

# Office of the Vice-President Research



## Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on  
funding opportunities,  
workshops, and other  
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## USask Workshops and Support Services

### The Journey From Ideas to Funding: Constructing Your SSHRC Insight Development Grant Application One Step at a Time – Part 2

As we did last year, our USask SSHRC support team will be offering a series of targeted workshops that delve deep into specific sections of the grant application. We will be hosting 2 sessions - each session will focus on areas traditionally viewed as challenging for many applicants.

During these sessions, participants are encouraged to bring drafts of their grant sections for on-the-spot feedback and revisions. You will have an opportunity to review, brainstorm ideas, and draft versions of each section using the resources and supports offered during each session. Each participant will receive valuable resources to aid in their grant writing process, including a comprehensive checklist, guidelines on methodological and CV considerations, and more!

Research Facilitators from various colleges will be present, ready to address queries, brainstorm, or simply engage in productive conversations. We aim for each participant to leave every session with a clearer vision and a well-structured draft of their grant section.

These sessions will be offered to provide as much flexibility as possible for you and your research support team (i.e., trainees and research staff) as you progress on your grant-writing journey.

In total, there will be two sessions leading up to the final deadline on 02 February 2024. Here are the session details:

#### January Session – 15 January 2025, Arts 208

- Bring your grant, including internal review comments for discussion
- The session will provide final tips on the development of the Detailed Description
- This session will be dedicated to polishing your grant – bring questions for the Research Facilitators, work on your grant, etc.
- [Register](#)

Please note all sessions will be in person only and will **not** be recorded.

For more information, please contact Kristina Rissling Olson, Research Development Specialist at [Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca](mailto:Kristina.risslingolson@usask.ca).

## Internal Research Programs

### Collaborative Energy, Minerals, and Society Research Award

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) and University of Regina (URegina) are excited to announce a call for proposals for the new, jointly funded *Collaborative Energy, Minerals, and Society Research Award*. The award will support USask and URegina faculty members to co-supervise an undergraduate summer student to support a joint research project around Saskatchewan's energy transition, critical mineral resource development, and/or understanding societal impacts of these.

**Awards available:** 2 USask awards, 2 URegina awards (4 total)

**Individual grant amount:** up to \$12,000/award  
**Deadline to apply:** 14 February 2025 at 9:00am  
**Award duration:** Four months May to August (2025)  
**Competition Details:** [online](#)  
**Application Form:** [online](#)

All applications will be submitted to [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) by 9:00am on Monday, 14 February 2025. All submissions are subject to compliance checks over the following five business days.

### **Workshop**

Join us at a workshop to learn more and to have the opportunity to make a virtual connection with URegina faculty:

**Date:** 22 January 2025

**Time:** 2:00-3:00 PM

**Register:** [online](#)

Contact Meaghan Risling at [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) to learn more about this exciting opportunity or to make a connection with a URegina researcher.

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## **Research Junction Development Grant 2025: Call for Proposals**

[Research Junction](#) is a partnership between the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan to support the development of collaborative research projects that address contemporary urban issues for the benefit of Saskatoon residents. The [Research Junction Development Grant](#) will support research projects developed in partnership between a city staff member and a USask researcher.

**Available funding:** \$100,000

**Individual grant amount:** \$10,000 to \$30,000

**Deadline to apply:** 16 May 2025

**Competition Details:** [online](#)

**Application Form:** [online](#)

Applications must be submitted to UnivRS by 16 May 2025 at 4:00pm. All submissions are subject to UnivRS approvals and compliance checks over the following five business days.

Contact Meaghan Risling at [research.junction@usask.ca](mailto:research.junction@usask.ca) to learn more about this exciting opportunity or to make a connection with City of Saskatoon staff.

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## **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, 04 March 2024 (2pm -3pm)** has been targeted for those interested in the **October 2025** 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. We anticipate that USask will also submit JELFs to CFI in **February 2026** and **October 2026.**

**October 2025 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 **28 April 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](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca).

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## Opus 2025 i2Build Applications Now Open

Applications for the Opus 2025 [i2Build cohort program](#) are now open! Learn what it takes to launch your deep tech startup and receive access to entrepreneurial programming, infrastructure, and a network of mentors and coaches to help you successfully build your venture on campus.

Programming will begin in mid-March for future founders who are current USask students, staff, or faculty with technology in a STEM-related field. To [apply](#) and for more details on the program and application, visit [opus.usask.ca](https://opus.usask.ca).

