

Office of the Vice-President Research



Research Funding and Support

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Learn more about RASI services [online](#).

USask Workshops and Support Services

Research Data Management Training for USask Faculty, Students, and Research Staff Canvas Course

Introducing the [Research Data Management Training for USask Faculty, Students, and Research Staff Canvas Course!](#)

In anticipation of the [Tri-agency Research Data Management \(RDM\) Policy](#)'s DMP requirement launching in Fall 2026, this self-guided course is designed to help faculty, students, and research staff learn about RDM, data sharing, and data management plans (DMPs). After completing this course, participants will be able to incorporate RDM practices into their prospective and/or existing research projects and comply with this policy.

What can you expect from taking this course?

This course includes training videos, activities, quizzes, sample data management plans, and resources to help you learn about and apply RDM good practices in your own research context.

Included in the course are active community discussion sections where participants can ask questions and receive responses from USask's Research Data Management Librarian; share their data workflows; and submit their data management plans. Participants can also view workflows and data management plans created by the Research Data Management Librarian as part of their own research projects. Our aim is to help you learn about RDM at your own pace but also alongside your fellow USask colleagues.

If you or your research term is interested in taking this course and accessing its resources, enroll here: <https://canvas.usask.ca/enroll/KBH9TX>

Healthy People, Healthy Animals: VIDO Scientific Symposium

VIDO is hosting a 2-day scientific symposium on 23-24 September!

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of scientific excellence at VIDO's [Healthy People Healthy Animals Scientific Summit](#)—a two-day event bringing together the brightest minds in infectious disease research. This summit will feature leading experts in **virology, bacteriology, immunology, vaccine formulation and delivery, and both animal and non-animal models**. Through engaging presentations and discussions, we will showcase groundbreaking research from global thought leaders while also highlighting VIDO's contributions to advancing health for people and animals. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, collaborate, and shape the future of infectious disease preparedness.

Date: 23-24 September 2024

Location: 120 Veterinary Rd, Saskatoon

[Register](#)

NSERC Discovery Grant and Research Tools & Instruments Grant Oct/Nov Application: Internal Review/Intention to Apply

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

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

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

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

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

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

Give a Breath Research Grant: Now Accepting Applications

The [Give a Breath Research Award](#) is designed to address critical gaps in the understanding and treatment of advanced lung cancer, specifically focusing on post-first-line therapy options. Funded through the incredible support of the Give a Breath 5K, Canada's premier fundraising event for lung cancer awareness, this award reflects a commitment to advancing research that has a direct and meaningful impact on patients and their families.

The Give a Breath Research Award is **now accepting applications** through 30 September 2025, with two awards available of \$25,000 each. Funding will be provided to support the direct costs of a defined research program, including supplies, expenses, wages and equipment associated with the proposed work. While wages may form part of the expenses, this grant is not intended as a fellowship. Indirect costs are not eligible expenses.

Objectives:

The research focus of applications should revolve around advancements for patients with **advanced or metastatic (i.e., stage III or IV) lung cancer**; specifically, initiatives that apply to those beyond first-line therapy. Applications are encouraged from, but not limited to, the areas of biomedical, clinical, health services, social, and population health research. Proposals with direct practical relevance to Canadians with lung cancer will be prioritized.

Please note that this research funding opportunity is intended to support projects with demonstrated financial need. Funding will be allocated based on the level of need demonstrated by applicants, as determined by the adjudication committee. We prioritize equitable distribution of resources and encourage applicants to be transparent in their submissions regarding their financial need.

Funds available: up to two grants of \$25,000 each

Application deadline: 30 September 2025, 11:59 PM PST ([RASI internal deadline](#): 23 September 2025)

If you have any questions, please contact Winky Yau at winky@lungcancercanada.ca

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 10 June 2025 [SHRF Matters Newsletter](#):

- [2025-26 Solutions Program – Innovation & Impact Grants](#)
- [2025-26 Align Grant Call #2](#)
- [2025-26 Mobilize Grant Call #1](#)
- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action *Updated*](#)
- [CIHR 2025-26 Health System Impact Fellowship](#)

- [Alzheimer Canada 2025 Alzheimer Society Research Program](#)

Deadlines at a glance:

