

## 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](#).

### Resources for Researchers

#### **C2UExpo 2025: Partners in Place – Call for Proposals**

The [C2UExpo](#) is Canada's largest Community-Based Research Conference, showcasing how community-university partnerships are addressing local and global challenges. It is the flagship conference of [Community-Based Research Canada \(CBR Canada\)](#), a national non-profit dedicated to supporting post-secondary researchers and the communities they work with. The Expo is an interdisciplinary conference that welcomes delegates from across Canada and

around the world. Participants in the C2UExpo include post-secondary faculty, staff, students, and a variety of community organizations (e.g., government, industry, non-profit, and grassroots collectives).

Under the theme, “Partners in Place”, the 2025 conference will explore how our reciprocal connections to the land and to one another can help to cultivate meaningful and impactful partnerships. This theme will be explored through four streams:

1. Community Engaged Learning and Development
2. Community Wellness
3. Social Innovation & Sustainability
4. Theories, Methods, and Approaches to Community-Based Research

The Call for Proposals has opened. You can find more information [here](#) for more information.

For more information about the conference, visit C2UExpo’s website at [c2uexpo2025.ca](https://c2uexpo2025.ca) or contact them at [c2uexpo2025@macewan.ca](mailto:c2uexpo2025@macewan.ca).

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 25 October 2025 [SHRF Matters Newsletter](#):

- [SHRF Virtual Care Research Expo](#)
- [Granting Councils Transitioning to a New CV Template](#)

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Parkinson Canada 2025 Research Fellowships](#) – 01 November 2024
- [Alzheimer Society 2024-25 Research Program](#) – 04 November 2024
- [Align Grant](#) – 20 November 2024
- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action](#) – 19 December 2024

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## 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](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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## **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:

- 1) **Digital and Emerging technology** (e.g. AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Semiconductors)
- 2) **Sustainability and Net Zero** (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Oceans, Clean Technology)
- 3) **Life Sciences** (e.g. Biomanufacturing, Bioeconomy, Agri-Food, Agri-Tech, Health Sciences)
- 4) **Humanities and Social Innovation** (open category)

**Internal deadline:** 05 November 2024

**External deadline:** 20 November 2024

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## 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](mailto: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](#).

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## Conservation, Food and Health Foundation Grant

The **Conservation, Food and Health Foundation** is seeking applications to protect the environment, improve food production, and promote public health in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East. 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.

Examples of the Foundation's areas of interest within the fields of conservation, food, and health can be found [here](#).

**Eligibility:** the Foundation supports local, state, and regional organizations in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Middle East in the countries where the projects are based. It also supports organizations located in upper-income countries working with local partners in these areas.

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

**Internal Deadline:** 10 Business days before external deadline

**External Deadline:** two deadlines every year from 2025 to 2027; the nearest one is 01 January 2025.

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## The Waterbird Society Research Grants

The **Waterbird Society** periodically awards grants for research in the science and conservation of waterbirds. These awards are open to professional, amateur, or student applicants of any age, globally.

Proposals will be judged on the basis of scientific merit and the described work's likelihood to contribute significant new information to the published literature regarding the biology, ecology, or conservation biology of wading birds, herons, egrets, storks, ibises, and spoonbills ([Kushlan Award](#)); terns or gulls ([Nisbet Grant](#)); or any waterbird species ([Waterbird Society Award](#)).

Funding Amount: Kushlan Award may be up to US \$7,000, while Nisbet and Waterbird Society Awards may be up to US \$5,000

**Internal Deadline:** 17 January 2025

**External Deadline:** 01 February 2025

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## U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH): Imaging - Science Track Award for Research Transition (I/START) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)

This **Notice of Funding Opportunity** (NOFO) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications to facilitate the entry of investigators to the area of neuroimaging, including both newly independent investigators and established investigators seeking to adopt neuroimaging methodologies in their research programs, to enable the conduct of small "proof of concept" studies. The R03 is intended to support research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

**Project Duration:** 1 year

**Funding Amount:** Applicants may request direct costs of up to US\$150,000 for a period of one year only.

**Internal Deadline:** 10 Business days before external deadline

**External Deadline:** Three deadlines every year from 2025 to 2027

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## U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH): Cellular Models of HIV Pathogenesis within NIDDK Mission Areas (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

This **Notice of Funding Opportunity** (NOFO) invites applications that are focused on developing, using, and/or improving cellular models that recapitulate critical aspects of normal human physiology, such as microphysiological systems, organoids, and other three-dimensional models, to explore the interaction of HIV with tissues and processes within NIDDK's mission areas. Projects are expected to investigate mechanisms of viral persistence, latency, reactivation, eradication, or pathological processes contributing to co-occurring conditions.

**Project Duration:** up to 5 years

**Funding Amount:** Application budgets are limited to no more than US\$500,000 direct costs per year

**Internal Deadline:** 10 Business days before external deadline

**Letter of Intent Deadline:** 20 February 2025

**External Deadline:** 20 March 2025

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