

# Office of the Vice-President Research



## Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on  
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workshops, and other  
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Learn more about RASI services [online](#).

## NSERC Discovery Grant and Research Tools & Instruments Grant Oct/Nov

### Application: Internal Review/Intention to Apply

If you are applying for a [NSERC Discovery Grant \(DG\)](#) and/or a [Research Tools and Instruments Grant \(RTI\)](#) this year, we would encourage you to participate in the Internal Review program offered by OVPR.

Your proposal will be forwarded to your suggested reviewers, providing an opportunity to get valuable feedback on your grant application. In the event of an unsuccessful proposal, Internal Review of your DG application is one of the factors required to be eligible to apply for President's NSERC funding.

- To take part in the Internal Review program please complete the [2025 Intention to Apply/Request for Internal Review form](#)
- Guidance on the steps and important dates can be found in the [2025 Internal Review Timeline](#)

**The USask Intention to Apply/Request for Internal Review deadline is 25 July 2025**

For more information, please contact Michaela Lynds, Research Development Specialist (NSERC) at [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca).

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## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### College and Community Innovation (CCI) program's Technology Access Centre (TAC) Grants 2025 Competition Now Open

Managed by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, in collaboration with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, [Technology Access Centre Grants](#) provide funding for the core operations of TACs which are specialized centres of expertise intended to provide timely innovation support to a college's community organizations from the private, public, health care or not-for-profit sectors.

TACs provide capabilities that serve their community organizations' applied research and innovation needs. These capabilities may include advice on specific organizational challenges, applied research and/or development projects, or specialized services and training. These centres address innovation challenges by enabling the community organizations to take advantage of the college's expertise, technology and equipment, leading to beneficial business, social and/or health outcomes for Canada.

#### Deadlines

Letters of Intent (LOI) due 03 September, 2025 before 8:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). [RASI internal deadline](#): 26 August 2025. Please read the TAC grants description and LOI instructions for more information.

#### Information webinars

Visit the Upcoming events Web page for details on the upcoming TAC information webinars.

If you have any questions, please email [colleges@nserc-crsng.gc.ca](mailto:colleges@nserc-crsng.gc.ca).

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### Notice of Upcoming Funding Opportunity: 2025-26 Partnering for Impact – Catalyst Grant

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the [2025-26 Partnering for Impact - Catalyst Grant Funding Opportunity](#). This funding opportunity is led by CIHR's Knowledge Mobilization Strategies Unit, in partnership with Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR), the Centre for Research on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies, the Institute of Health

Services and Policy Research (IHSPR), the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA), the Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC).

The objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

1. **Foster the creation and/or strengthening of partnerships** that reinforce trust and mutual understanding between researchers, communities, community organizations, people with lived and/or living experience, knowledge holders, policy- and decision-makers and health providers.
2. **Support the time and enablers required for meaningful co-production activities** that are driven by the needs of communities and/or organizations, and that will advance any or all the Quintuple Aim goals.
3. **Evaluate co-production activities** as part of a learning approach that contributes to the field of knowledge mobilization.

**Anticipated Timelines** (*these timelines are estimates and subject to change*)

**Launch:** Summer 2025

**Application Deadline:** Fall 2025

**Funding Start Date:** Spring 2026

The official CIHR funding opportunity will be posted on [ResearchNet](#) in the coming weeks.

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## CIHR's ECRs in Human Development, Child and Youth Health

The goal of the [ECRs in Human Development, Child and Youth Health](#) funding opportunity is to build research capacity, generate new knowledge, and support knowledge mobilization in human development, child and youth health by funding operating grants to early career researchers.

The program will fund research across the four CIHR pillars (biomedical; clinical; health services; and social, cultural, environmental, and population health) that has the potential to have a significant impact on human development, child and youth health. Ultimately, the program aims to strengthen Canada's capacity and knowledge to respond to challenges and needs by providing important early career development support to researchers in these fields.

**Registration Deadline:** 19 November 2025 ([RASI internal deadline:](#) 10 November 2025)

**Application Deadline:** 16 December 2025 ([RASI internal deadline:](#) 09 December 2025)

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## CIHR's Indigenous Gender and Wellness – Knowledge Sharing Grant

The [Indigenous Gender and Wellness](#) funding opportunity focuses on Knowledge Sharing about the outcomes and knowledge of research using strengths- and distinctions-based, community-engaged approaches. This focus aims to ensure that research learnings about First Nations, Inuit and Métis Gender and Wellness effectively reach those who need to hear them – including First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, communities and community partners, clinicians, decision-makers, the research community, research funders, trainees, and the general public, among others. This funding opportunity encourages the use of culturally relevant and/or arts-based methods to acknowledge and uphold Indigenous approaches to Knowledge Sharing in Gender and Wellness, and support work that is meaningful and culturally safe for First Nations, Inuit, and/or Métis communities. In this context, wellness should be broadly defined to encompass an Indigenous, holistic view of health.

