# Office of the Vice-President Research

## Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on funding opportunities, workshops, and other support services.

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**Internal Research Programs**

**SSHRC Explore and Exchange 2024 Competition**

SSHRC [Explore](#) and [Exchange](#) 2024 competition is now open.

Explore and Exchange grants provide support for small-scale research projects and knowledge exchange or mobilization activities in the social sciences and humanities. Please find the Guidelines and application forms attached.

**SSHRC Explore:** $7,000 over 24 months  
**SSHRC Exchange:** $5,000 over 24 months

**UnivRS Internal Deadline for Compliance:** 11 March 2024  
**Agency Deadline:** 18 March 2024

Note: Please consult with your Research Facilitator or Associate/Vice Dean Research/Director regarding Departmental/College Level Approvals.

**USask SSHRC Grants Repository**

If required, please use your NSID and password to log in. If you currently hold a SSHRC grant, we ask you that please consider uploading it to provide examples of successful grants for other SSHRC applicants from the USask. If you are planning to submit a SSHRC Explore and/or Exchange for this upcoming competition, we hope that you will find these examples provide many helpful strategic and stylistic ideas for consideration while preparing your own grant.

For questions, please contact Kristina Rissling Olson at [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca)

[Explore 2024 Guidelines](#)  
[Explore 2024 Application Form](#)  
[Exchange 2024 Guidelines](#)  
[Exchange 2024 Application Form](#)

**Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities**

**Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada Call for Proposals: Children’s privacy and AI**
The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has issued a call for proposals for its Contributions Program on the themes of addressing the privacy impacts of new technologies, and protecting children’s privacy.

The Contributions Program funds innovative research and public awareness initiatives that seek to better understand and address key and emerging issues related to privacy. This year the maximum funding available to each project is $100,000, with a maximum contribution payable to any single organization of $200,000.

The themes for this year’s proposals are based on the OPC’s strategic priorities: The first is addressing the privacy impacts of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and generative AI. The second theme is ensuring that children’s privacy is protected in this digital era.

To be eligible for funding, proposals must address issues that fall within the scope of the federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), which sets the ground rules for how organizations may collect, use or disclose information about individuals in the course of commercial activities. Applicants are encouraged to get a sense of previous or ongoing projects funded under the Program when developing their proposals.

All proposals must be submitted by February 21, 2024. They will be evaluated on the basis of merit. Please review the 2024-25 Applicant’s Guide to find out more information on project requirements and how to apply.

For program information, contact contrib@priv.gc.ca.

A bilingual information session on the 2024-2025 Contributions Program Call for Proposals of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada will be held on Tuesday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m. EST.

Please RSVP by 2 p.m. EST on Friday, 26 January.

Contact contrib@priv.gc.ca to register.

Funding Amount: Maximum $100,000:
Deadline: 21 February 2024
Information Session: 30 January 2024 at 3:00 p.m. EST

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**CIHR Access Newsletter**

Please see below for highlights from the 25 January 2024 CIHR Access Newsletter:

- Just launched: Engagements to refresh Canada’s Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research
- CIHR Accessibility Plan Progress Report 2023
- Join one of CIHR’s Institute Advisory Boards and help shape the future of health research in Canada!
- DEADLINE APPROACHING! Attend the CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity New Investigator Forum
- Government of Canada announces new measures to protect Canadian research
- Pan-Canadian Women’s Health Coalition
Funding Opportunities:
- Project Grant: Spring 2024
- Project Grant: Spring 2024 Priority Announcement (specific research areas)
- Team Grant: Embracing Diversity to Achieve Precision & Health Equity
- Operating Grant: Knowledge Mobilization in Diabetes Prevention and Treatment
- Healthy Cities Research Initiative – Planning Grants for Implementing Healthy Urban Policy
- Catalyst Grant: Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) Report
- Operating Grant: 17th JPIAMR transnational call for research projects
- Team Grant: HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research
- Catalyst Grant: STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C
- Health System Impact Fellowship
- Lab to Market grants

NSERC Research Security Update

On January 16, 2024, the Government of Canada announced the Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC) policy. In the coming months, NSERC will publish more detailed information about the harmonized implementation of this policy by the three federal granting agencies, including any relevant forms and procedures. A schedule of webinars for Research Grant Offices will also be communicated.

