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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 OVPR

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 (WCVM)

Graham Fairhurst: Research Services Specialist (SENS)

Michaela Lynds: Research Development Specialist (OVPR)

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 [OVPR 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 2025-26 Solutions Program Eligibility Cut-Off September 18 - \$2.6M in Health Research Funding Available

[SHRF's Solutions Program](#) supports collaborative and engaged research for the development and implementation of innovations to address timely Saskatchewan health needs and create a sustainable impact in a focused area through two funding opportunities – [Innovation and Impact Grants](#).

Funding is open to all areas and disciplines of research, provided that they aim to improve health and wellbeing in one of the identified focus areas and demonstrate fit with the grant objectives.

Focus Areas:

In the 2025-26 competition year, the following focus areas are available. Applications need only address one of these focus areas.

- **Brain Health**
 - Funding Partner: **Brain Canada**
 - \$1.4M in funding available
- **Pediatric Brain Health**

- o Funding Partner: **Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation**
- o \$500K in funding available
- **Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias**
 - o Funding Partner: **Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan**
 - o \$500K in funding available
- **Lung Health**
 - o Funding Partner: **Lung Saskatchewan**
 - o \$200K in funding available

Note: Applications to Pediatric Brain Health and Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias will also be considered for Brain Health funding

Funding Opportunities:

Innovation Grant

Objective: Catalyzing new ideas and approaches to support innovative solutions that respond to focus area gaps and needs.

Funding Amount: Up to \$50,000 for 1 year

Impact Grant

Objective: Advancing promising solutions into real-world and practical applications that respond to focus area gaps and needs.

Funding Amount: Up to \$150,000 for 2 years

Team Requirements:

There must be at least three Applicants/Investigators who are based in Saskatchewan and fulfill the following requirements:

- One researcher who meets the eligibility requirements for a Principal Applicant
- A second researcher who brings a different disciplinary perspective
- A knowledge-user who brings perspectives on the practical applications of knowledge generated through the proposed research.

Other Eligibility Notes

- The Principal Applicant can submit only one application per annual Solutions competition (one Innovation Grant OR Impact Grant application) but may be a co-principal investigator or co-investigator on other applications.
- Previous Innovation and Impact grant recipients may apply to either grant with a new proposal that builds on their previously funded grant with new research questions.
- Previously unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to revise and resubmit their applications, taking into consideration peer reviewer feedback and current program guidelines. The application form provides space to respond to previous review comments.

Eligibility Check Cut-off: 18 September 2025 – 4:30 PM CST

Full Application Deadline: 13 November 2025 – 4:30 PM CST ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): 05 November 2025)

Information Webinar: [Watch now](#)

Full details here: www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact

Program Contact: Karen Tilsley (ktilsley@shrf.ca)

SHRF partners on 2025-26 Alzheimer Canada Research Program Competition

SHRF has partnered with [Alzheimer Society Canada](#) to support research in Alzheimer's disease or other dementias through the [Alzheimer Society Research Program](#).

Alzheimer Society Canada Research Program Funding Opportunity Details:

<https://alzheimer.ca/en/research/information-researchers>

Applications are submitted through Alzheimer Canada's portal (<https://asc.smapply.ca/>), and inquiries regarding the funding opportunities should be directed to research@alzheimer.ca

Applications that are to be conducted at institutions located in Saskatchewan will be automatically considered for funding for an ASC-SHRF partnership.

Questions about SHRF Partnership Program can be directed to Karen Tilsley (ktilsley@shrf.ca)

Doctoral Award

An opportunity for promising individuals, pursuing a PhD, to begin the process of becoming future independent investigators in the field of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

- **Amount:** \$129,000
- **Duration:** 3 years
- **Eligibility:** Within 18 months of starting PhD program; within 36 months of starting PhD program if it is a direct entry from bachelor's to PhD.

Postdoctoral Award

Graduates with a PhD or MD who wish to gain additional research experience within an established research environment.

- **Amount:** \$150,000
- **Duration:** 2 years
- **Eligibility:** Graduates with a PhD or MD; Within 18 months after obtaining a PhD—can be extended if there are exceptional circumstances.

