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Research Funding and Support

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USask Workshops and Support Services

CFI-JELF Information Session

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) [John R. Evans Leaders Fund \(JELF\)](#) program provides institutions the opportunity to acquire infrastructure for leading research faculty to undertake cutting-edge research. USask has been provided a JELF institutional envelope from which **project leaders can request up to 40% of the eligible project costs.**

This information session to be held on **Wednesday, 27 March 2024 (2pm -3pm)** has been targeted for those interested in the **October 2024** CFI submission group. Institutional CFI ask guidelines will be discussed and a timeline for the submission will be provided. Potential applicants and co-applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Research facilitators and technical staff are welcome. We anticipate that USask will also submit JELFs to CFI in **October 2025**.

October 2024 JELF Guidelines

- Proposed infrastructure will support cutting-edge research at USask. It is appropriate to include in an existing or emerging core facility.
- Proposals can request up to \$800,000 from the CFI, with a maximum total eligible cost of \$2 million. Please note that CFI asks >\$400,000 are adjudicated to a higher standard than smaller asks.
- The Institutional envelope is limited; the information session will provide **guidance regarding CFI asks** for this submission group. CFI asks up to 40% of eligible costs are possible; the amount decided will be partially dependent on envelope availability.
- Core team (upto 3 applicants) must have continuing, full-time academic appointments.
- Requests by OVPR to Innovation Saskatchewan will not be part of this call. Rather, proposals must demonstrate that **all matching funding** has been received by the university and/or provide letters of commitment from funding sources upon Expression of Interest submission.

Expressions of Interest intake will be **03 June 2024** and will be assessed for impact to the USask research community, need for the infrastructure, feasibility and sustainability of the project and availability of institutional JELF envelope.

To register for this in-person information session, please RSVP to cfi.support@usask.ca.

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 راسي.اسك@usask.ca for more information.

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](#).

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 rasupport@usask.ca.

Resources for Researchers

Nvivo 14 Now Available

NVivo software is designed to help researchers organize, analyze, and gain insights from qualitative data. USask users may now install NVivo 14 via [Software center](#) or [Self-service](#).

- **Computer Labs:** NVivo 14 for windows is available on USask [computer labs](#) and [Vlab](#).
- **Collaborating with NVivo:** The NVivo Collaboration Server allows multiple users within the USask network to collaborate on projects. With real-time synchronization, you can view live changes making coding comparisons easier. Contact research_computing@usask.ca to setup your NVivo server project.
- **Individual computers:** Please see [NVivo - Getting Started](#) for information on downloading NVivo to a personal computer.

Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities

SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

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

- [Diverse New Scholarship, Fellowship, Insight Development Grant and Canada Research Chair Recipients Push Boundaries of Knowledge](#)
- [Ted Hewitt Reappointed as SSHRC President](#)
- [Canadian Researchers Can Now Apply to the Nordforsk International Arctic Research Initiative](#)
- [2024 Storyteller Finalists Announced](#)
- [New Edition of Global Centres Calls for Use-inspired Bioeconomy Research](#)

Funding Focus:

- [SSHRC Impact Awards](#) (01 April 2024)
- [Spring 2025 Canada Research Chairs](#) (**Nomination Deadline:** 16 April 2024)
- [Connection Grants](#) (01 May 2024)
- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (**New Deadline:** 22 May 2024)
- [Research Support Fund](#) (22 May 2024)
- [Global Centers](#) (11 June 2024)
- [Connection Grants](#) (**New Deadline:** 20 June 2024)

See SSHRC's [Upcoming Deadlines](#), and the [tri-agency calendar of funding opportunities](#).

International Opportunities and Updates

NFRF International Call for Proposals: 2024 NordForsk-Led International Joint Initiative on Sustainable Development in the Arctic

Canada commits up to \$20 million for this [international joint initiative](#) that represents a collaboration among research funders from Canada, Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and the United States. The Arctic region has seen and continues to see rapid and drastic changes, mostly due to climate change, which has a bigger impact in the Arctic than in the rest of the world. Declining sea ice has also opened possibilities of new transport routes, new opportunities for resource extraction, and led to increased international interest in the region. The direct effects of climate change, as well as these indirect ones, have a significant impact on ecosystems, Arctic communities and traditional ways of living. Through interdisciplinary research projects that include Indigenous perspectives, this call will leverage expertise across Arctic countries to explore approaches to sustainable development in the Arctic, considering aspects such as security, natural resources and societal changes.

