

Office of the Vice-President Research



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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, 04 March 2025 (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.

Internal Research Programs

Call for Nominations: New and Distinguished Researcher Award

The Office of the Vice-President Research is inviting nominations for faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in their research, scholarly or artistic work. This is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of University of Saskatchewan faculty members.

The **Distinguished Researcher Award** applies to eligible candidates that received their Ph.D or terminal degree 10 or more years ago whereas the **New Researcher Award** applies to eligible candidates who are within 10 years of receiving their Ph.D or terminal degree.

Distinguished Researcher Award: [Nomination Process and Selection Criteria](#)

New Researcher Award: [Nomination Process and Selection Criteria](#)

Nomination Deadline: 05 March 2025

Please submit your completed nomination package and direct any questions to Candace Leuschen at Candace.leuschen@usask.ca

Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) – USask Launch

The [Canada Excellence Research Chairs](#) (CERC) program is designed to attract researchers and scholars of the very highest caliber to Canadian universities. This program is responsible for contributing to Canada’s global competitiveness and wellbeing as well as support Canadian institutions in the attainment of highly competitive global research talent.

These are highly competitive chairs. RASI has created a CERC snapshot to provide an overview of previous competition results and profile successful award holders. This snapshot can be viewed [here](#).

March 2026 CERC Competition

We have been provided with the following details:

- Chairs will be valued at either:
 - \$500K/year for 8 years (\$4M)
 - \$1M/year for 8 years (\$8M)

Note: The USask institutional application limit is \$1M/year (\$8M total) for the 2026 competition.

- Nominations must align with the federal Science, Technology and Innovation Priorities. These remain unchanged from the 2022 competition. Those can be viewed [here](#).

USask 2026 CERC process and timelines

To support the successful recruitment of a candidate, RASI has developed a multi-stage process.

Stage 1	3 March 2025	Expression of Interest (EOI) deadline
Stage 2	12 May 2025	Theme Area and Nominee Submissions deadline
	27 May 2025	Applicants notified
Stage 3	June 2025	RASI launch meeting(s)
	January 2026	TIPS CERC registration deadline
	March 2026	CERC submission deadline

Stage 1: EOI Submission

Once submitted, RASI will provide one-on-one support to explore the strength of the proposed research area and the feasibility of recruiting a nominee with world-leading expertise. These activities will contribute to the development of a Theme Area and Nomination Submission.

Stage 2: Theme Area and Nomination Submission

The Strategic Advisory Committee will provide recommendations by ranking Theme Area and Nominee submissions based on:

- Available USask quota
- Quality of Theme Area and Nomination Submission
- Feasibility of nominee recruitment in the theme area

Stage 3: CERC Submission

RASI will work with those sponsoring the successful submission(s) to develop and implement a tailored process to submission.

If you are interested in submitting an EOI, please use this [form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca.

Call for Projects - Federal Systems and International Trade

Researchers and research organizations (as defined in the program framework) have **until 5 p.m. on 21 February 2025** to submit projects on the theme of Federal systems and international trade.

The global context of international trade is affected by several changes: supply chain breakdown, rising protectionism, climate change, etc, with significant real and potential impacts on trade, the economy and public policy. Federal systems like Canada are responding at all levels to these changes, whether through the implementation of public policies, through public investments or through public diplomacy and other stakeholder-driven initiatives.

This call for thematic projects aims to financially support research projects that focus on:

- the response of federal regimes to changes in international trade;
- the consequences of these changes on the functioning of federalism and intergovernmental relations.

Projects may focus only on the Canadian federal system. They can also consist of a comparative study, provided that the Canadian federal system is included.

All applications must meet the conditions of the Research Support Program. Projects may be planned over one or two fiscal years.

To apply, see the [webpage for the Program](#), which includes links to the forms that must be completed for projects.

For any questions or information, do not hesitate to contact us at the following address:
programme.recherche@mce.gouv.qc.ca.

NSERC CREATE - Call for Applications, Institutional Quota, and Internal Selection Process

The NSERC CREATE program supports innovative training programs that foster professional skills and improve job readiness for graduate students who are preparing for careers in industry, government, non-governmental organizations, or the academy. Full details about the CREATE program are available [here](#).