- [Alzheimer Canada Proof of Concept Grant](#) - LOI Deadline 21 July 2025
- [Align Grant](#) - Deadline 23 July 2025
- [Mobilize Grant: Open Call](#) - Deadline 09 July 2025
- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action](#) - Continuous Intake
- [CIHR HSI Fellowship](#) - Deadline 03 July 2025
- [Solutions Program](#) - Eligibility Deadline 18 September 2025

Alzheimer Canada 2025-26 Proof of Concept Letter of Intent

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

The full program launch and applications are not expected to be available until September 2025, but applicants interested in the Proof of Concept Grant opportunity must submit a Letter of Intent for pre-screening by **21 July 2025**. ***Please note only those who have completed a Proof of Concept Letter of Intent (LOI) and have been invited to complete a full Proof of Concept application, will be eligible to submit a Proof of Concept Grant application to the ASRP competition in September.***

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.

Funding amount: up to \$100,00 for up to 3 years

LOI deadline: 21 July 2025, 5:00 PM ET

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

SHRF 2025-26 Align Grant Deadline - 23 July 2025

The [SHRF Align Grant](#) aims to enable a diverse and connected research community in Saskatchewan that is well-positioned to receive peer-reviewed funding and conduct impactful health research aligned with Saskatchewan stakeholder needs.

Stakeholders include communities, people with lived experience, families, caregivers, decision makers, health practitioners, health care administrators, educators, policy makers, patient groups, community-based organizations, industry, health charities, etc.

This opportunity is open to applications in any area of human health.

Applications to this funding opportunity must address the following objectives:

1. Increase research relevance, coordination, and potential for impact by:
 - a. Enabling development and engagement of robust interdisciplinary research teams, including stakeholders outside academia; AND/OR
 - b. Providing funding to complete activities that shape research to align with the Saskatchewan context and respond to Saskatchewan stakeholder needs.
2. Increase quality and success of Saskatchewan applications to peer-reviewed research funding competitions at the regional (e.g.; western Canadian- minimum two provinces), national and international level, as well as to SHRF.

3. Support the development of Saskatchewan research and health professional trainees through opportunities to gain experience in collaborative team building and engagement outside academia, co-development of research questions and approaches, and other research and professional skills related to proposed activities.

Funding amount: up to \$10,000 for 1 year

Application Deadline: 23 July 2025, 4:30 PM CST ([RASI internal deadline: 16 July 2025](#))

Information Webinar: [Watch here](#)

Program Contact: Chelsea Cunningham (ccunningham@shrf.ca)

SHRF 2025-26 Mobilize Grant Deadline - 09 July 2025

The **SHRF Mobilize Grant** supports knowledge mobilization activities used to bring awareness to research and findings in a way that can be used in practice, for **any area of health research**.

This includes but is not limited to:

- knowledge synthesis (ie. compiling and interpreting information from multiple sources),
- dissemination (ie. distributing information to others),
- transfer (ie. sharing skills experience and ideas),
- exchange (ie. consulting and collaborating learning environments), and
- co-creation (ie. collaborating with other stakeholders to guide the design process).

Knowledge mobilization should encourage exchanges between researchers and knowledge-users (any individual who could receive and use new knowledge to implement improvements in health at any level).

Mobilize Grants can be held by **Principal Applicants at non-profit organizations as well as researchers** at post-secondary institutions that have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SHRF, provided the Principal Applicant holds a position that supports them to carry out activities that promote evidence-based health knowledge and practices on behalf of their organization for public benefit. See the [Application Package](#) for further eligibility details.

The Mobilize Grant **does not support academic knowledge sharing activities**. For SHRF sponsorship of health research academic events (e.g. conferences, poster days, etc.), please see <https://www.shrf.ca/sponsorship> to submit a request. Questions about event sponsorships should be directed to info@shrf.ca

Funding amount: Up to \$10,000 for 1 year

Application Deadline: 09 July 2025, 4:30 PM CST ([RASI internal deadline: 02 July 2025](#))

Information Webinar: [Watch the webinar](#)

Program Contact: Chelsea Cunningham (ccunningham@shrf.ca)

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Insight Grants: October 2025 Competition

Insight Grants support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities. Funding is available to both emerging scholars and established scholars for research initiatives of two to five years. Insight Grants are expected to respond to the objectives of the [emerging scholars](#) and [established scholars](#) for research initiatives of two to five years. Insight Grant research initiatives can be undertaken by an individual researcher or a team of researchers working in collaboration.