Please note:

- The following aims are central to the call: Interdisciplinarity, Sustainable development, Arctic Added Value, and Indigenous perspectives;
- Research conducted in Canada must be co-developed and co-led with Indigenous communities;
- A research consortium must have partners from at least 3 Nordic countries, meaning Canadian team(s) and/or US team(s) plus teams from at least 3 Nordic countries;
- Each consortium partner has to adhere to the requirements of their respective agencies; those requirements could differ from agency to agency;
- Consortium partners from the Nordic countries might need institutional support documents from Canadian institutions; please contact international.office@usask.ca **by 15 May**.
- A Canadian/USA institution can either be the host organization (NordForsk calls it "Project Owner"), or a participating organization. Either way, project leaders from USA and Canada, must be eligible to receive funding from NSF (USA) or the NFRF (Canada), respectively (see [Annex 1](#));
- The consortium will develop one project. The Project Owner must submit the pre-proposal form and the mandatory documents on behalf of the research consortium electronically through respective portals. On the Canadian side, Nominated PI should submit the project registration to the NFRF through the Convergence portal;

- A signed Letter of Commitment is required from each partner organisation, and the letters must be signed by a person authorized to take on financial commitments on behalf of the organisation for the entire duration of the project;
- The application for the call has two stages: (1) registration and (2) full submission. To apply for funding from NFRF, Canadian research team members **must submit a registration form by 30 May**. This is a mandatory step in the application process. Full application submission deadline will be in fall 2024.

For program details on Canada's participation, please visit [the website](#). For program details on the Nordic countries' participation, please visit [NordForsk website](#).

NordForsk hosted an online webinar on 19 March 2024. The webinar was aimed at researchers interested in the call, provided insights into the themes of the call and the NordForsk application process. [See a recording of the webinar](#).

IO and RASI work together to provide proposal development support. If you are interested in applying for this call, please contact international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible to discuss your project concept and team composition.

Funding Amount: CAD \$1,000,000 per year

Project duration: up to four years

Internal Deadline: 15 May 2024

External Registration Deadline: 30 May 2024

US Department of Energy: Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRC)

The DOE SC program in Basic Energy Sciences (BES) announces a re-competition of the Energy Frontier Research Center (EFRC) program and encourages both new and renewal applications. Applications from multi-disciplinary teams will be required to propose discovery science and use-inspired basic research that addresses priority research directions and opportunities identified by a series of BES workshop and roundtable reports. The focus of the EFRC program is on fundamental scientific research, therefore applications to this FOA must not propose applied research and technology development activities. BES is soliciting renewal applications for basic science in three topical areas: 1) Transformative manufacturing, 2) Quantum information science (QIS), and 3) Environmental management. BES is soliciting new applications for basic science in two topical areas: 1) Co-design of materials and processes to revolutionize microelectronics and/or QIS fabrication, and 2) Environmental management. Read more [here](#).

Funding amount: USD \$8,000,000 - 16,000,000

Internal deadline: 24 April 2024

External Deadline: 08 May 2024

Mitacs GRA: Special Quantum Technology Offer

Mitacs is back with a [special quantum technology offer](#) under the [Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) program. We are pleased to announce NEW international partners on our list: Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Germany and National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) – NARLabs in Taiwan.

What makes the GRA quantum tech offer “special”?

- No co-funding required
- Longer internships (possibility of 2 internship units)
- Up to 5 interns per project
- Open to all Canadian universities
- Applicable to most countries and regions
- No implications on your university’s GRA allocation

With no Mitacs international partners involved in the project, the intern gets:

- **\$6,000** for research project over **12 to 24 weeks**
- **\$12,000** for a research project over **24 to 48 weeks**

Additionally, with a Mitacs international partner, your award value goes up to:

- **\$9,000** for a research project over **12 to 24 weeks**
- **\$15,000** for a research project over **24 to 48 weeks**

Start your proposal through the [GRA application portal](#) or discuss your project with a [Mitacs Advisor](#). For internships starting in August 2024, please submit your application by **30 April 2024**.

Join Mitacs GRA quantum technology info session on **Tuesday, 02 April, 2-2:45pm (ET)**: [Register here](#)

The complete list of eligible international partners can be found [here](#). For each participating partner, specific eligibility criteria may apply.

Funding amount: Varies

Internal deadline: 16 April 2024

External Deadline: 30 April 2024

Multiple Opportunities for Cooperation with Japanese Institutions

Adopting Sustainable Partnerships for Innovative Research Ecosystem (ASPIRE) 2024

ASPIRE 2024 promotes international collaboration in specific fields. Two Japanese funding agencies start to accept proposals of ASPIRE program from researchers in Japan. If you have already had partner researchers in Japan, please encourage them to prepare for the application.