While the STRAC policy is not yet implemented, the policy announcement includes two important updates to the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships that are effective immediately:

- The National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Annex A has been updated to align with the new list of Sensitive Technology Research Areas. This new list has been developed by Public Safety Canada, in consultation with the research community including members of the Government of Canada-Universities Working Group. The list includes technologies at various stages of development; however, the focus is on the advancement of a listed technology or its capabilities during the course of the proposed research project, rather than merely its use.

- In addition, for any Alliance grant applications that are referred for advice from Canada’s national security departments and agencies following the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships’ Risk Assessment Review Process, the national security assessment conducted will consider research affiliations of concern.

All researchers are encouraged to exercise appropriate levels of due diligence when managing their research and establishing and/or continuing collaborations. Resources to do so are provided by the Government of Canada on the Safeguarding Your Research portal.

If you have questions, please contact researchsecurity@nserc-crsng.gc.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 has been 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 May 1, 2024.
- All proposals that receive institutional endorsement to submit an LOI and submit by the May 1 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 April 5, 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 three strong proposals to go forward. Details of what is required for the EOI are available below.

To help applicants navigate the new CREATE application process, NSERC is hosting a webinar on February 7. Login details are available below.

RASI will also host an information session in early March (date TBA) to speak to the program changes, institutional processes, and supports available for applicants. Those interested in applying for a CREATE are encouraged to attend the sessions as well as to reach out to rasi.support@usask.ca to discuss your project.

Expression of Interest Requirements – to be released early February
RASI Information Session – early March, date TBA

NSERC Webinar – 02 February, 12:00-2:00; login details:
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Click here to join the meeting
Meeting ID: 287 863 459 907
Passcode: a5uBiX
Download Teams | Join on the web
Or call in (audio only)
+1 343-809-4415,,536468906# Canada, Ottawa-Hull
(888) 896-2137,,536468906# Canada (Toll-free)
Phone Conference ID: 536 468 906#
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 forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Details can be found here. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024, 4 pm CST/SK time
Value: $1500

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. Details can be found here. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024, 4 pm CST/SK time
Value: $1500

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. Details can be found here. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024, 4 pm CST/SK time
Value: $1500

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. Details can be found here. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.
Nomination deadline: 29 March 2024, 4 pm CST/SK time
Value: $1500

**USask International Office Event: Africa Lunch and Learn**

**Topic:** Developing Sustainable Research Partnerships in Africa (SDG 17)

**Purpose:** In celebration of International Development Week and Black History Month, the University of Saskatchewan International Office is hosting a Lunch and Learn event to provide an opportunity to learn more about USask’s current collaborations in Africa and make new connections between researchers already working in and/or interested in working in Africa.

**Audience:** This event is for all leaders, faculty, and staff with a history of collaboration in Africa, and/or an interest in pursuing collaborations and partnerships in Africa.

**Date:** Friday, 09 February 2024
**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm
**Location:** HLTH 1130 (in Health Sciences). This is an in-person event only.

**Agenda:** An agenda will be circulated by email one week prior to those who have RSVPd.

**Other:** Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

**Resources:** We will be compiling a slide deck to overview at the event, and which can be shared with attendees following the event that contains information about the current research and collaborations between USask and partners in Africa. If you are currently collaborating with partners in Africa, we request you to complete the attached slide template and return it to our office by Wednesday January 31st so that it can be included (please send to international.office@usask.ca).

We ask that everyone planning to attend **please RSVP by emailing international.office@usask.ca by Thursday, 01 February.**

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**U.S. Air Force Office of Science Research Broad Agency Announcement – Call for Proposals**

The **Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR)** manages the basic research investment for the U.S. Air Force and Space Force. AFOSR invites unclassified proposals that do not contain proprietary information for research in many broad areas. AFOSR expects to fund only fundamental research, and anticipates many awards in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, technology investment agreements, or other transactions.