Applicants choose from one of two streams, depending on the amount of funding required. Both streams will be adjudicated by the same committees, and will receive the same rigorous level of [merit review](#). The deadlines and application process are identical for both; however, the targeted success rate for Stream A is higher than for Stream B. Insight Grants are valued at up to \$500,000 over two to five years. A minimum request of \$10,000 is required in at least one of the years. A maximum of \$125,000 is available in a single year.

Funding amount:

- Stream A for requests between \$10,000 to \$125,000; or
- Stream B for requests between \$125,001 to \$500,000.

Application deadline: 01 October 2025, 8 PM Eastern ([RASI internal deadline](#): 24 September 2025)

SSHRC will be holding two webinars regarding the above-mentioned competitions via MS Teams. They will outline what is new this year and will include a question period. **Registration is required for these webinars.**

French Webinar:

21 August 2025, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Register](#)

English Webinar:

21 August 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

[Register](#)

For any questions about this funding opportunity, please contact: insightgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

For technical questions, contact SSHRC's helpdesk at:

- **Toll free:** 1-855-275-2861, option 5
- **Email:** webgrants@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca

Knowledge Synthesis Grants: The Arts Transformed

This [Knowledge Synthesis Grants](#) competition is to mobilize, examine and synthesize social sciences and humanities research on The Arts Transformed. The resulting syntheses will identify roles the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors could play in promoting more inclusive and equitable societies, and could inform development of effective tools and technologies, robust policies and sustainable practices needed to support the path toward a diverse and inclusive future for all.

Funding amount: \$30,000 for one year

Application deadline: 02 December 2025, 8 PM Eastern ([RASI internal deadline](#): 25 November 2025)

Aid to Scholarly Journals

[Aid to Scholarly Journals grants](#) support Canadian scholarly dissemination by offering a contribution to enable journals to explore innovative activities as well as to help them to defray the costs associated with publishing scholarly articles, digital publishing and journal distribution on Canadian not-for-profit platforms. Aid to Scholarly Journals grants are valued at up to \$42,400 per year over three years for emerging journals and up to \$52,000 per year over three years for established journals.

Aid to Scholarly Journals grants are meant to:

- enable the dissemination, discoverability and mobilization of original research results in the social sciences and humanities through Canadian scholarly journals;
- increase research capacity by facilitating knowledge sharing and the development of scholarly communities, particularly in areas relevant to Canada;

- assist journals in taking advantage of developments in digital technologies and innovative practices;
- promote best practices in open access scholarly publishing; and
- encourage the transition to immediate open access publishing.

Funding amount: between \$42,000 and \$52,000 per year over three years

Application deadline: 10 September 2025, 8 PM Eastern ([RASI internal deadline](#): 03 September 2025)

Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research Connection Grants

The [Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research \(ICLR\) Connection Grants](#) will contribute to Indigenous leadership and self-determination in research. The events and activities funded represent opportunities to engage and exchange knowledge on successful ways of conducting Indigenous research that are transformative and contribute to Indigenous-led research, including holistic and [distinctions-based](#) approaches.

This funding opportunity aligns with the tri-agency [Setting New Directions to Support Indigenous Research and Research Training in Canada strategic plan](#) and Indigenous communities' aspirations to provide support for transformative research and training that contributes to innovation and reconciliation.

Funding amount: Up to \$50,000 for 1 Year

Application Deadline: 23 September 2025 ([RASI internal deadline](#): 16 September 2025)

Information Webinar:

- English
Wednesday, 25 June 2025, 1 to 3 PM
[Join Webinar](#)
- French
Thursday, 26 June 2025, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
[Join Webinar](#)

Indigenous Science and the Impacts of Plastic Pollution

To help reduce plastic waste and pollution and progress towards a circular economy for plastics, [Environment and Climate Change Canada](#) (ECCC) is partnering with the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council](#) (SSHRC) on this joint initiative, [Indigenous Science and the Impacts of Plastic Pollution](#). The funding opportunity provides research funding support through [Research Partnerships grants](#) to address knowledge gaps about the potential impacts of plastic pollution on Indigenous communities through the various stages of the plastic lifecycle, focusing on social, cultural and economic impacts.

Applications should demonstrate that the research project prioritizes Indigenous communities by indicating that it:

- has been designed through consultation
- has been co-developed or initiated by Indigenous communities and responding to their needs
- is designed to bridge, braid, and weave Indigenous science and knowledge in the project; and/or will be led or co-led by Indigenous researchers and organizations

Research findings will help inform evidence-based decision-making when developing future actions on plastics.