NSERC has made significant changes to the CREATE application process. These changes are as follows:

- At the letter of intent (LOI) stage, all applicants are required to submit Form 187, which includes a 3-page description of the training program as well as a 3-page description outlining the excellence of the CREATE team
- The LOI stage will be competitive **only** if the number of LOIs led by USask researchers exceeds our institutional quota.
 - USask can submit an unlimited number of LOIs, but our quota for the CREATE competition is **two**. If more than two CREATE LOIs are submitted from USask, all USask LOIs will be evaluated by NSERC, and only two will be selected to proceed to full proposal.

To be considered for submission of an LOI to NSERC, applicants are required to submit a complete Form 187 (including a Form 100 for the PI) by **14 April 2025**. A panel of CREATE recipients and NSERC scholars will select proposals that will go forward as part of the university's quota. Participation in this process is mandatory to be considered within USask's quota.

In addition to the usual CREATE stream, NSERC has also issued a **special call for this year's competition for applications focused on genomics**. Up to four CREATEs nationally will be funded in this area, and genomics-focused applications will not be included within the university's quota. Applicants applying within this area will still be required to submit LOIs for the April 14 internal deadline.

RASI is happy to support the development of strong LOIs for the internal selection process. If you are interested in discussing your idea for a training program, thinking through the ideal team to deliver on the program's aims, or would like advice and support from RASI's program experts, please reach out to rasupport@usask.ca.

NSERC LOI deadline: 01 May 2025

Mandatory internal deadline: 14 April 2025

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

Mitacs Accelerate proposals in Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicines

Mitacs has partnered with the Stem Cell Network on the fourth annual call for Accelerate proposals in Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicines.

Brief notes:

1. Up to 5 awards (2IU each) awarded in this call
2. Open to Masters, PhD, PDFs, and recent graduates
3. Best part – Interested Partners have already submitted projects for students to bid on (the full list of project descriptions are on the website below), and Stem Cell Network will be doing the matchmaking!

Participating companies:

- i. Mediphage Bioceuticals
- ii. Octane Orthobiologics
- iii. Axolotl Biosciences
- iv. Telescope Therapeutics
- v. Epiloid Biotechnology
- vi. Virano Therapeutics
- vii. Feldan Therapeutics
- viii. Mesintel Therapeutics

Two Stage process:

Expression of Interest due: 28 February 2025 (Matchmaking occurs in March). Those invited to Stage 2 (Full Mitacs Proposal) will be notified in May.

Full proposals due: 09 June 2025

Internal UnivRS Deadline: 5 working days before the external deadline

SCN-Mitacs page: [SCN-Mitacs Internship Partnership : Stem Cell Network](#)

French SCN-Mitacs page: [Partenariat RCS/Mitacs : Réseau de cellules souches \(stemcellnetwork.ca\)](#)

Interested applicants can contact [Zsuzsa Papp](#).

SHRF 2025-26 Align Grant Now Accepting Applications

The 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 Details

Amount: up to \$10,000

Values requested must be reflective of a justified and fiscally responsible budget and in balance with the expected deliverables and outcomes of the proposed activities.

Term: 1 year

Funding is eligible for no-cost extensions.

Application Deadline: 27 March 2025 – 4:30 p.m. CST

Funding Start: 01 May 2025

Information Webinar: 19 February 2025 - 12pm CST on Zoom

[Register for the webinar here >](#)

Find full details here: <https://www.shrf.ca/align>

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

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 12 February 2025 **SHRF Matters Newsletter:**

- [2024-25 Align Call 3 Results](#)
- [PEARL - Patient Engagement and Research Link](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [Mobilize Grant: Truth & Action - Continuous Deadline](#)

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

Dialogue: eNewsletter of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Please see below for highlights from the February 2025 issue of [Dialogue](#):

- [From lab to market: How the Government of Canada is supporting entrepreneurship networks](#)
- [First look: Mapping Canadian institutional research data management strategies](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [Research on Research Joint Initiative - 20 February 2025](#)
- [Partnership Engage Grants – 15 March 2025](#)
- [CERC 2026 – 18 March 2026](#)
- [SSHRC Impact Awards - 01 April 2025](#)
- [Destination Horizon Grants - 22 May 2025](#)

International Opportunities and Updates

2024-2025 USask Internationalization Awards

A. J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award for Faculty

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award to recognize the achievements of a USask faculty member who provides outstanding contributions to the internationalization of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask faculty for a J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions.