**The application deadline is 07 February 2025, at midnight.**

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## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Mitacs Funding Updates

[Mitacs](#) funding opportunities are available for collaborative projects between academia and external partner organizations through [Mitacs Accelerate](#), [Business Strategy Internship \(BSI\)](#), and [Mitacs Elevate](#). Previously communicated restrictions on Mitacs Accelerate are soon to be eased. Please contact Mitacs Senior Advisor, Dr. Zsuzsa Papp, at [zpapp@mitacs.ca](mailto:zpapp@mitacs.ca) for further details regarding proposal development, joint applications, and currently allowed project size.

Further announcement from the RASI office is expected in February 2025.

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### Mitacs BSI – Call for Applications

The [Mitacs Business Strategy Internship \(BSI\) program](#) is designed to facilitate Innovation in Canada with the help of post-secondary institutions and student talent.

- Companies and organizations leverage \$5,000 + GST into a \$10,000 internship unit or \$7,500 + GST into a \$15,000 internship unit to receive expertise from a student or recent graduate for a maximum of \$45,000 per year per student or recent graduate.
  - For projects with an Indigenous organization and/or an intern who is Indigenous, the contribution is only \$2,500 or \$3,750 per internship unit, respectively.

Each project requires supervision from a supervisor at the company organization as well as an academic supervisor to oversee the work and the student. All disciplines and sectors are eligible.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

To learn more about eligibility and supports for the process, please visit [our website](#).

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### CIHR Team Grants: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention

The **Team Grants: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention** aims to unite interdisciplinary research teams to advance the biological and mechanistic understanding of cancer etiology, genesis, and risk, linked with host, lifestyle, environmental, social, and other factors, to identify new targets and approaches for cancer prevention, risk reduction, and early detection. Collaborations between traditional cancer prevention researchers (e.g., population and public health researchers, epidemiologists, social scientists) and those from other disciplines (e.g., biologists, immunologists, geneticists, drug developers) or who are new to the field are strongly encouraged. Collectively, these research teams will develop and disseminate evidence-based solutions to enable improvements in cancer prevention, risk reduction, and early detection at the individual and/or population-level.

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$400, 000 per year for up to five years

**Registration Deadline:** 01 April 2025

**External Application Deadline:** 19 June 2025

**Internal UnivRS Deadline:** 5 working days before the external deadline

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### Woman Leading Philanthropy Grant

Royal University Hospital Foundation's **Women Leading Philanthropy (WLP) Grant** is a program that awards an annual \$100,000 grant to fund innovative health-care initiatives led by female physicians, practitioners and researchers at Royal University Hospital. The goal is to inspire transformative advancements in health care for women and their families, while furthering women's leadership in health.

**Applications for the 2025–2026 Women Leading Philanthropy \$100,000 Grant are now being accepted. Please carefully review the [Guidelines](#) and complete and submit [Part A](#) & [Part B](#) of the application by 01 May 2025.**

Please note that RUH Foundation funds only research and closely related components of projects; specifically, RUH Foundation does not pay for overhead or administration of research funding for any other agency.

To inquire about upcoming WLP Grant application periods, contact Mia Cavanagh by [email](#) or call 306.655.1984.

**Funding Amount:** \$100,000

**External Application Deadline:** 01 May 2025

**Internal UnivRS Deadline:** 5 working days before the external deadline

Hyperlinked items should be [underlined in green font](#). Funding program should be bolded, underlined, and in green font, such as: **[Partnership Development Grant Program](#)**

Contact information should be hyperlinked with green and underlined font. [grant.review@usask.ca](mailto:grant.review@usask.ca).

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### 2025 KRESCENT Summer Studentship Competition

The KRESCENT program Summer Studentship award is awarded to undergraduate students or medical school students who identify as black or Indigenous and provides salary support to complete a summer student position in an approved Canadian kidney research laboratory.

The main objective of the award is to create opportunity and support students from historically underrepresented groups to experience research in a culturally safe environment, while building their experience and exploring kidney research. Find the guidelines and application form [online](#).

**Application Deadline:** 24 February 2025

**Duration:** 12-16 weeks

## International Opportunities and Updates

### Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA) Co-funding Stream – Last Quota Available for 2024/25 Fiscal Year

The [Mitacs Globalink Research Award \(GRA\)](#) is open to full-time senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows. Successful applicants will receive a \$6,000 research award to conduct a 12- to 24-week research project under the joint supervision of a home and host professor, either coming to Canada from an eligible country or going to an eligible country from Canada.

