

# Office of the Vice-President Research



## Research Funding and Support

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

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

## CIHR Project Grant Spring 2024: Internal Review/Intent to Apply

The Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related fundamental or applied knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. If you are applying to the [CIHR Project Grant Spring 2025 Competition](#), we would encourage you to participate in the Internal Review process. Your proposal will be forwarded to your suggested reviewers for their review and comment. This is an opportunity to get some early feedback on your proposal to ensure the strongest possible application.

USask [timelines](#) and [NOI](#) forms are available on the [USask Tri council website](#).

**Only applicants who participate in the Internal Review process are eligible for USask CIHR Bridge Funding.**

### Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) and Request for Internal Review Deadlines:

- New Application: 12 December 2024
- Resubmission: 04 February 2025 (applications that were submitted to the Fall 2024 competition)

### Agency (CIHR) Deadlines:

- Registration: 05 February 2025
- Application Submission: 05 March 2025

### For Applicants Intending to Apply for Fall 2025/Spring 2026 or later competitions:

- [Amplified Internal Review Program](#) - Applicants intending to put in an application for Fall 2025 or later competitions have an early opportunity to avail targeted research support, longitudinal guidance/advice, and early feedback on their proposal. Please fill and submit the attached NOI form.

For more information, please contact Research Development Specialist for CIHR, Manisha Jalla, at [Manisha.jalla@usask.ca](mailto:Manisha.jalla@usask.ca) / [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca).

## Resources for Researchers

### Knowledge Mobilization Guide

[RASI's Knowledge Mobilization \(KMb\) Committee](#) is proud to release our [KMb Guide](#) that provides an overview of KMb principles so that USask researchers can understand the best approaches on how to get the "right information" to the "right people" at the "right time" in the "right way."

Knowledge Mobilization is a key component of the research design and happens at ALL stages of the research process. It is greater than the sum of its part - more than just "products." It's about creating the environment that promotes impact and knowledge use.

You can view the KMb Guide [here](#).

## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Correction: Fedoruk Centre 2024 Call for Proposals – Submissions Due 02 December

The submission deadline for the [Sylvia Fedoruk 2024 Call for Proposals of Projects](#) has been changed to 02 December 2024.

The [Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation](#) was established to help place Saskatchewan among global leaders in nuclear research, development and training through investment in partnerships with academic and industry, for maximum societal and economic benefit. It has awarded more than \$7.8M in grants supporting

50 research projects that have enabled Saskatchewan scientists to contribute broadly to subjects in the nuclear domain.

For 2024, the Fedoruk Centre is issuing a [Call for Proposals of Projects](#) that align with the Fedoruk Centre's purpose and target impact areas. The total budget for the 2024 Call is up to \$400K for cash contributions from the Fedoruk Centre, envisioning support for 4 to 8 projects that address the Fedoruk Centre's purpose and target impact areas. Enhanced priority will be given to proposals that are linked to workforce development for the deployment of nuclear technologies in Saskatchewan for energy, health and advanced materials.

The [2024 Awards Guide](#) provides details of purpose, eligibility, submission and evaluation of a proposal. If you have any questions about the Call for Proposals or the attached Awards Guide, feel free to consult Niki Schrie ([Niki.Schrie@fedorukcentre.ca](mailto:Niki.Schrie@fedorukcentre.ca)).

**Application Deadline:** 02 December 2024

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$400,000

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## Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

### SSHRC Research on Research Joint Initiative: Informational Webinar

Two informational webinars about the [Research on Research Joint Initiative](#) between the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and Michael Smith Health Research BC have been scheduled.

**The webinars will be held via MS Teams.**

**English:**

- 06 December 2024, 1:00-2:00 PM, ET
- [MS Teams Link](#), Webinar Number: 295 950 382 612, Webinar Passcode: jNC9kT

**French:**

- 09 December 2024, 1:00-2:00 PM, ET
- [MS Teams Link](#), Webinar Number: 213-469-677-455, Webinar Passcode: VumsDD

**If you have technical questions, please contact:**

- Helpdesk
- Tel.: 613-995-4273
- Email: [webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:webgrant@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

For further questions, please contact [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

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## International Opportunities and Updates

### SSHRC New Funding Opportunity: Destination Horizon Grants

The [Destination Horizon Grants](#), valued at \$15,000 for one year, are intended to support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “[associated countries](#)” researchers, with the goal of applying to [Horizon Europe](#)—Pillar II calls for proposals.

This funding opportunity follows the [agreement signed by the Government of Canada and the European Commission](#) allowing for increased Canadian participation in Horizon Europe under Pillar 2. This agreement provides Canadians with greater access to Horizon Europe.

**There are three deadlines associated with the Destination Horizon Grants:**

- 22 January 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 10 December 2024**)
- 22 May 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 05 April 2025**)
- 22 September 2025 (**Internal EOI Deadline: 05 August 2025**)

All applications deemed eligible will be entered into a randomized selection process to determine awards. An eligible application that is not randomly selected for an award may be resubmitted for a future competition.