**Registration Deadline:** 03 September 2025 ([RASI internal deadline:](#) 26 August 2025)

**Application Deadline:** 01 October 2025 ([RASI internal deadline:](#) 23 September 2025)

Visit the [funding website](#) for more information.

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## International Opportunities and Updates

### Recording Available - Horizon Europe Info Sessions for Canadians Hosted by the EU Delegation to Canada

The following recorded sessions hosted by the Delegation of the EU to Canada provide key insights into Horizon Europe's funding opportunities under each of the six clusters:

**Cluster 1: Health** – watch it [here](#)

**Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society** - watch it [here](#)

**Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society** - watch it [here](#)

**Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space** - watch it [here](#)

**Cluster 5: Climate, Energy, and Mobility** - watch it [here](#)

**Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment** - watch it [here](#)

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### ERC Grants: Q&A and testimonials | EURAXESS

EURAXESS North America will host an online meeting with officials from the [European Research Council Executive Agency](#), which administers ERC grants, as well as current ERC grantees, who will share their experiences applying for the prestigious bottom-up grants and setting up their labs in Europe. Register now and join us live to hear from EU representatives and the researchers themselves, to see if ERC grants could be for you and to improve your proposal.

The activity will take place online via Zoom on Thursday, 21 August 2025 at 12:00 noon ET (9:00 AM PT, 6:00 PM CEST) and will be held in English. The meeting is free but advance registration is required.

To register, please visit the [registration webpage](#).

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### IDRC: Anticipatory call for proposals for research teams — Adolescents Thrive: African Adolescents Bolstered through Local Evidence (AABLE)

The [Adolescents Thrive: African Adolescents Bolstered through Local Evidence](#) call for proposals will support implementation research that addresses challenges in adolescent sexual and reproductive health in 13 African countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Projects must align with one of the following four priority themes:

- Theme 1: Service Delivery Models
- Theme 2: Social, Economic, or Multisectoral Policy Interventions
- Theme 3: Data and Health Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- Theme 4: Digital Health Technologies

Up to eight grants, each with a maximum value of CAD 692,000 will be awarded for a period of up to 30 months, including all research activities and the submission of the final report. Selected projects are anticipated to begin on 01 November 2025.

#### Eligibility

Research teams from the selected African countries, working on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights. The teams need to meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the call.

If well justified, Lead Applicant Organizations can add up to two Co-Applicant Organizations and two Third-Party Organizations. Co-Applicant Organizations and Third-Party Organizations are sub-recipients to be sub-

contracted by the Lead Applicant Organization directly. Co-applicant organizations are not required to be from countries in the list, or from invited organizations.

For more details, please visit the [program website](#).

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## MAPFRE Foundation: Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants

The MAPFRE Foundation is seeking applications for its [Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants](#) to improve people's quality of life and the progress of society through multinational programs and activities.

Through the Ignacio H. de Larramendi Research Grants Fundación MAPFRE promotes projects carried out by individual **researchers or research teams**, within the academic and professional spheres, who carry out their work independently or within the framework of a university, hospital, company or research center to which they are affiliated, and whose object of study is related to **health promotion** or **insurance and social protection**. Individuals or institutions from any country may apply.

The research projects related to **health promotion** have a maximum gross endowment of **30,000 euros** per grant, and must explore one of the following **topics**:

- Strategies and education to change habits: prevention of obesity, and the promotion of physical activity and emotional well-being (including the appropriate use of new technologies).
- Emergency response training for the general population.
- Assessment of bodily harm: assessment of the consequences of an event (traumatic or accidental, medical negligence, aggression or disease) on the health of the individual and its repercussions on the essential activities of ordinary life and other specific activities of personal development (pain and suffering, loss of quality of life).
- Health management: clinical quality and safety.
- Longevity and how lifestyle influences this.

The endowment for projects related to **insurance and social protection** will be a maximum gross amount of **15,000 euros**, for studies aimed at exploring the following topics:

- Insurance.
- Risk management: emerging risks.
- New technologies in the insurance field.
- Social protection: pensions, savings, investment, asset liquidation and the Silver Economy (longevity economics).

For more information, please visit the [program website](#).

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## Veni Grants for Researchers

[Veni Grants](#) are for researchers who have recently graduated. Researchers eligible for a Veni grant have academic qualities that clearly exceed what is usual. The Veni grant is intended to fund innovative scientific research and thereby give these researchers the opportunity to develop as independent researchers. The funding amounts to a maximum of €320,000.