New Investigator Operating Grant

Designed to help launch the careers of outstanding researchers who are within the first 6 years of their initial academic appointment.

- **Amount:** \$200,000
- **Duration:** Up to 4 years
- **Eligibility:** Within the first 6 years of initial faculty position

Proof of Concept Grant

Designed to fund established researchers in conducting innovative, high-risk and high-reward approaches to dementia research. Please do not submit existing hypotheses.

- **Amount:** \$100,000
- **Duration:** Up to 3 years
- **Eligibility:** Must hold a faculty position with a Canadian university or affiliated institution – *please note only those invited to complete full Proof of Concept (PoC) Grant application following the pre-screen of their PoC Letter of Intent (LOI) are eligible to submit a proposal to the ASRP competition.*

Application Deadlines: 03 November 2025 – 5:00 PM Eastern time ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): 24 October 2025)

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 11 September 2025 [SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter](#):

- [12 finalists announced for 2025 Impact Awards](#)
- [The Walrus Talks at Home: Growing Canadian Productivity](#)
- [Solving the productivity problem in Canada](#)
- [New Knowledge Synthesis Grants to help expand our understanding of governance systems](#)

- [We heard you: Feedback received on the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](#)
- [Introducing the Indigenous Innovation and Leadership in Research Network Grants](#)
- [SSHRC representation at 2025 Lindau meeting in economic sciences](#)

Funding Focus:

- [Destination Horizon Grants](#) (22 September 2025)
- [Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research Connection Grants](#) (23 September 2025)
- [Insight Grants](#) (01 October 2025)
- [Canada Graduate Scholarships—Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements](#) (10 October 2025)
- [Indigenous Science and the Impacts of Plastic Pollution](#) (16 October 2025)
- [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral program](#) (directly to SSHRC: 17 October 2025)
- [Indigenous Innovation and Leadership in Research Network Grants—Stage 1](#) (21 October 2025)
- [Prix Acfas Relève – Francophone minoritaire canadienne](#) [in French only (26 October 2025)]
- [Partnership Grants—Stage 2](#) (29 October 2025)
- [Connection Grants November 2025 competition](#) (01 November 2025)
- [Partnership Development Grants](#) (17 November 2025)
- [2026 Canada Excellence Research Chairs competition](#) (registration: 21 January 2026; Application: 18 March 2026)

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 - One Month Remaining!

Registration for the [People Around the World \(PAW\) 2025 International Congress](#) is open until Friday, 10 October 2025 at 6:00 PM 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](#).

Registration Open - 2025 Pre-PAW Congress Workshops

Join us on Monday 20 October 2025 and Tuesday, 21 October 2025, for four exciting workshops offered as part of the 2025 Pre-PAW Congress programming, designed to connect faculty, students, staff and others through global opportunities in research and education. These workshops are free and open to all. Due to a limited number of spots, please register in advance to secure your place. For further session details please see the respective registration link.

Workshop 1: Unlocking research collaboration with **the Czech Republic**: strengths, priorities and funding (Monday, 20 October 2025, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM, in-person on campus) – please register [here](#)

Workshop 2: Funding Research in **Germany** (Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, in-person on campus) – please register [here](#)

Workshop 3: Choose **France** for Research (Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM, in-person on campus) – please register [here](#)

Workshop 4: Study, Research and Internships in **Germany** for Students in the Natural Sciences and Engineering (Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 4:20 PM – 5:20 PM, in-person on campus) – please register [here](#)

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](#)
- **30 November 2025** - [RISE Germany](#) (Research Internships in Science & Engineering, Undergrads)
- **30 November 2025** - [RISE Professional](#) (Workplace Internships for Graduate students from Natural Sciences or Engineering)

France Canada Research Funds 2026

The [France Canada Research Fund \(FCRF\) 2026](#) call for proposals is open to any research field and incentivizes interdisciplinarity. The FCRF aims to accomplish the following objectives:

- Support the development of new research partnerships between France and Canada;

- Promote the advancement of research and innovation;
- Prepare and structure scientific cooperation between the two countries;
- Promote researchers' mobility, particularly for early career researchers;
- Provide research training for researchers at the master's and doctorate levels.

