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Research Funding and Support

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USask Workshops and Support Services

2025 NSERC Discover & RTI Grants Fall Workshop

We cordially invite you to join us for the 2025 [NSERC Discovery Grant](#) and [NSERC Research Tools and Instruments Grant](#) Fall Workshop hosted by OVPR.

This session will cover a wide range of topics, and include top tips and advice on:

- Developing strategies relevant to the NSERC Merit Indicators

- Completing your Canadian Common CV (CCV)
- Capturing your contributions to the training of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP)
- Incorporating Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) into your grant application
- Utilizing the Internal Review program offered by OVRP

There will also be a Q&A session.

Presenters

Julia Boughner: University NSERC Leader & Professor of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pharmacology (CoM)

Danielle Baron: Manager Research & Graduate Studies (Ag. & Bio.)

Tera Ebach: Research Office Analyst (WCVN)

Graham Fairhurst: Research Services Specialist (SENS)

Michaela Lynds: Research Development Specialist (OVRP)

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025

Location: HLTH 1130 (E-Wing)

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Registration deadline: 22 September 2025

Register here: [2025 NSERC DG & RTI Fall Workshop](#)

To maximize time for Q&A, participants are encouraged to visit the [OVRP Tri-Agency Research Support](#) website and view the video and slides from the recent NSERC Discovery & RTI Grants Spring Workshop, which included a dedicated session on the RTI grant.

Videos and slides from previous years are also available.

Please direct any questions to Michaela Lynds (Research Development Specialist, NSERC) at michaela.lynds@usask.ca

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 04 September 2025 [SHRF Matters Newsletter](#):

- [Save the Date: SHRF Substance Use & Addictions Research Expo](#)
- [Achievement Award](#)
- [Recognizing SHRF Connections](#)
- [Early Professionals, Inspired Careers in AgeTech \(EPIC-AT\) Health Research Training Program](#)
- [Recognizing SHRF Connections](#)

Deadlines at a Glance:

- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action](#) - Continuous Intake
- [Solutions Program](#) - Eligibility Deadline: 18 September 2025
- [MS Canada Research Program](#) – Deadline: 02 October 2025
- [Align Grant](#) – Deadline: 27 November 2025
- [Mobilize Grant: Open Call](#) – Deadline: 21 January 2026

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

2026 SSHRC Partnership Grant - Stage 1 Funding Call

[SSHRC Partnership Grants](#) provide support for new and existing formal partnerships to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through

mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or in-kind contributions. Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

Project Duration: 4 to 7 years

Funding Amount: \$2.5M

Stage 1 Application Deadline: February 2026

Stage 2 Application Deadline - by invitation only: October 2026

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

If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, please contact RASI at rasl.support@usask.ca for more information.

International Opportunities and Updates

Register for USask's People Around the World (PAW) Congress

Registration for the **People Around the World (PAW) 2025 International Congress** is open 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.

Register now and join researchers, scholars, industry partners, government representatives and community members for this dynamic event!

Learn more and register [here](#).

Mitacs: Horizon Europe International Mobility Award

The **Mitacs – Horizon Europe International Mobility Award (IMA)** is designed to support Canadian faculty and eligible small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the early stages of consortium-building and proposal development under Horizon Europe Pillar II. This offering will provide short-term funding to facilitate travel and in-person engagement with European collaborators – addressing a well-recognized barrier to meaningful participation in one of the globe's largest research funding frameworks.

Applications must be submitted by one faculty member, with the option to include either one additional faculty member or one SME Partner Organization. Applications must not include more than two travelers. There are no restrictions on academic disciplines or industry sectors; however, fields must align with Horizon Europe calls for proposals and/or corresponding European research consortia. Awards will be valued at up to CAD \$5,000 per traveler (maximum \$10,000 per award).

For more information on applicant eligibility, please [view the website](#).

Important dates

Call opens: Monday, 25 August 2025

Call closes: Monday, 29 September 2025

UnivRS compliance review/approval deadline: Monday, 22 September 2025

Review decision date: Estimated 4 weeks post-close date

Travel concludes: Friday, 29 May 2026

Please contact international.office@usask.ca if you would like to discuss your application.

New versions of draft Cluster 5 and 6 work programmes for 2026-27 are out

The newest version of draft work programmes for the following two clusters for 2026-27 have been recently published:

- Cluster 5 Climate, energy and mobility – please click [here](#) to view the newest version
- Cluster 6 Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment – please click [here](#) to view the newest version

To locate a specific call for proposals under Horizon Europe, please refer to the Work Programmes, which detail the available calls within each of the six thematic clusters under Pillar 2. These documents serve as essential guides for identifying funding opportunities aligned with your research priorities.

Preliminary versions of several Horizon Europe work programs for the 2026–2027 cycle are now available. These drafts offer early insight into upcoming funding priorities and strategic directions across various research and innovation areas. Please note that all drafts are subject to change before their final publication, which is expected in December 2025. You can find the full, updated list created by Science|Business [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 proposal deadline: 22 September 2025

Internal EOI deadline: 03 September 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 **03 September 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](#).

German Research Foundation - Initiation of International Collaboration Program

DFG (German Research Foundation) launched [this program](#) to support German researchers interested in establishing collaborative scientific relationships with partners abroad to apply for funding for trips abroad, guest visits or for exploratory workshops.

USask researchers are encouraged to work with their German partners to explore collaboration opportunities with the support of this funding opportunity.

Eligibility Requirements:

Researchers who have already achieved their doctorates and who are working in the German scientific system may apply.

Funding is available for the following collaborative measures:

- Trips abroad (max. three months) or guest visits in Germany (max. three month);
- Exploratory workshops.

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

Deadline: Proposals may be submitted at any time.

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - multiple programs for graduate students and postdoc fellows

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](#)

BrightFocus Foundation: Alzheimer's Disease Research Request for Proposals

Alzheimer's Disease Research, a [BrightFocus Foundation program](#), provides research funds for U.S. domestic and international researchers pursuing pioneering research leading to greater understanding, prevention, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's Disease Research offers two types of awards:

Standard Awards

This research grant program is restricted to new and early investigators who have obtained their MD, PhD, or equivalent degree and/or completed formal medical training/residency within the past 12 years at the time of application. The applicant must serve as the principal investigator on the project, have institutional permission to manage the award, and the key personnel associated with the proposal.

- **Award Amount:** \$300,000
- **Duration:** 3 years

Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards

Must be within 5 years of degree conferral.

Postdoctoral fellowship awards are intended for young researchers in their final stages of mentored training. These awards fund projects in an established laboratory that will serve as the basis for the applicant's independent research career.

- **Award Amount:** \$200,000
- **Duration:** 2 years

Internal deadline: 15 September 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#))

External deadline: 29 September 2025 at 5 PM EST

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



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