### Who can apply

Applications can be submitted by PhD researchers with permanent or temporary employment, from the Netherlands or abroad. The 2025 Veni round is open to researchers with a PhD date after 01 January 2022 and before 02 September 2025.

### Mandatory pre-proposal phase

Applicants must submit a pre-proposal to be considered for a Veni. In the pre-proposal the 'quality of the researcher' (100%) is assessed. If a positive decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant is invited to submit

a full application. If a negative decision follows the pre-proposal, the applicant cannot submit a full proposal. In the proposal the assessment is based on the criteria 'Quality and innovative character of the research proposal' (75%) and the 'Scientific and/or societal impact' (25%).

### Important dates

The planning for the 2025 Veni round is as follows:

Deadline for pre-proposals: 02 September 2025, by 14:00:00 CEST.

Deadline for full applications: 27 January 2026, before 14:00:00 CET.

For more information, please visit the [program website](#).

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## Internal Call for Applications: Innovation Saskatchewan Top-Up Funding for Eligible DAAD Programs and Germany-USask Partnership Building Activities

The Government of Saskatchewan's innovation agency and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) committed to supporting joint efforts to promote the international exchange of students and researchers and research and academic collaboration between the Saskatchewan and German universities and research institutions.

Through this initiative, the **Stream 1** top-up funding is offered to the students, faculty and post-docs at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) who have been successful in obtaining financing through one of the eligible DAAD programs ([link](#)) to cover/reimburse costs associated with DAAD program, but not covered by the award. **Faculty members are encouraged to consider supporting any postdocs they are working with to apply to eligible DAAD programs to support their research stay at USask or in Germany.**

**Stream 2** of the funding may be applied toward joint initiatives with German partners, that do not require a successful DAAD program application. Eligible activities may include mutual delegation visits, alumni events, and other similar activities that will support increased engagement between the USask and German research community.

### Eligibility

#### Eligible expenses include:

- Travel related expenses: airfare from Germany to/from SK; reasonable accommodation costs; meal per diems; ground transportation
- Research related expenses: direct costs; materials and supplies; project specific space rental; use of specialized equipment.
- Event related expenses: venue rental costs; catering (alcohol excluded); printing of signage or other similar materials

### Priority Areas

The **priority areas** defined by Innovation Saskatchewan apply to both students and faculty and include:

1. **Health** (e.g., One Health)
2. **Synchrotron sciences**
3. **Digital technologies, industry, and space** (e.g., quantum computing, artificial intelligence)
4. **Food security, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture, and environment/climate change**
5. **Energy** (including nuclear, renewable, and alternative energy sources)

### How to apply:

Application and supporting documents provided to the International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with subject line DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Application:

### Stream 1 Application

1. Award letter from DAAD;



2. Copy of the application package submitted to DAAD;
3. Provide the following information in email text:
  - Indicate that this is a Stream 1 application
  - DAAD program name (eligible [programs listed here](#))
  - Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
  - Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
  - Outcomes to be achieved in relation to participating in the DAAD program
  - Top-up funding budget; and
  - Budget justification

## **Stream 2 Application**

### **Provide the following information in email text:**

- Indicate that this is a Stream 2 application
- Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
- Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
- Outcomes to be achieved in relation to organizing the partnership engagement activities
- Funding budget; and
- Budget justification

**If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss your application with the International Office team, please contact [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with subject line DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Inquiry.**

**Competition open date:** 10 April 2025

**Competition close date:** 01 October 2025 or until the funding is exhausted

**For Steam 1, DAAD activity must be completed by:** 20 January 2026

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## **USask People Around the World Congress – Registration Open!**

Early-bird registration is now open for the [People Around the World \(PAW\) 2025 International Congress](#) taking place on our University of Saskatchewan (USask) Saskatoon campus from 22-24 October 2025!

This year's theme of *Healthy people, healthy planet: Driving innovation with data* will examine the benefits of shared perspectives, highlighting solutions to support local and global communities guided by data-driven insights and innovative technologies.

The Congress will offer an action-packed three days that feature keynotes, panel sessions, student poster sessions and more from leading institutions and experts around the world who are at the forefront of health and data innovation.

We're excited to announce this year's opening and closing keynote speakers, who will no doubt provide useful insights and fresh perspectives on areas of great importance.

Learn from Timothy Caulfield—best-selling author and professor of health law and policy—as the opening keynote speaker and from André Picard—award-winning national health writer and author—as the closing keynote speaker.

Take advantage of discounted rates and join researchers, scholars, industry partners, government representatives and community members for this dynamic event.

Learn more and register [here](#).

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