Funding amount: Up to \$237,500 annually for up to 2 years

Application deadline: 16 October 2025 ([RASI internal deadline](#): 09 October 2025)

International Opportunities and Updates

Town Hall - Unlocking Horizon Europe 2025: New Calls, Expert Tips, and Evaluator Insights

Date: June 23, 2025

Time: 1:00–2:30 PM (in-person only)

Location: ESB 44

Register: Please register through this [link](#) before 22 June 2025.

Discover funding opportunities through Horizon Europe — the EU’s €95.5B research and innovation program. Whether you're new to Horizon Europe or looking to deepen your engagement, join the International Office and USask faculty members for an in-person Town Hall to build research projects for Horizon Europe.

This session goes beyond the basics. **What’s new this time?**

- **Fresh insights into the newly released 2025 Horizon Europe calls**—be among the first to explore the latest opportunities.
- **Evaluator perspectives**—new to our Horizon Europe events, these insights reveal what truly makes proposals stand out.
- **Advanced guidance on building strong consortia, crafting competitive proposals, and navigating financial and administrative requirements**—ideal for those ready to take the next step.

You’ll also hear reflections from a USask faculty member and the Director of the International Office who attended a recent Horizon Europe French Study Tour, learn tips shared by evaluators, hear about USask’s growing European partnerships and get a live demo of our new Horizon Europe Canvas course. The session will have interactive discussions to connect with peers and share ideas.

Whether you’re new to Horizon Europe or already planning your next proposal, this session will equip you with practical tools, insider knowledge, and strategic insights to pursue high-impact international research.

How to become an expert for Horizon Europe Info Day – 19 June 2025

Join The European Commission’s info day and discover [how you can become an expert for Horizon Europe](#). Learn about the programme, the roles experts play, and the diverse expertise sought across different areas. Gain insights into how to become an expert and use your unique skills to evaluate and monitor Horizon Europe proposals and projects.

Time: 19 June 2025 at 09:30 - 12:30 CEST (Brussels time)

The YouTube live stream will be available. Recording will be available on YouTube after the event.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

USask People Around the World Congress – Registration Open!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn more and register [here](#).

Indo-Pacific Scholarships and Fellowships for Canadians

The **IPSCF** will provide support to eligible Canadian post-secondary academic institutions, university consortia and research organizations to award scholarships and research fellowships to graduate students, academics and researchers at their institutions to study or undertake research in the Indo-Pacific Region.

The IPSCF program will:

- Enhance the study and research capacity of Canadians in areas related to the Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Increase connectivity between Canadian and Indo-Pacific institutions dedicated to research and education
- Support new research streams and academic pursuits in Canada on the Indo-Pacific region.

Study or research must be in line with the Strategic Objectives of Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy, including topics such as:

- Regional diplomacy
- Regional political change
- National and regional security
- Trade and economic cooperation
- Technological innovation
- Sustainable development
- Climate change
- Natural (including marine) resources management.
- Applied scientific cooperation.

We encourage interested applicants to explore further information available on the [Call webpage](#).

Since each organization may submit only one (1) proposal, 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](#) and can be submitted to international.office@usask.ca on or before **4:30 PM CST on 02 July 2025**.

International Travel Grants: Internal Call for Proposals

As part of the [University of Saskatchewan International Blueprint for Action 2025](#), the International Office is thrilled to announce the 2025-26 International Travel Grants: Internal Call for Proposals. Each year, through the International Blueprint, USask invests funding to engage, advance and scale international initiatives with partners around the world.

International Travel Grants

Application deadline: 30 June 2025

- **Global Ambassador Program (Incoming)** – supports incoming international experts and faculty to the USask aligned with USask's existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to \$5,000

- **Global Ambassador Program (Outgoing)** – supports faculty and staff to travel to international universities and/or facilities aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to \$5,000
- **Internationalization Fund** – supports faculty and staff to increase the ability and confidence to initiate, build and support international and intercultural engagement and activities - valued up to \$2,500
- **International Travel Fund** – supports faculty and staff to participate in international partnership and capacity building toward the university’s collective global citizenship and international community service engagement – valued up to \$2,500

The Call for Proposals regarding specific targets, eligibilities, selection criteria, and application forms is available on the International Office [Internal Funding page](#).

Please connect with the International Research team at international.office@usask.ca with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.



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