- [JST \(AI and Information, Biotechnology, Energy, Materials, Quantum, Semiconductors and Telecommunications\)](#)
Application Deadline: 09 May 2024
- [AMED \(Healthcare\)](#)
Application Deadline: 28 May 2024

[Special Postdoctoral Researcher \(SPDR\) at RIKEN for FY 2025](#)

RIKEN is one of the Japanese National Research Agencies focusing on natural sciences. SPDR is known as one of the best postdoctoral fellowships in Japan and winner can receive not only salary but also research budget **(1,000,000 yen per year) for three years.**

Application Deadline: 09 April 2024

JSPS (Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan)

- **Standard Program** (12 to 24 months).
Application Deadline: 01 February 2024
- **Summer Program** (2 months in summer)
Application Period: the middle of October to the end of November
Graduate students can apply to this program.

Funding amount: Varies

Internal deadline: ten business days prior to the external deadlines

External Deadline: multiple, see above

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between thinkers working in largely disconnected fields who might together change the course of climate change's impact on human health. In the three years between Fall 2023 and Summer 2026, we will dedicate \$1M to supporting small, **early-stage grants of \$2,500–\$50,000** toward achieving this goal. We are mainly but not exclusively interested in activities that build connections between basic/early biomedical scientific approaches and ecological, environmental, geological, geographic, and planetary-scale thinking, as well as with population-focused fields, including epidemiology and public health, demography, economics, and urban planning. Also of interest is work piloting new approaches or interactions toward reducing the impact of health-centered activities, such as developing more sustainable systems for health care, care delivery, and biomedical research systems.

Another area of interest is preparation for the impacts of extreme weather and other crises that can drive large-scale disruptions that will immediately impact human health and the delivery of health care. Public outreach, climate communication, and education efforts focused on the intersection of climate and health are also appropriate for this call. This program supports work conceived through many kinds of creative thinking. Successful applicants include academic scientists, physicians, and public health experts, community organizations, science outreach centers, non-biomedical academic departments, and more. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis through July 2026. A review will be conducted quarterly. Read more [here](#).

Funding amount: USD\$2,500–\$50,000

Internal deadline: ten business days prior to the external

External Deadline: 25 April 2024 & 25 July 2024

US NIH: Priority HIV/AIDS Research within the Mission of NIDDK (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) invites HIV/AIDS research projects within the mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) that align with NIH's HIV/AIDS research priorities. These priorities were most recently described in [NOT-OD-20-018, UPDATE: NIH HIV/AIDS Research Priorities and Guidelines for Determining HIV/AIDS Funding](#).

Systemic complications of HIV directly affect many of the organ systems and processes within the research mission of the NIDDK. Diseases and conditions within NIDDK's mission include diabetes and other endocrine and metabolic diseases; gastrointestinal, liver, and pancreatic diseases, nutritional disorders, and obesity; and kidney, urologic, and hematologic diseases. NIDDK has many research areas within its mission, but all research related to relevant diseases may not be appropriate for NIDDK. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact NIDDK staff as soon as possible in the development of the application, so that NIDDK staff can help the applicant understand whether the proposed project is within the goals and mission of the Institute. In addition, NIDDK-relevant organs and tissues play central roles in HIV establishment, spread, persistence, and transmission. Read more [here](#).

Funding amount: 3 to 5 awards, corresponding to a total of USD \$2,000,000

Internal deadline: ten business days prior to the external

External Deadline: 07 May 2024; 07 September 2024 & 07 January 2025

US NIH: Leveraging Data at Scale to Understand Natural Product Impacts on Whole Person Health (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) will support development, adaptation, and/or applications of computational tools to aggregate and analyze orthogonal chemical and/or biological data sets related to natural products with the aim of generating novel testable hypotheses regarding their biological activity and role in the context of whole person health research. Projects must leverage and merge multiple compatible or interoperable sources and/or types of data. Use of artificial intelligence and machine learning approaches is encouraged. This NOFO is part of the Consortium Advancing Research on Botanicals and Other Natural Products (CARBON) Program. Other components of this Program include the Botanical Dietary Supplements Translational Research Teams (RM1) and [RFA-AT-24-007](#) Limited Competition: Research Resource for Natural Product Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Data (R24). Read more [here](#).

