

Office of the Vice-President Research



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

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

USask Workshops and Support Services

Panel Discussion - Securing the Future: Navigating Research Security in the Digital Age

As part of Cybersecurity awareness month, we are pleased to present an engaging panel discussion at the University of Saskatchewan featuring a collaborative team of experts in research security. Our distinguished panelists include a Senior Research Security Specialist, Research Security Officer, Research Data Management (RDM) Coordinator, and Research IT Security Coordinator. Together, they will explore the latest Tri-agency guidelines on research security, addressing critical vulnerabilities and best practices to safeguard sensitive research data. This session will highlight the importance of teamwork and collective efforts in protecting the integrity of Canadian research, providing valuable insights into the evolving landscape of research security.

Date: 29 October 2024

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Arts 212 or virtually via Zoom

Registration: Please register in advance for this meeting on [Zoom](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

Upcoming Application Deadline for SHRF-Alzheimer Society of Canada's Partnership Funding

SHRF has partnered with Alzheimer Society **Canada** to support trainees in any area of research in Alzheimer's disease or other dementias through [Alzheimer Society Canada's available trainee awards](#).

Applications are submitted through [Parkinson Canada's portal](#), and inquiries regarding the funding opportunities should be directed to research@alzheimer.ca.

Applications that are to be conducted at institutions located in Saskatchewan will be automatically considered for funding for an ASC-SHRF partnership.

Application Deadline: 04 November 2024, 5:00 PM Eastern Time

Questions about SHRF Partnership Program can be directed to Karen Tilsley (ktilsley@shrf.ca).

Upcoming Application Deadline for SHRF-Parkinson Canada Partnership Funding

[SHRF has partnered with Parkinson Canada](#) to support trainees in any area of research in Parkinson's disease through Parkinson Canada's available fellowships. SHRF is offering a \$10,000 top-up for Saskatchewan-based Postdoctoral and Clinical Fellow applications.

Applications are submitted through [Parkinson Canada's portal](#), and inquiries regarding the funding opportunities should be directed to research@parkinson.ca.

Applications that are to be conducted at institutions located in Saskatchewan will be automatically considered for funding for a PC-SHRF partnership.

Application Deadline: 01 November 2024, 5:00 PM Eastern Time

Questions about SHRF Partnership Program can be directed to Karen Tilsley (ktilsley@shrf.ca).

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the [October 2024 SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter](#).

- [What We Heard on modernizing the federal research support system](#)
- [Evidence briefs on Gender-Based Violence now online](#)
- [Announcing the new Tri-Agency Research Training Strategy](#)
- [Grounding research lays out a path through “troubling new era” for elections](#)
- [Improving access to care for LGBTQI+ migrants and racialized individuals](#)

Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Canada Research Chairs](#) (nominations deadline: 22 October 2024)
- [Partnership Grants—Stage 2](#) (29 October 2024)
- [Connection Grants](#) (01 November 2024)
- [New Frontiers in Research Fund—2024 Exploration Competition](#) (full application deadline: 05 November 2024)
- [Partnership Development Grants](#) (15 November 2024)
- [SSHRC Institutional Grants](#) (01 December 1, 2024)
- [New Frontiers in Research Fund—2024 Nordforsk-Led International Joint Initiative on Sustainable Development of the Arctic](#) (03 December 3, 2024)
- [Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Envisioning Governance Systems that Work](#) (12 December 2024)
- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (15 December 2024)

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:

5. **Digital and Emerging technology** (e.g. AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Semiconductors)
6. **Sustainability and Net Zero** (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Oceans, Clean Technology)
7. **Life Sciences** (e.g. Biomanufacturing, Bioeconomy, Agri-Food, Agri-Tech, Health Sciences)
8. **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](#).

2025 Crowder Messersmith Conservation Fund Grant

The **Crowder Messersmith Conservation Fund** honors Orville Crowder and Don and Sherry Messersmith, leaders in nature tourism, as a means to further global nature conservation. The Crowder-Messersmith Conservation Fund, together with the Nature Forward, helps fund small, local conservation and education projects in developing countries by providing seed money to communities and individuals whose projects have not attracted major support from other sources.

Grants have provided more than 160 projects in over 55 countries with start-up costs since 1974. NF has administered the Fund since 1999.

Please note that since this project focuses on supporting small initiatives, it would be beneficial to apply in partnership with a community partner focused on local conservation initiatives.

Project Duration: 1 year

Funding Amount: \$3000 USD

Internal Deadline: 16 December 2024

External Deadline: 06 January 2025

Campus France: Research Stay Grant for Young Researchers

As a major actor in the fight against climate change and engendering the spirit of the Paris Accord, France is launching a new programme called **“Make Our Planet Great Again” (MOPGA)** offering research travel grants for young researchers with the hope of contributing to scientific research in climate change.

This eighth project call of MOPGA, funded by the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs in partnership with the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and implemented by Campus France can provide this opportunity to 60 young researchers who wish to conduct their research in France.

This grant opportunity for young researchers will finance researchers working in the thematic research areas as outlined in the rubric in this call.

External Deadline: 05 December 2024

Funding Amount: 2,500 Euros/month, in addition to health insurance, arrival bursary etc.

Duration of Stay: 1 year

National Institutes of Health (NIH): Exploratory Studies to Investigate Mechanisms of HIV infection, Replication, Latency, and/or Pathogenesis in the Context of Substance Use Disorders (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) will support high-risk, high-impact studies that 1) develop or apply novel tools or technologies or 2) test novel hypotheses to investigate mechanistic questions in HIV infection, replication, latency, and/or pathogenesis (including neuroHIV) in the context of Substance Use Disorders (SUDs). This initiative focuses on exploration and characterization of signaling pathways that are involved in central nervous system (CNS) HIV establishment and expansion. The NOFO aims to promote milestone-driven research to investigate the underlying molecular mechanisms by which HIV infection is initiated, established, and maintained in the CNS and to determine how addictive substances modulate HIV infection, latency and the size and persistence of CNS HIV reservoirs. You can find more information [here](#).

Project Duration: Maximum 5 years

Funding Amount: Applications may not request more than USD \$700K direct costs for any single year.

Internal Deadline: 10 Business days before external deadline

Letter of Intent Deadline: 14 July 2025

External Deadline: 14 August 2025

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