#### There are two streams of Mitacs GRA Program:

1. International partner stream
  - Under this stream, projects that are being proposed with a Mitacs international partner do not require co-funding from the Canadian university.
  - The list of Mitacs international partners can be found [here](#).
  - Under this stream, there is no limit on the number of applications submitted from USask.
2. Allocation stream (also called Co-funding stream)
  - Under this stream, projects that are being proposed without a Mitacs international partner require \$2,000 co-funding per award. At USask, this \$2,000 cash contribution needs to be provided by the faculty member who supervises outbound / inbound GRA student.
  - Under this stream, Mitacs allocated 7 quotas for USask in fiscal year 2024-25. **Currently, only one quota remains available.** This co-funding application is required to be finalized with signatures/institutional approval and submitted to Mitacs before 31 March 2025.

Eligible faculty members from all disciplines are welcome to apply.

#### How to apply:

- Please read through the program details and eligibility requirements on Mitacs GRA website, [here](#).
- If your application falls under the Allocation stream (also called Co-funding stream), please notify the International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) as soon as possible. We will work with you to submit it to Mitacs GRA portal. (If your proposed project falls under the International Partner stream, this quota does not apply to your application.)
- **Please note that with only one quota remaining, applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Deadline to notify the International Office:** 31 January 2025

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### Global Affairs Canada (GAC): Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program (ELAP); Canada-ASEAN Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED); Study in Canada Scholarships (SICS)

[International Student Scholarship Programs \(ELAP, SEED, and SiCS\)](#) funded through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) are accepting applications from international students for short-term study or research at a Canadian university. If you are interested in supporting a graduate student's application to one of these programs, please review the 'How to Apply' section and take note of the quotas in each program, as well as the deadlines [here](#).



These International Visiting Research Student Scholarship Programs allow students to come to USask for a period of four to six months and provide scholarships ranging from approximately \$8,200 – \$12,700 CAD. Scholarship funds cover international student expenses such as visa and/or study/work permit fees; airfare for the scholarship recipient via the most direct and economical route; health insurance; living expenses, such as accommodation, utilities, and food; ground transportation, including a public transportation pass; and books and supplies required for the recipient’s study or research, excluding computers and other equipment.

### **How to Apply (International Graduate Student Applications):**

**Preliminary Stage 1 – Preliminary Deadline: 24 January 2025.** The student applicant, in consultation with the USask host supervisor, must complete the respective ‘2025 Application Form’ in its entirety and email it to the International Office (IO) at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) as soon as possible and no later than January 24, 2025.

### **Invited and Submission Stage 2 – February & March 2025**

The IO will provide an Invitation to Submit confirmation by email in February 2025. Only applicants invited to submit will move forward to full submission. No changes in the core application content (i.e., research project and activities, graduate student applicant or USask host supervisor) are permitted after an invitation to submit is issued. Invited applicants must then email the International Office the finalized application form, and all required supporting documents by March 8, 2025. The International Office will make the final submission on the applicants’ behalf through our institutional portal by the funder deadline – likely in late March (the exact agency deadline to be announced by the funder). Applicants and their USask host supervisor will be notified once the submission is completed.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to discuss a potential international graduate application, please do not hesitate to contact the International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca).

**Preliminary Stage 1 – Preliminary Deadline: 24 January 2025**

**Invited and Submission Stage 2 – February & March 2025**

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## **Webinar on Horizon Europe - Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society**

Delegation of the European Union to Canada invited Canadian researchers to attend an upcoming Information Session on Cluster 2, scheduled for 29 January 2025, at 8 am (SK time).

This webinar will feature expert insights on Do’s and Don’ts for writing a proposal, navigating the evaluation process, testimonials, and more.

Register until 24 January 2025. [Register here.](#)

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## **Webinar on Horizon Europe - Funding Opportunities for Canadian Battery Innovators**

Now that Canada has partnered with Horizon Europe, Canadian organizations are fully eligible to join pan-European consortia and apply for EU funding. In 2025, over €100 million will be available for Battery Research and Innovation projects.

This webinar will explain the initiative, present the opportunities for funding, and describe the process for getting involved. Hints and tips will be presented to improve your probability of success and to help you to find European consortium partners.

**Time:** 22 January 2025, 11 AM -12 PM SK time

The registration link can be found [here](#).

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## Funding Opportunities for Collaborations/Mobility with Japan

Below are funding opportunities offered by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS):

### **JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan – Standard program (Deadline: 01 February 2025)**

This program offers early career researchers\* to do their research for **12 to 24 months** in Japan with financial support. Under the partnership between NSERC and JSPS, you can apply to this fellowship via NSERC.

*\*Holding a doctorate received within the past 6 years or scheduled to receive a doctorate before the Fellowship comes into effect*

### **JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan – Short term program [New!] (Deadline: 01 April 2025)**

This new program offers early career researchers\* to do their research for **1 to 12 months** in Japan with financial support. Under the partnership between NSERC and JSPS, you can apply to this fellowship via NSERC.

