: Online Learning Support and Facilitation for AWB Projects
Number of Volunteers: 2-4
Location: All volunteer work will be conducted online
Language: English

Requirements:
AWB is looking for experienced faculty and staff (working or retired) with a minimum of a Master’s degree and 4 years of related work experience who meet the preceding requirements. Applicants with experience working in academic settings in low and middle-income countries are especially encouraged to apply.

Start Date and Duration:
Start date is as soon as possible. The time commitment will vary depending on the needs and stage of the specific project a volunteer is assigned to support. Some flexibility is desirable, and AWB will work with each volunteer so that assignments align with their availability to the extent possible. AWB is looking for a minimum commitment of 1-2 years at a commitment level of about 2 hours per week on average with considerable variation over time. Projects will be assigned as need arises and all successful candidates may not be immediately engaged.

Application deadline: 15 March 2024

For more information, please visit here.

Holohil: Wildlife Tracking Transmitter Grant
Holohil is currently accepting applications for its grant program to support research projects that are of high value for their species, have a sound research design, and have a positive conservation intention. The Holohil Grant Program is available to conservation professionals and researchers from anywhere in the world.

Holohil Grant Program would like to support projects that generally meet the following criteria:
- The project makes significant use of Holohil transmitters for data collection.
- The project aims to advance scientific knowledge.
- The project contributes to conservation.
- The project engages/educates the public.
- The project involves underrepresented study species of high research or conservation value.
**Funding amount:** each quarter, Holohil will be supporting projects by donating up to CAD$2,500.00 toward the purchase of Holohil transmitters.

**Deadlines:**

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