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Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on
funding opportunities,
workshops, and other
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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 **Tuesday, 26 August 2025 (2 PM -3 PM)** has been targeted for those interested in the **February 2026** CFI submission group. Institutional CFI ask guidelines and review process 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. USask will also submit JELFs to CFI in October 2026.

February 2026 JELF Guidelines

- Proposed infrastructure will support cutting-edge CFI-eligible 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. The Institutional envelope is limited; the information session will provide **guidance regarding CFI asks** for this submission group.
- Core team (up to 3 applicants) must all 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 **16 October 2025** and will be assessed for the fit with USask research priorities, 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.

Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

Department of Canadian Heritage: Call for Proposals

The [Department of Canadian Heritage \(PCH\)](#) has launched a call for proposals for [French-language scientific knowledge mobilization](#) and [Support for the post-secondary sector for minority language education](#) projects.

The Scientific Knowledge in French Support Fund subcomponent aims to:

- to support post-secondary education in the minority language, including distance education and the development of a virtual post-secondary education network
- to facilitate access to post-secondary education in the language of the minority, so as to enable more Canadians to improve their first language skills
- to contribute to research and dissemination of knowledge, methods and tools so as to support minority-language education

French-language Scientific Knowledge Mobilization Projects

Must also contribute to:

- contributing to the dissemination and promotion of scientific knowledge in French;
- promoting better mobilization of scientific knowledge in French;
- strengthening exchanges, linkages and networking between the scientific community and target partners;
- having a strategic impact on the future of Official-Language Minority Communities (OLMC) and target populations.

Applications for funding may be submitted at any time during the fiscal year

Funding Available: Various

Application Deadline: Anytime throughout the fiscal year ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): At least 5 business days in advance)

Support for the Post-Secondary Sector

Must also contribute to:

- stabilizing and strengthening the minority-language post-secondary education sector;
- increasing collaboration between Official Language Minority Community (OLMC) organizations and post-secondary institutions serving these communities;
- expanding and diversifying the range of partnerships to improve service and program offerings and access to quality post-secondary education in the minority language;
- fostering the development of minority-language post-secondary education through initiatives aimed at collaboration, mobility or sharing of resources among eligible post-secondary institutions.

Funding Available: Various

Application Deadline: 04 November 2025 ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): 31 October 2025) **Please note:** there will be **no call for proposals for fiscal year 2026-2027** for project funding under the Support for the Post-Secondary Sector component.

To apply for either stream, applicants are required to:

- Review the [Application Guidelines](#); and
- [Contact](#) the Official Languages Support Programs of the Department of Canadian Heritage to request a funding application package and to submit the required documentation.

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

CIHR Access Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 31 July 2025 [CIHR Access Newsletter](#):

- [Changing the Nursing Landscape in Saskatchewan](#)
- [Apply for the Fall 2025 Reviewer in Training Program - Deadline 06 August 2025](#)
- [IHDCYH Talks 2025 is Now Live!](#)
- [New Tri-Agency Guidance on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#)
- [CIHR is Looking for the Next Scientific Director of its Institute of Infection and Immunity](#)

Funding Opportunities:

- [Strengthening Resilient and Equitable Public Health Systems \(STEPS\)](#)
- [The Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral program](#)
- [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award program](#)
- [Indigenous Innovation and Leadership in Research](#)
- [Pan-Canadian Network: Emerging LHS in Perinatal Mental Health – deadline extended](#)
- [Leadership Award for Vaccine Research – deadline extended](#)
- [Project Grant](#)
- [Digital Health](#)
- [Partnering for impact](#)

International Opportunities and Updates

USask People Around the World Congress – Early-bird Registration Ending Soon!

Early-bird registration for the [People Around the World \(PAW\) 2025 International Congress](#) is open until **11:55pm CST on Tuesday, 12 August 2025**! General registration will continue until Friday, 10 October 2025 at 6:00pm CST. The PAW Congress is 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. [Check out the website for recently added program updates.](#)

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 available until **11:55pm CST on Tuesday, 12 August 2025** and join researchers, scholars, industry partners, government representatives and community members for this dynamic event.