Funding amount: USD \$800,000 to fund one award

Award Project Period: 5 years

Internal deadline: 14 June 2024

External Deadline: 28 June 2024

US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Use of Digital Health Technologies in Clinical Investigations to Support Drug and Biological Product Development (U01) Clinical Trials Optional

The overarching goal of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to explore the role of DHTs (e.g., actigraphy, photography, environmental sensors) in the evaluation of new drugs. These projects may involve engagement with researchers from academia, the biopharmaceutical industry, patient groups, and other

stakeholders. The objectives of these projects are to advance DHTs for clinical drug development, expand the ability to capture early manifestations of chronic diseases, determine outcomes in populations with unmet medical needs and enhance convenience for trial participants by allowing for remote data acquisition in clinical investigations. The scope includes, but is not limited to, projects that focus on:

- Comparing digital measurements to traditional measurements in clinical trials to evaluate drugs
- Developing and evaluating novel endpoints using DHTs to address unmet needs for drug clinical trials (e.g., use of environmental sensors to capture apnea in pediatric patients)
- Comparing metrics to evaluate continuous measurements (e.g., maximum activity and stamina)
- Capturing early manifestations of chronic diseases (e.g., dementia) through the use of DHTs

More information can be found [here](#).

Funding amount: USD \$1,100,000 (year 1) & USD \$860,000 (year 2)

Award Project Period: 2 years

Internal deadline: 25 April 2024

External Deadline: 20 May 2024

Horizon Europe: Calls on Sustainable, Secure and Competitive Energy Supply

The following three calls on Sustainable, Secure and Competitive Energy Supply will be open in September, 2024.

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-01: Digital Tools for CSP and Solar Thermal Plants

Support will be given to the innovative application of digital tools (or to the application of innovative digital tools, or both) in CSP and/or concentrated solar thermal heat and/or cold and/or non-concentrated solar thermal heat and/or cold plants. Any type of application of the digital tools is in the scope (e.g., component control, performance measurement, self-diagnostic, ancillary services to the power system, digital twins, etc.). Artificial intelligence techniques are also in scope.

Project results are expected to contribute to some of the **following expected outcomes:**

- Improved performance of concentrated solar power (CSP) plants.
- Improved performance of concentrated and/or non-concentrated solar thermal heat and/or cold plants. Reduced operation and maintenance costs of CSP plants.
- Reduced operation and maintenance costs of concentrated and/or non-concentrated solar thermal heat and/or cold plants.
- Reinforced role of CSP plants in the power market.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Achievement of the CSP targets of the Strategic Energy Technology Plan.

Funding Amount: EUR 3.00 million per project

Internal deadline: 06 January 2025

External Deadline: 21 January 2025

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-02: Development of Next Generation Synthetic Renewable Fuel Technologies

Development of next generation technologies for the production of novel synthetic renewable liquid and gaseous fuels from CO₂, and/or renewable carbon, nitrogen, hydrogen or their compounds and from renewable energy. Process energy will also be renewable. Synergies with other renewable energy technologies can be explored. Focus should be on the high source to product conversion efficiency, process energy efficiency and carbon emission neutrality from the overall production. Overall, proposals are expected to improve competitiveness and minimize GHG emissions in the production process. Pathways via production of renewable hydrogen or renewable hydrogen ionic compounds from all forms and origins of renewable energy (e.g., electricity, direct sunlight, heat) are in scope. The new technologies should also address uses in fuel cells for all transport modes for electricity generation from renewable fuels used as renewable energy carriers with high conversion efficiency and low pollution. An assessment of the sustainability and the GHG emissions should be made based on a Life Cycle Analysis.

Project results are expected to contribute to all of the **following expected outcomes**:

- Increase availability of disruptive emerging synthetic renewable fuel technologies.
- Accelerate the readiness of cost-effective and highly performing future technologies of synthetic renewable fuels for all economy sectors.
- Reinforce the European scientific basis and European technology export potential for synthetic renewable fuel technologies.