SSHRC will hold webinars for applicants and research administrators at the following times:

- Wednesday, 04 December at 11:00 a.m. eastern [in French](#).
- Wednesday, 04 December at 1:00 p.m. eastern [in English](#).

Questions can be directed to SSHRC at [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) or consult [SSHRC's website](#).

**Please note that a postsecondary institution may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline so internal selection must occur prior to submission.** To submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration to apply for the 22 January 2025 deadline please send the following documents to [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with the subject line “Destination Horizon Grants” by **10 December 2024**. The email should include the following attachments:

- Project Description (max. 1000 words)
- a description of the existing relationships with researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia from European Union and associated countries;
- a description of the overall research goals and specific research objectives of the researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia;
- a description of how Destination Horizon funding and host contributions will support the further development of the network and/or consortium in order to apply to a future Horizon Europe—Pillar II call for proposal;
- the nature and extent of training, mentoring and employability activities for students, emerging scholars and/or other highly qualified personnel, if applicable; and
- details on how all activities can be undertaken within one year.
- List of Applicants (please provide name, affiliation, email address, and role in this application)
- Funds requested from SSHRC ([template at this link](#))
- Funds from other sources ([template at this link](#))

\*\*Letter of support will be required at the full application stage, please notify your partner about this requirement well in advance.\*\*

**Internal Expression of Interest (EOI) Deadline for January Submission: 10 December 2024**

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.

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## National Institutes of Health (NIH): National Cancer Institute (NCI) Small Grants Program for Cancer Research (NCI Omnibus) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

This [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) supports small research projects on cancer that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology.

**Funding Amount:** Maximum project duration is 2 years

**Project Duration:** A budget for direct costs of up to \$50,000 per year may be requested.

**Internal Deadline:** 10 business days prior to the external deadline

**External Deadline:** 24 February 2025, 20 June 2025, 17 October 2025

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## National Institutes of Health (NIH): Co-infection and Cancer (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

The purpose of this [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is to enhance mechanistic and epidemiologic investigations addressing the roles of co-infection and cancer to shed light on presently unestablished pathways in carcinogenesis that may inform prevention and treatment strategies for infection-related cancers. Co-infection is defined as the occurrence of infections by two or more infectious (pathogenic or non-pathogenic) agents – either concurrently or sequentially – and includes both acute and chronic infections by viruses, bacteria, parasites, and/or other microorganisms. Preference will be given to investigations of co-infections with known oncogenic agents (excluding human immunodeficiency virus [HIV]) and of co-infections that engender novel opportunities for prevention and treatment.

**Funding Amount:** The project period must not exceed 5 years.

**Project Duration:** Application budgets are not limited but need to reflect the actual needs of the proposed project.

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** 30 days prior to the external application deadline

**Internal Deadline:** 10 business days prior to the external deadline

**External Deadline:** 05 February 2025, 05 June 2025, 05 October 2025

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## Holohil Grant Program

For more than 35 years [Holohil](#) has supported endangered species research and educational work for a variety of agencies and researchers. During that time, they have donated transmitters predominately for bat and raptor research. While there is still a strong commitment to these groups of animals, there is a desire to extend support to other species that have not previously been included. To this end, they are extending support to research projects that are of high value for their species, have a sound research design, and have a positive conservation intention. In 2016, we introduced our new Holohil Grant Program (HGP), which aims to offer Holohil transmitters at a reduced (or no) cost to projects deserving of support.

Holohil will be supporting projects by donating up to CAD\$2,500.00 toward the purchase of Holohil transmitters.

**Internal Deadline:** 15 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 02 January 2025

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## Pathways Communications Grants

The **Pathways Communication Grants Program** seeks to ensure that scientific contributions supporting the development of pathways for sustainability reach relevant audiences beyond the scientific community. To promote wider uptake and understanding of pathways for sustainability, the grant supports the dissemination of scientific findings of place-based research projects via innovative formats and practices. This grant supports the communication of research that has already been completed. Proposals to fund research studies and/or include data collection will not be considered.

Proposals must be based on completed outcomes of inter-/transdisciplinary place-based research projects that advance the understanding of transformative pathways for sustainability in practice. They must not be limited to disseminating knowledge or creating awareness on the state of the problem.

**Funding Amount:** 5,000 to 12,000 per project

**Internal Deadline:** 09 December 2024

**External Deadline:** 22 December 2024 23:59 CEST

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## Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI): Addressing Evidence-Based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction

The **Human Animal Bond Research Institute (HABRI)** is issuing a call for research proposals from institutions and organizations across the globe to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted interventions (AAI), both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the positive effects of companion animals on human health.

HABRI is interested in funding a wide range of studies focused on the human-animal bond. Please explore some examples listed on their website [here](#).

**Funding Amount:** Average funding awarded USD\$49,000

**Project Duration:** Average duration is 20 months

**Internal Deadline:** 30 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 13 February 2025 at 11:59pm ET

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