Learn more and register [here](#).

NIH Announces a New Policy Requirement to Train Senior/Key Personnel on Other Support Disclosure Requirements

This [Guide Notice](#) announces a new policy requirement that requires NIH recipients to provide training to all faculty and researchers identified as [Senior/Key Personnel](#) on the requirement to disclose all research activities and affiliations (active and pending) in Other Support (see [Other Support form](#)). The new requirement to train researchers to comply with other support disclosure requirements adds to the current policy (see NIH Grants Policy Statement (GPS), [Section 2.5.1 "Just-in-Time Procedures"](#)) in order to provide a comprehensive plan in the area of disclosure requirements for recipients. This update will be included in the FY2026 version of the NIH GPS as part of NIH's standard processes.

Effective 01 October 2025, recipients must implement trainings, in addition to maintaining a written and enforced policy, on requirements for the disclosure of other support to ensure [Senior/Key Personnel](#) fully understand their responsibility to disclose all resources made available to the researcher in support of and/or related to all of their research endeavors, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value and regardless of whether they are based at the institution the researcher identifies for the current grant.

Resources

Updated Biosketch resources, including FAQs and sample Biosketch format pages can be found [here](#).

Updated Other Support resources, including FAQs and sample Other Support format pages can be found [here](#).

The U.S. National Science Foundation, in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense, has developed an online research security training for the research community, available [here](#)

SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants – Last Round of Competition in 2025

[Destination Horizon Grants 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 ultimate goal of applying to [Horizon Europe](#)—Pillar II calls for proposals.

Destination Horizon Grants are not intended to support implementation of Horizon Europe projects. Instead, the grants support activities between researchers that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges;
- scholarly exchanges;
- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges between researchers affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions and researchers, students and non-academic partners from the EU and other associated countries.

Funding amount: up to \$15,000

Duration: one year

External deadline: 22 September 2025

Internal EOI deadline: 25 August 2025

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 September 2025 deadline please send the following documents to international.office@usask.ca with the subject line “Destination Horizon Grants” by **25 August 2025**. 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](#))
- Matching funds from other sources ([template at this link](#)) Please note: SSHRC requires a 100% matching fund in the form of cash contributions.

****Letter of support will be required at the full application stage.**

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

Looking for Partners for Horizon Europe Proposals – One-pager template available

If you are looking for partners to collaboratively apply for Horizon Europe funding opportunities, you are encouraged to complete the [Call for Partners_University of Saskatchewan_Canada.docx](#) form and send it to USask International Office at international.office@usask.ca. The USask international research facilitation team is here to support you in connecting with networking resources and opportunities, identifying potential partners, developing a strong application strategy and navigating the submission process.

Please also consider signing up for the introductory [Horizon Europe Canvas Course](#), a self-paced course designed to support USask researchers and their teams in exploring and applying for Horizon Europe funding.

This course will guide you through the fundamentals of the program, help you assess your readiness to engage with Horizon Europe, and outline practical next steps for getting involved - [Horizon Europe Readiness Checklist for USask Researchers](#).

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) Indo-Pacific Regional Connectivity Envelope - Call for proposals

The Indo-Pacific Regional Connectivity Envelope (RCE) is designed to connect Canadian researchers, institutions (including academic institutions, research centres, think tanks, cultural organizations and associations, non-profit chambers of commerce or business associations, advocacy groups, notably those representing Indigenous Peoples (Inuit, Métis and First Nations), women, youth and LGBTQ2+ communities) and organizations with regional stakeholders, rightsholders and counterparts. It also aims to enhance Canada's profile in the region, accelerate Canada's ability to develop or gain access to influential networks and form strategic partnerships. Proposed projects must align to [Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy](#) (IPS).

Applicants must select one main project category for this initiative. If a secondary category is proposed, the applicant must demonstrate how it is related to the main project category.

- **Participating:** Attending a conference/event/training or research without leading or playing a key role in its implementation.
- **Facilitating:** Hosting/cohosting a conference/event/training or research and playing a key role in its implementation.