Visit here for details. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 31 March 2025 by 4 pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

B. Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the Global Research Leadership Award to recognize exceptional contributions of a USask faculty member toward strengthening the global profile of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask faculty for a Global Research Leadership Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit here for details. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 31 March 2025 by 4 pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

C. International Engagement Service Award for Staff

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the International Engagement Service Award for Staff to recognize the achievements of a USask administrative staff member who provides outstanding contributions to the internationalization of the University of Saskatchewan. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask staff for an International Engagement Service Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit here for details. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 31 March 2025 by 4 pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

D. Global Research Leadership Award for Students

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the Global Research Leadership Award to recognize exceptional contributions of a USask student or student-led team who provides outstanding global research leadership. Nominate our amazing and deserving USask students for a Global Research Leadership Award. Nomination forms and two supporting letters must be included with submissions. Visit here for details. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Nomination deadline: 31 March 2025 by 4 pm CST/SK time

Value: \$1500

Go [here](#) for more information about these awards.

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 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: 21 February 2025

The Spencer Foundation: Racial Equity Research Grants

The **Racial Equity Research Grants program** supports education research projects that will contribute to understanding and disrupting racial inequality in education and work to reimagine generative possibilities to advance educational equity, with budgets up to \$75,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. While the field of education has long focused on issues of rising inequality across the globe, we now find ourselves in a time of increased urgency given the current intersections of the COVID-19 public health crisis, rapid shifts in educational systems, economic challenges, and growing civil resistance to systemic racism, Indigenous erasure, and anti-Blackness. There is perhaps no issue of greater importance right now than racial inequality across all systems and structures. The foundation believes that educational research can play an important role in developing new forms of education that are humane, equitable, and just. As such, there is a pressing need for robust approaches to scholarship that can contribute consequentially to achieving equity in education. They

encourage a wide range of methodological approaches to creatively and ambitiously engage in advancing racial equity.

Funding Amount: up to USD \$75,000

Application opens: March 2025

Intent to Apply Form Deadline: May 2025

Internal Deadline: Ten business prior to the external deadline

External Full Proposal Deadline: June 2025

The Spencer Foundation: Research Grants on Education: Small

The [Small Research Grants on Education Program](#) supports education research projects that will contribute to the improvement of education, broadly conceived, with budgets up to \$50,000 for projects ranging from one to five years. We accept applications three times per year.

This program is “field-initiated” in that proposal submissions are not in response to a specific request for a particular research topic, discipline, design, method, or location. The goal for this program is to support rigorous, intellectually ambitious and technically sound research that is relevant to the most pressing questions and compelling opportunities in education.

Funding Amount: up to USD \$50,000

Application opens: Mid-February, 2025

Internal Deadline: Ten business prior to the external deadline

External Deadline: Mid-April, 2025

Ethereum Foundation ESP: Academic Grants Round

The Ethereum Foundation is sponsoring the [2025 Academic Grants Round](#), a pioneering initiative aimed at empowering and expanding the frontiers of Ethereum-related academic research. Building on the success of the previous two rounds in 2023 and 2024, this year, we welcome proposals across a wide range of disciplines, including Economics & Game Theory, Theoretical and Applied Cryptography, Consensus and Protocol Design, Networking & P2P, Client Engineering, Security, Formal Verification, and the Humanities. Through this effort, we aim to empower researchers to explore new frontiers and deliver impactful work that propels Ethereum forward.

They are seeking proposals that not only align with their [Academic Grants Round 2025 Wishlist](#) but also introduce fresh perspectives and innovative approaches. They encourage researchers to take inspiration from the wishlist while thinking creatively about how their work can make meaningful contributions to the Ethereum ecosystem.