Eligibility:

- Applications must come from principal investigators (PIs), both from research institutions located in France and Canada.
- The FCRF endorses **new research collaboration** between PIs who have never obtained a research joint funding prior this application. Exceptions may be granted for researchers who previously collaborated during their PhD or during a post-doctoral contract.
- PIs must meet all the following criteria:
 - o Must hold a tenure or a tenure track position;
 - o FRANCE: Be affiliated with higher education institutions or public research organizations;
 - o CANADA: Affiliated to one of the 23 Canadian universities who are members of the FCRF consortium, including USask.

Funding amount: CAD 8,000-15,000

Duration: 2 years

Application process:

Step 1: The application form must be submitted electronically to the USask International Office at international.office@usask.ca before **14 November 2025 at 11:59 pm (PST)** for the pre-selection. USask can pre-select up to 5 applications.

Step 2: If your application is pre-selected at USask, it will be submitted to the French Embassy in Canada before 19 December 2025.

There are **complimentary funding opportunities** for master's and doctoral students for the FCRF projects selected for the 2025 Call for Proposals

- French Ministry of Higher Education and Research Doctoral Contracts
- L'Oréal Canada – FCRF Awards
- Mitacs Globalink Research Award (GRA)

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

CAPES-Global program – Opportunities to Collaborate with Brazilian Partners

CAPES-Global is CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior)'s new program to support internationalization of higher education institutions (HEIs) in Brazil. The call was published on 11 July 2025 ([Edital do Programa CAPES Global. Edu é publicado — CAPES](#)), with an aim to build on lessons learned from previous programs and reduce regional asymmetries. The program's objective is to form networks of collaboration between Brazilian institutions (in which there will be one "coordinating institution" and 3 to 5 "associated institutions") and international HEIs. Program will foster the creation of cooperation networks among national institutions, at different stages of internationalization, with the objective of promoting, through international collaboration, the development of strategic research and graduate education activities among participating institutions. Below are some program parameters:

- From the Brazilian side, networks will be formed by groups of 4 to 6 institutions with graduate-level programs (Please note that not all Brazilian HEIs will be eligible due to this criterion. Federal Institutes with graduate-level programs would be eligible).
- HEIs must be of different sizes, different regions in Brazil and different levels of internationalization.
- Interaction with non-academic sectors (civil society, sub-national governments): stimulate collaboration with society organisations, to enhance HEIs relevance within their contexts. This objective

encompasses actions focused on teaching, research, outreach, innovation, leadership, entrepreneurship, creative economy, sustainability, and social and environmental awareness.

- Thematic networks – each network must define strategic themes based on the expertise of its coordinating and associated institutions. **Themes for collaboration must be aligned with UN's SDG and/or Brazil's national priorities** (including the National Strategy for STI, Brazil's AI plan, the New Industry Brazil Plan, the National Bioeconomy Strategy, etc).
- Selected themes will guide the development of internationalization activities and collaborative projects.
- This will be a **5-year program and CAPES will fund BRL 350 million per year for the next 4 years**. Funding will be available for scholarships, missions and maintenance of international cooperation projects.
- There is not a pre-determined number of networks that will be funded – MEC informed they will fund networks until they reach the “budget ceiling”. However, it is very possible that up to 20 universities are selected as coordinators of the networks, meaning around 100 local universities may benefit from this program.
- Mid-term evaluation in the 2nd year and final evaluation, with annual monitoring.
- Networks are expected to be **implemented in 2026**.
- **Canadian universities are invited to connect with their partners to explore opportunities to participate in these networks**. International HEIs can participate in multiple networks.