**There are four research areas of interest:**

1. **Engineering and complex systems**
   - Dynamic Materials and Interactions
   - GHz-THz Electronics
   - Energy, Combustion, and Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics
- Unsteady Aerodynamics and Turbulent Flows
- High-Speed Aerodynamics
- Aerospace Composite Materials
- Multiscale Structural
- Mechanics and Prognosis
- Propulsion and Power
- Agile Science for Test and Evaluation (T&E)

2. **Information and networks**
   - Computational Cognition and Machine Intelligence
   - Computational Mathematics
   - Dynamical Systems and Control Theory
   - Dynamic Data and Information Processing
   - Information Assurance and Cybersecurity
   - Mathematical Optimization
   - Science of Information, Computation, Learning, and Fusion
   - Trust and Influence
   - Complex Networks
   - Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience

3. **Physical sciences**
   - Aerospace Materials for Extreme Environments
   - Atomic and Molecular Physics
   - Electromagnetics
   - Optoelectronics and Photonics
   - High-Energy Radiation-Matter Systems
   - Quantum Information Sciences
   - Physics of Sensing
   - Space Science
   - Ultrashort Pulse Laser-Matter Interactions
   - Condensed Matter Physics
   - Astrodynamics

4. **Chemistry and biological sciences**
   - Biophysics
   - Human Performance and Biosystems
   - Mechanics of Multifunctional Materials and Microsystems
   - Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry
   - Natural Materials and Systems
   - Organic Materials Chemistry

Please note, under each research area of interest, specific topics are described in the Announcement. For details, please refer to the Full Announcement (which can be downloaded [here](#) - the Tab of “Related Document”)

**Funding amount:** Research proposals funded between $100,000 and $300,000 per year are encouraged.
Duration: Most of the awards are three (3) years in duration. Awards may be proposed for no more than five (5) years.

Internal deadline: 10 business days before submission to agency

External deadline: This announcement remains open until superseded. AFOSR reviews and evaluates proposals as they are received. Applicants may submit proposals at any time; however, some specific topic instructions may recommend submission by specific dates that align with funding expectations.

Note: Proposers are highly encouraged to contact the Program Officer prior to developing a full proposal, preferably by email, to discuss the current state of understanding, how the research would advance it, the approximate cost for a three (3) to five (5) year effort, and if there are any specific submission target dates.

More information can be found here.

The Canada Fund for local initiatives – Guyana and Suriname 2024

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) is a program designed to support small-scale, high-impact projects in developing countries, which align with Global Affairs Canada’s thematic priority areas for engagement. The program is directed at projects conceived and designed predominantly by local partners.

Eligible recipients include:

- Local, national or community-based organization (non-governmental and not-for-profit)
- Local municipal, regional or national government institution or agency of the recipient country
- Local academic institution
- Canadian organization (non-governmental or not-for-profit) that is working on local development activities
- International or regional organization (non-governmental or not-for-profit) that is working on local development activities
- Intergovernmental or multilateral institution, organization or agency working on local development activities

All projects must align with at least 1 of the following CFLI thematic priorities:

- Inclusive governance, including diversity, democracy, human rights and the rule of law.
- Peace and security, with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace.
- Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.
- Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition.
- Growth that works for everyone, including women’s economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.
- Environment and climate action focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.

Funding amount: average $20,000-$50,000

Internal deadline: 23 February 2024
**External deadline:** 08 March 2024

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

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**Pump Primer Scientific Grants**

Petplan Charitable Trust awards grants for the benefit of the health and welfare of dogs, cats, horses and rabbits. Pump Primer is for pilot studies. It is envisaged that some of these pilot studies will lead to larger research projects. Please note, the Trust will under no circumstances make grants for studies that use experimental animals.

**Eligibility:** charities or scientific institutions can apply.

**Duration:** usually 1 year  
**Funding amount:** £12,500

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

For more information, visit: [Apply for a grant online NOW from Petplan Charitable Trust](#)

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**Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (Bulgaria) - 2024/2025 In-Residence Advanced Academia Fellowships (Humanities and Social Sciences)**

The Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS Sofia) announces a Call for Applications for its 2024/2025 In-Residence Advanced Academia Fellowships for fundamental research in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences.