Funding Amount: \$1.5 Million in total, which is to be distributed among selected projects

Internal Deadline: 02 March 2025

External Deadline: 16 March 2025

FMSH: DEA Programme

Created in 1975 through the initiative of Fernand Braudel, Directorate of Higher Education and Research, [The Associate Directors of Studies \(DEA\) program](#) is the oldest international mobility program of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme. It will make it possible to invite foreign scientists from all continents for a period of four to six weeks in order to support their work in the field of social sciences and humanities in France, as well as the creation of international research networks and contacts with local researchers. **Mobilities to all research centers in France are eligible.**

This programme supports up to 60 projects per year; its selection rate is approximately 30%. For this year, the programme will support 40 projects. The selection committee is especially attentive to applications from countries where funding for SHS is reduced and to researchers for whom a stay in France represents an important opportunity to establish scientific collaborations.

Financial details

A monthly allowance of **€3 400** is awarded for transport and living expenses. In addition, FMSH provides support for visa applications and logistics (accommodation and access to libraries).

Eligibility Criteria

- The program is intended exclusively for holders of university professorships or equivalent positions in higher education and research institutions.
- Candidates must be under 65 years of age at the time of their stay.
- Priority is given to projects requiring fieldwork (surveys, work in libraries or archives, etc.) in France.
- Any application for the exclusive purpose of writing an article or a book will not be considered.

Funding Amount: €3 400

Internal Deadline: 07 March 2025

External Deadline: 21 March 2025

EURAXESS Norway: Call for International Partnerships for Excellent Education, Research, and Innovation (INTPART)

The Research Council of Norway (NFR) and the Directorate for Higher Education and Skills have announced a new call in [the INTPART program](#), with Canada and the United States listed among the potential partner countries along with Brazil, China, India, Japan, South Africa, and South Korea.

The aim of INTPART is to develop lasting international partnerships that increase the quality of higher education and research in Norway, to have good links between higher education and research within the framework of the partnerships and collaboration with the labour and business sector to increase quality and relevance within the framework of the partnerships, where relevant. [More information](#)

The call is thematically open, and the call primarily covers international collaboration activities. Examples of what can be funded is available in the [call text](#).

Please note: Norwegian partners are required for the team to be eligible to apply. Only approved Norwegian research organizations are eligible to apply. See the list of [approved research organizations](#).

Deadline: 30 April 2025, and projects shall have 48 months duration and have up to 5 million NOK in budget (convert to your local currency [here](#)).

Project Duration: 48 months

Funding Amount: up to 5 million NOK

Internal Deadline: 16 April 2025

External Deadline: 30 April 2025

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives

The [Canada Fund for Local Initiatives \(CFLI\)](#) provides modest funding for small-scale, high-impact projects in more than 120 countries eligible for official development assistance (ODA). The CFLI has an annual

programming budget of \$26.8 million, with projects averaging \$31,000 each. Projects are planned and implemented mainly by local organizations, and are selected and approved by the relevant Canadian Embassy or High Commission.

CFLI projects focus on issues such as:

- Inclusive governance, including diversity, democracy, human rights, 2SLGBTQI+ rights and the rule of law.
- Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.
- Peace & security, with a focus on conflict prevention and building peace.
- Growth that works for everyone, including women's economic rights, decent jobs and entrepreneurship, investing in the poorest and most vulnerable, and safeguarding economic gains.
- Environment & climate action, focusing on adaptation and mitigation, as well as on water management.
- Human dignity, covering health, education and nutrition.

The CFLI also provides modest financing for projects in response to natural disasters and humanitarian emergencies.

Eligibility requirements

Organizations eligible to apply for CFLI funding include:

- local non-governmental, community and not-for profit organizations
- local academic institutions
- international non-governmental organizations
- intergovernmental, multilateral and regional institutions, organizations and agencies
- municipal, regional or national government institutions or agencies of the recipient country
- Canadian non-governmental and not-for-profit organizations

Local civil society organizations will receive most of the CFLI funding. Nevertheless, other organizations and institutions listed may also apply for funding if they are working with local partners on local projects that meet CFLI objectives.