Next steps:

- Brazilian universities are required to present their projects, naming the local institutions that will form their networks, by October 30th, 2025. They are also required to inform, when submitting the project, with which international institutions they will collaborate under the program.
- Each network will define strategic themes aligned with Brazil's national priorities and/or the SDGs.
- Brazilian institutions will seek international partners whose expertise align with the selected strategic themes, strengthening collaboration through mutual exchange. MoUs between Brazilian and international universities should be in place by the time cooperation begins (early 2026).
- Proposals will undergo an evaluation process based on technical and merit criteria. Approved networks will receive funding for a period of up to five years, with funding disbursements concentrated in the first four years.
- The implementation phase will begin in 2026 (likely March), with research projects, mobility activities and international cooperation initiatives formally starting.

How international institutions can participate:

- International institutions from all over the world are welcome to participate.
- Networks are encouraged to build or consolidate partnerships with foreign institutions with **expertise in the themes selected by the networks**.
- Funded activities include: **International missions** to establish or implement agreements; **Conference participation**; **Scholarships abroad** (sandwich PhDs, visiting scholars - junior and senior - and short-term training); **Scholarships in Brazil** (for hosting international researchers - visiting professors, postdocs, young talents); **Short-duration professional development** (15 days up to 3 months).
- Agreements will be established between Brazilian and international institutions to define roles, activities and collaboration commitments.
- Partnerships should be balanced, ensuring that **both parties share the benefits** equally.
- Foreign institution must commit to offering **fee waivers for academic internships** for Brazilian students and researchers, as Brazil does.
- The institution should demonstrate a **commitment to inclusion and diversity**, promoting equal opportunities while considering the different needs and perspectives of participants.

More detailed information can be found at:

Official website: ProgramaCAPES-Global.Edu — CAPES

Official email: capesglobal.edu@capes.gov.br

Public call announcement: [Edital do Programa CAPES Global.Edu é publicado — CAPES](#)

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's Canada-Asia Joint Research Grants

The **Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada's Canada-Asia Joint Research Grants program** aims to energize research partnerships between Canada and the Indo-Pacific region and supports collaborative, policy-relevant research between Canadian and Indo-Pacific institutions. The purpose of this initiative is to build a greater understanding of specific policy issues and/or policy contexts in the Indo-Pacific region and generate actionable, policy-relevant insights on Canada's engagement with the region.

The thematic areas for this call for applications include space, energy security, regional security, supply chain resilience, critical minerals, and emerging technologies (including digital governance and artificial intelligence).

Eligibility:

- Proposals must be **jointly developed** by at least one Canada-based institution and at least one institution based in the Indo-Pacific.
- The Canadian partner must serve as the lead applicant and grant holder.

Funding amount: up to C\$50,000

Duration: Decision notifications will be announced on October 20, 2025. Funds must be expended by March 31, 2026

Internal deadline: 22 September 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#): ten business days prior to the external deadline)

External deadline: 06 October 2025

Training opportunity: Results-Based Management 201

The Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC), Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, and Alberta Council for Global Cooperation in partnership with the Spur Change Program, offer nonprofits, charities, social enterprises, and other SMOs training on Results-Based Management (RBM), a widely used framework for project design and management, particularly in international development programs.

This training is a practical hands-on experience for participants to strengthen their capacities in RBM. This training presents an intersectional approach, taking into consideration gender equality and SDGs themes. The training relies on group work and collectively practicing different RBM tools (theory of change, situational analysis, logic model, PMF, etc.) through a case study.

Training Details

- 3-day in person training.
- 9am to 5pm on 4-6 November 2025 (lunch will be provided).
- Address: [Creative Manitoba](#): 245 McDermot Ave Suite 300 (4th floor), Winnipeg, MB

How to register

This training is free of charge. There is a maximum of 25 spots available for this training with a maximum of three participants from the same organization able to register. If you are interested in attending, please notify USask International Office (IO) at international.office@usask.ca no later than **4:30 pm on 30 September 2025 (SK time)**. As USask's institutional contact point to the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, the IO facilitates the coordination of institutional quotas, primarily on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please note that to ensure everyone can participate in the group work, RBM 101 Practicing Results-Based Management is a prerequisite to attend. Your spot is not confirmed until you have submitted your RBM 101

certificate by October 24th. Here is the link to complete the approximately 3 hour self-paced online training: <https://spurchangeresource.ca/en/training/rbm101/>

For more information about this training opportunity, please visit this [link](#).

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