CAS Sofia is an independent Institute with international and multidisciplinary profile. Located in Sofia, Bulgaria, it promotes high-level scholarship in the social sciences and the humanities. In addition to supporting focus-group research, CAS Sofia invites outstanding scholars to pursue their individual research projects during in-residence periods of up to five months. The invited Fellows participate in the intellectual life and the scholarly community of the Centre (Bulgarian and foreign fellows) while working on projects of their own choice. Fellows receive adequate material and intellectual support and can join the Centre’s wide international networks, international seminar- and guest-lecturer programme. CAS Sofia assists Fellows in practical matters concerning travel, residence and research in Sofia.

**Eligibility**

Candidates must:

- Be non-Bulgarian citizens;
- Have completed a PhD in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences;
- Have international research experience (participation in projects and refereed conferences) and publications in peer-reviewed academic editions are strong advantages.

**Funding support:**
• A monthly stipend of 850 Euro* (liable to 10% income tax) to cover living expenses related to the stay in Sofia.
• Accommodation in Sofia, comprising living quarters and working space. The Fellows will also have free access to the CAS library and electronic resources/databases. Travel allowance (up to 400 Euro);
• Research expenses (up to 500 Euro).

Duration
Candidates may apply for two periods:
• 01 October 2024 – 28 February 2025 (Winter semester)
• 01 March 2025 – 31 July 2025 (Summer semester)

Working Language
As an international academic institution, CAS conducts most of its work in English, which is also the language of the fellow seminars. Therefore, a good command of English is required.

Internal deadline: 14 March 2024
External deadline: 31 March 2024

For more information, visit: 2024/2025 Call for applications: ADVANCED ACADEMIA Fellowships for International Scholars – CAS

Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (Bulgaria) - 2024/2025 Social Relevance of the Humanities (Humanities and Social Sciences)
The “Social Relevance of the Humanities” (RevHum) fellowship programme, proposed jointly by the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia and the New Europe College Bucharest and developed with the financial support of the Porticus Foundation, aims to underscore the cognitive functions of the humanities and their potential as critical disciplines by opening them up to issues relevant in/of the contemporary digital world – issues that are “practical”, but also epistemological, ethical, philosophical, etc. The programme is intended to accommodate a broadest range of themes pertaining to humanities and social science disciplines provided that they link up to contemporary debates about or major challenges to the human condition stemming from the technological advances and ‘digital modernity’.

Eligibility
Candidates must:
• Be non-Bulgarian citizens;
• Have completed a PhD in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences;
• Have international research experience (participation in projects and refereed conferences) and publications in peer-reviewed academic editions are strong advantages.

Funding support
CAS Sofia provides in-residence RevHum fellowships of five-to nine-month duration to post-doctoral non-Bulgarian researchers. Junior as well as Senior scholars are invited to apply. The selected Fellows are entitled to:
- A monthly stipend of 850 Euro (liable to 10% income tax) to cover living expenses related to the stay in Sofia.
- Accommodation in Sofia, comprising living quarters and working space. The Fellows will also have free access to the CAS library and electronic resources/databases. Travel, insurance and visa allowance (up to 850 Euro);
- Research travel abroad (up to 1500 Euro);
- Research expenses (up to 100 Euro per fellowship month).

**Duration**
Candidates may apply for a period of five or nine months:
- 01 October 2024 – 28 February 2025 (Winter semester)
- 01 March 2025 – 31 July 2025 (Summer semester)
- 01 October 2024 – 31 July 2025 (Full academic year, nine months)

**Working Language**
As an international academic institution, CAS conducts most of its work in English, which is also the language of the fellow seminars. Therefore, a good command of English is required.

**Internal deadline:** 14 March 2024  
**External deadline:** 31 March 2024

For more information, visit: [2024/2025 Call for Applications: Social Relevance of the Humanities – CAS](#)