Eligible project activity categories:

- Knowledge sharing;
 - Conferences
 - Workshops
 - Round table discussions
 - Panels
- Training;
- Research;
- Indo-Pacific cultural events;
- Indigenous events and reconciliation.

Project parameters

- Your proposed project is starting after 01 April 2026, and ending prior to 31 March 2028.
- You are requesting Global Affairs Canada funding of at least \$20,000 and no more than \$250,000
- If the total project value exceeds \$40,000, your organization will provide at least 15% of the total eligible direct project costs: [Policy on Cost-Sharing for Grant and Non-Repayable Contribution Agreements](#)
- Your proposed project is in line with one or more of the Strategic Objectives of the Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Your application identifies an Indo-Pacific regional organization, who is based in the region, and how they will meaningfully support the project's implementation
- Your proposed project duration is no longer than 2 years
- The geographic focus of your project is in the Indo-Pacific (as defined by [the Indo-Pacific Strategy](#)), in Canada, or in both regions
- You have identified at least one intermediate outcome and one immediate outcome, based on the project's activity category
- Your application package documents are complete and presented in either English or French

Internal Expression of Interest (EOI) Competition

Since each organization may submit only four (4) proposals, the USask International Office is asking interested researchers to submit an internal Expression of Interest (EOI) to the International Office for adjudication. The International Office will form a committee with representatives from central and units to conduct an internal

adjudication and select the applicant who will move forward with the full application. The internal EOI form can be accessed here ([IPS-RCE_EOI_2025.docx](#)) and must be submitted to international.office@usask.ca on or before **4:30PM CST, 12 August 2025**.

External full proposal deadline: 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time on 18 September 2025

For more information about this funding opportunity, please visit the program website. If you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact the International Office at international.office@usask.ca.

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 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 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 Stream 1, DAAD activity must be completed by: 20 January 2026

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): Opportunities for Students and Postdocs

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has announced fall 2025 deadlines for a wide range of prestigious funding programs. Whether you're pursuing a master's degree, doctoral research, or professional development in fields like architecture, music, fine arts, or political science, DAAD offers support to help you take the next step in your academic journey. DAAD has set the fall deadlines for a number of programs supporting graduate-level study and research in Germany. Details below and at the links:

24 September 2025 - [Study Scholarship - Graduate studies in the field of Architecture](#)

25 September 2025 - [Study Scholarship - Graduate studies in the field of Music](#)

31 October 2025 - [Study Scholarship - Master's Studies in All Academic Disciplines](#)

31 October 2025 - [Research Grants in Germany \(PhD candidates, Postdocs\)](#)

10 November 2025 - [Study Scholarship - Graduate studies in the fields of Fine Art, Design, Visual Communication and Film](#)

10 November 2025 - [Study Scholarship - Graduate studies in the field of the Performing Arts](#)

J-RISE Initiative: Japan Research & Innovation for Scientific Excellence

J-RISE Initiative is an initiative aimed at making Japan the most attractive country in the world for researchers. Japanese ministries and agencies are working together to implement related measures to realize a world-class research environment in Japan, strengthen invitations of researchers from overseas, etc.

Recruitment by universities

For recruitment information, please check each institution's website (click on the logo of each institution) or the search results of the [JREC-IN Portal](#). Recruitment information of Japanese universities and research institutions will be updated as they become available.

Grants:

- KAKENHI, also known as Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, is Japan's largest competitive research funding program. It provides grants for original and pioneering academic research across all fields. Foreign researchers affiliated with research institutions in Japan are also eligible to apply. The grant supports joint international collaborative research, overseas researcher exchanges, researchers returning to Japan from overseas.
- The FOREST program (Fusion Oriented Research for disruptive Science and Technology) provides long-term support for up to 10 years to early-career researchers, both before and after becoming PI, while ensuring an environment in which researchers can devote themselves to their research. Applications from overseas researchers are also welcome if they are affiliated with research institutions in Japan before starting FOREST research.
- The Adopting Sustainable Partnerships for Innovative Research Ecosystem (ASPIRE) program aims to maintain and improve Japan's scientific and technological capabilities, to connect top researchers in Japan and advanced STI countries and regions through international joint research, and to accelerate talent circulation across the world. We aim to promote pioneering R&D, as well as nurture and mobilize researchers including next generation leaders.