*\*Holding a doctorate received within the past 6 years or enrolled in a doctoral course and scheduled to receive a Ph.D. within 2 years*

### **Summer Program (2 months in summer) (Application Period: the middle of October to the end of November)**

This program gives graduate students and Ph.D. holders an opportunity to stay in Japan and do their research during summer vacation.

### **AMED-ASPIRE Program 2025 Joint Call with CIHR [Health Care] (Deadline: 19 June 2025 in Canada)**

The ASPIRE programs operated by AMED and JST, aim to promote the international joint research and interaction between Japan and other advanced countries.

The joint call between AMED (JP) and CIHR (CA) is now open!

This joint funding is for the “International Japan-Canada Geroscience Pool” of CIHR’s “Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention Team Grants”. For more information, please refer to [AMED Webpage](#) and CIHR [ResearchNet](#).

### **JST-ASPIRE Program 2025 (Pre-announcement)**

JST released the list of selected projects from the [2nd call for proposals](#) last month. 4 projects related to researchers in Canada are included. [Researchers in Queen’s U., U. of Waterloo, UBC, U. of Alberta]

Now they have pre-announced the [3rd call for proposals](#) starting in March 2025 (in Japanese only).

Researchers in Canada contact the Japanese candidates of the partner and prepare for the application together.

<https://www.jst.go.jp/aspire/en/>

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## Kyungpook National University (South Korea) 2025 Visiting Scholar Program

Kyungpook National University (KNU) announced the call for applications for [2025 Visiting Scholar Program \(VSP\)](#) for the summer semester. This program invites faculty members from universities worldwide to teach regular summer semester courses at KNU via live online instruction.

### **Program Overview**

The Visiting Scholar Program offers international scholars the chance to deliver remote courses for students at Kyungpook National University in South Korea during the summer semester, fostering global educational exchange and enhancing students' exposure to international academic environments.

**Date for VSP 2025 Summer Session:** 26 June 26 ~ 16 July 2025



## Subject Areas

Applicants are encouraged to teach in their area of expertise, provided it aligns with KNU's existing curriculum. In the application form, applicants must specify the course they intend to teach and provide a course description. For reference, you can explore KNU's existing undergraduate and graduate courses through the following links:

- Undergraduate Departments & Majors: <https://en.knu.ac.kr/edu/school01.htm>
- Graduate Departments & Majors: <https://home.knu.ac.kr/HOME/graden/>
- Existing Course List: <https://knuin.knu.ac.kr/public/stddm/lectPlnInqr.knu>

Search by "대학" for undergraduate courses or "대학원" for graduate courses. Note: English functionality is under development; a translator is recommended.

## Teaching Commitment (Remote Instruction)

- Course Load: Scholars will teach one 3-credit course (45 hours) over three weeks.
- Schedule: Classes are scheduled for 3 hours each, Monday through Friday (9:00–12:00 or 3:00–6:00). Mid-term and final exams will take place during the 3-week period.
- Platform: Teaching will be conducted via the KNU Learning Management System (LMS), which supports online lectures, assignments, quizzes, and attendance tracking. Detailed guidance on using the LMS will be provided to selected lecturers.
- Student Engagement: Scholars are encouraged to hold office hours to provide additional feedback and support to students.

## Class Information

Applicants will be encouraged to use interactive teaching methods to KNU students. Given the short duration, KNU prefers that students are given handouts, instead of being required to purchase a textbook.

- N.B. In rare cases, a course may be cancelled due to insufficient student registration.

## Financial Arrangement

KNU will provide a stipend of KRW 3.5 million (paid at the end of the course).

- Travel to Korea is not required.

## Application

- **Application Process:** Complete the online application via the KNU website (<https://en.knu.ac.kr/admission/visiting02.htm>)
- **Deadline:** 18 February 2025
- **E-mail for inquiry:** [international24@knu.ac.kr](mailto:international24@knu.ac.kr)

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## Online Workshop on Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

Celebrate USask's International Development Week by broadening the global perspective in your classroom. Learn how to foster meaningful international connections in your classroom through virtual exchange methodologies such as Collaborative Online International Learning. Outcomes: Discover strategies to value and integrate perspectives and worldviews different from your own.

**Type:** [The Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) (GMCTL) Event

**Date:** Wed, 05 Feb 2025

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Online

**Facilitator(s):**

Aditi Garg, Gwenna Moss Centre, USask

Roberta Campbell-Chudoba, Gwenna Moss Centre, USask

**For registration, please click [here](#).**

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