Funding Amount: EUR 4.00 million per project

Internal deadline: 06 January 2025

External Deadline: 21 January 2025

HORIZON-CL5-2024-D3-02-03: Development of Smart Concepts of Integrated Energy Driven Bio-Refineries for Co-Production of Advanced Biofuels, Bio-Chemicals and Biomaterials

Development of zero-waste and neutral or negative carbon emission energy-efficient biorefinery concepts for enabling the production of low-cost advanced biofuels through co-production of added value bio-based products and bioenergy. Conversion of biogenic wastes and residues as well as algae and aquatic biomass through chemical, biochemical, electrochemical, biological, thermochemical pathways or combinations of them in highly circular processes are in scope. The integration design is expected to include mass and energy flows, addressing the process heat and power needs by the use of co-produced bio-heat and bio-power, capturing and reusing biogenic effluent gases and sequestering biogenic emissions, for example in the form of biochar as soil amendment, such as to maximize overall material and energy efficiencies. An assessment of the feedstock cost supply at regional and local level and improvement of feedstock mobilisation patterns including via enabling technologies, such as digitalisation, should be included. Socioeconomic and environmental sustainability including circular economy, social, economic and environmental aspects are expected to be assessed on a life-cycle analysis basis. The advanced biofuels cost should aim to be reduced at parity with marketed biofuel equivalents or in the absence of these competitive to the fossil fuel equivalents. Technology validated in relevant environment is required. International cooperation with Mission Innovation countries is expected. Proposals should provide information and assessment about the economic feasibility and the potential of scaling-up the technology at commercial scale as appropriate.

Project results are expected to contribute to all of the **following expected outcomes**:

- Expand the portfolio of cost-effective advanced biofuel production concepts through energy-driven biorefineries.

- Reduce cost, improve efficiency, support de-risking, to accelerate the availability of competitive and zero-waste advanced biofuel production concepts.
- Contribute to the Mission Innovation 2.0 mission of Integrated Biorefineries.
- Optimize resource efficiency, energy output and total products value from biomass
- Reinforce the European scientific basis and European export potential for renewable fuel production solutions through international collaborations.

Funding Amount: EUR 3.50 million per project

Internal deadline: 06 January 2025

External Deadline: 21 January 2025

To search for partners to collaborate on this topic, please visit [here](#).

For more information about this call on the European Commission Funding and Tender opportunities portal, please visit [here](#).

For more information about this call in the Work Program, please visit [here](#) (pp. 267-271).

Froebel Trust: Open Call Research Grants

The Froebel Trust Open Call Research Grants fund high quality research which advances knowledge and understanding of Froebelian philosophy, principles and approaches in early childhood education and care. The Froebel Trust Open Call Research Grants scheme is designed to provide funding for individual researchers or collaborative research partnerships and networks to develop innovative studies.

The Froebel Trust offer two kinds of Open Call Research Grants:

- **[Seed Corn grants of up to £5,000](#)**: to kickstart new research projects and fund smaller scale projects.
- **[Larger grants of up to £10,000](#)**: to fund projects led by researchers with a more established research reputation and a track record of delivering high quality studies, research outputs and impact. The Froebel Trust is keen to receive research grant applications for projects which are clearly connected to early education and nursery school practice today. They particularly welcome applications to fund projects and researchers working with children, families and/or schools and settings in areas of deprivation across the UK. Priority will be given to high-scoring grant applicants who have never received Froebel Trust funding before. Applicants are welcome from any country.

More information can be found [here](#).

Funding amount: up to £5,000 (Seed Corn grants) and up to £10,000 (Larger grants)

Internal deadline: 18 April 2024

External Deadline: 02 May 2024 at 4pm (UK Time)

Second Swiss Innovation Fest – Cleantech

The FEST returns to Canada in April 2024 to bring together organizations and audiences from science, technology, industry, academia, arts and community around Swiss-Canadian cleantech innovation.

A dynamic event series to enhance existing business and science collaborations, and encourage future international collaborations through discussions, workshops, networking gatherings, film screenings, and exhibitions.

The online component is open for general public. The focus of the event series is fostering collaborations between Swiss and Canadian academia, researchers, industry, startups, and members of community. We'd like to encourage the audience to join online, ask questions, seek interesting collaborations, and connect with the speakers. We'll be happy to facilitate those connections as part of the follow-up of the event series. Please see below the online sessions and the potential audiences who might be interested in attending these sessions:

- **“Collaborate to Innovate” Fireside chat, 02 April** (general audience who would like to be inspired to seek international collaborations)
- **“Smart and Sustainable Cities” panel discussion, 04 April** (urban planning, engineering, policy making audience)
- **“Startup series: Bringing Swiss Startups to Canada”, 09 and 011 April** (business and entrepreneurial audience – students and faculty interested in participating in the masterclass and pitch showcase)
- **“Swiss-Canadian Dialogue on Decarbonization”, 16 April** (engineering – faculty and graduate students involved in clean energy research)
- **“The Value of Things” Swiss film screening, 24-28 April** (general audience interested in topics of living sustainably)

More information can be found [here](#).

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