You can find the latest information from the link [J-RISE Initiative](#) | [Cabinet Office](#).

Pre-announcement: artificial intelligence humanities sandpits: Canada, UK and US – UKRI

AHRC and SSHRC plan to invite expressions of interest to attend a humanities-led, [interdisciplinary research sandpit](#) putting humanities insights and methodologies at the heart of artificial intelligence (AI) tech design. A sandpit is a facilitated workshop process through which new project teams and research propositions will be co-developed and funded. They are looking for 60 participants from UK, Canadian and US research organizations to take part in in-person and virtual workshops.

During the sandpit process, teams would form and develop and refine project ideas for applications. They plan to fund up to four grants. Travel and subsistence costs for the in-person workshop will be covered by AHRC and SSHRC. This funding opportunity will be open to researchers based in the UK, Canada, and the US, pending final funder approvals.

As this is an interdisciplinary opportunity, they welcome researchers from outside the humanities to apply. As projects will require the development of AI-related tools, they particularly encourage individuals with relevant technical expertise to apply. Applicants from any career stage are welcome.

As successful applicants will be able to bid for grant funding through the sandpit mechanism, you must be eligible to receive funding from either UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) or SSHRC.

Eligibility criteria

- UK-based applicants

[Find out which research organizations are eligible for UKRI funding.](#)

- Canadian-based applicants

To act as a project lead, you must be affiliated with a Canadian institution that meets the [SSHRC institutional eligibility requirements](#).

- US-based applicants

To act as co-leads on projects funded via the sandpit, you must be based at a US university or research institution.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

The agencies are committed to building a diverse, inclusive research community. They particularly encourage applications from researchers from underrepresented backgrounds, institutions, or regions, and those exploring alternative epistemologies or knowledge systems often excluded from AI design.

Internal Submission Deadline: 17 October 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#))

External Submission Deadline: 31 October 2025 4:00pm UK time

Switzerland-Canada: Youth Mobility Program

On 06 February 2007 Canada and Switzerland signed a “Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)”, aimed at facilitating the mobility of young skilled workers and students between Switzerland and Canada. The purpose of this [agreement](#) is to encourage the mobility of young Swiss and Canadian workers and students, offering them the opportunity to gain work experience abroad.

Eligibility:

- Canadian citizens (permanent residents or international students are not eligible).
- 18-35 (incl.) years old.
- Completed undergraduate or graduate degree or a 2-year diploma OR current students of a Canadian institute of technology, college, or university (confirmation of enrolment must be included).
- A job offer from a Swiss employer **in the field of studies**.
- All professions are eligible. If a profession is regulated and requires proof of diploma equivalency, this needs to be provided with the application.
- Offered salary is based on the [going rate](#) for the region and sector, as for a job starter. Where a collective employment agreement (CEA) exists, the salary must be based on this. Otherwise, the salary must comply with cantonal wage guidelines and the recommendations of professional associations. For students, salaries should be comparable to those paid to Swiss students working at universities, colleges or institutions of a similar level. An Undergraduate Student may take up a trainee position without pay if they are able to indicate proof of sufficient funds (bank statement required).
- Work permits are granted for a maximum of 18 months.
- Part-time work or self-employment is not permitted.
- If more than one trainee is employed, they must not exceed 5% of the firm’s entire workforce.

Process

- Obtain a **job offer** in Switzerland, like they would be looking for one in Canada.
- Applicants are responsible for finding a job offer. They can look for a job [by themselves](#) (see links for job search at the bottom of the page) or do it via [international exchange organizations](#).
- In their application it is recommended that they mention the following: *I am a Canadian citizen and currently do not have a work permit for Switzerland. However, under the terms of the Youth Mobility Program I can receive a work permit within 6 to 8 weeks.*
- Apply for a **work permit** at the local representation.
- Receive an **entry visa**.

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