The CFLI is always looking to fund innovative projects that support meaningful change in communities abroad.

Currently open calls

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Malaysia \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – The Gambia \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Guinea \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Senegal \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Guinea-Bissau \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Cabo Verde \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Kazakhstan \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Kyrgyzstan \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Tajikistan \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Turkmenistan \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Uzbekistan \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Tuvalu and Kiribati \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Ecuador \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Guyana and Suriname \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Argentina \(2025\)](#)

[The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives – Paraguay \(2025\)](#)

Funding Amount: averaging CAD \$31,000

Internal Deadline: Ten business prior to the external deadline

External Deadline: vary within the call

GAC: Skills development and Technical and vocational education and training fund – Call for proposals

[This call](#) aims to select an organization to establish and manage a skills development and TVET fund. The fund will provide sub-grants to Canadian, international and local organizations to support skills development, including TVET, with the purpose of supporting better access to decent work.

Expected outcomes

Under this call, your proposed project **must** contribute to the achievement of the following ultimate outcome:

- Improved employment, self-employment, and entrepreneurship outcomes for the hardest to reach young people, including young women and girls, youth living with disabilities and refugees and displaced population, to support sustainable and inclusive economic growth, including in crisis, and conflict-affected settings.

Your proposed project **must** also contribute to **all** the following intermediate outcomes:

- Improved employability skills and increased access to employment, self-employment, and entrepreneurship opportunities of skills development /TVET trainees.
- Increased provision of quality and demand-driven skills development/TVET for youth, including green, blue and digital economy skills.
- Increased partnerships including financial support for the fund from other donors and partners.

Refer to the [Results-Based Management How-To Guide](#) for further information on GAC's approach to Results-Based Management. It is expected that the project will contribute to some of the following [Feminist International Assistance Policy](#) (FIAP).

Project parameters

You **must** be able to answer “yes” to **all** the following statements for your application to be considered for funding under this call:

- **Value:** The total value of your proposed project is up to a maximum \$49.5 million;
- **Duration:** Your proposed project will last five years;
- **Geographic scope:** Sub-grants to be managed by the fund manager will be implemented in [Official Development Assistance-eligible countries](#) with a primary focus on sub-Saharan Africa, including in crisis and conflict-affected settings;
- **Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy:** Your proposed project is aligned with [Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy](#);
- **Not-for-profit project:** Your proposed project would not generate a profit for your organization or any other implementing organization;
- **Cost-sharing:** The (co)signatory organization(s) will provide at least **5% of the total eligible direct project costs** over the life of the project in cash and/or in-kind in accordance with GAC's [Policy on Cost-Sharing for Grant and Non-Repayable Contribution Agreements](#); and
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Your project fulsomely considers and integrates environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

Note that the manager/s of the fund will not be eligible to receive funding from the fund to implement projects.

You must be able to demonstrate in your application that your organization/consortium has the required capacity to be considered for funding under this call and are required to provide 1 or more examples of recent projects (at least 3 years within the last 10 years) in **each** of the following:

- Managing effectively a grant-making fund (i.e. establishing governance structure, operational/financial policies, grant-making activities (conducting calls), technical and capacity development support to grantees, including small and medium size local organizations, demonstrate administrative and financial management capacity);

- Planning and implementing effective skills development/TVET programming in [Official Development Assistance-eligible countries](#), with a primary focus in sub-Saharan Africa, that demonstrated significant results;
- Implementing gender transformative skills development/TVET, education and/or youth employment/entrepreneurship programming internationally; and
- Establishing partnerships with the private and/or philanthropic sector to achieve progress towards the FIAP.

Funding Amount: up to **\$49.5 million over 5 years**

Internal Deadline: Please reach out to the international.office@usask.ca no later than **21 February 2025** to discuss your project concept and matching resources.

External Deadline: 06 March 2025, 12 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time; GAC encourages to submit the application at least 3 working days before the deadline to avoid technical difficulties with the portal.

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For more information, email research.services@usask.ca

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