

# Office of the Vice-President Research



## Research Funding and Support

A weekly update on  
funding opportunities,  
workshops, and other  
support services.

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## USask Workshops and Support Services

### 2027 Innovation Fund (IF) – Information Session

The [Canada Foundation for Innovation \(CFI\)](#) will announce the 2027 Innovation Fund (IF) program. The Innovation Fund aims to enhance infrastructure and personnel capacity, enabling researchers to stay at the forefront of exploration and knowledge creation. The CFI IF program supports the development of large-scale, distinctive, and advanced facilities that can boost future research in your field for many years.

Through this competition, CFI will invest up to approximately \$280 million in infrastructure and cover up to 40% of the project's eligible costs. CFI will also allocate up to roughly \$84 million for related operating and maintenance expenses through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF). The most common eligible costs include renovation or construction expenses, research equipment, and personnel to support the development or use of the infrastructure.

RASI will hold an information session on October 29th, 2025, focused on developing competitive IF applications. The workshop will also explain USask's internal processes for distributing our CFI IF institutional funds and outline the support available for teams applying for this opportunity. Immediate questions can be sent to [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca).

#### Information Session Details:

**Date:** Wednesday, 29 October 2025

**Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** Arts 209

\* Slides will be posted following the session date.

#### Competition Timeline:

Please find the competition timeline on the USask CFI website. Further details regarding internal deadlines and other milestones will be communicated at the workshop in October.

#### Program Details:

Please visit the CFI website via the link below for more details on the program. Note that we will be updating and uploading new material as the competition advances.

[USask CFI Website](#)

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### 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 (WCVN)

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

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## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Open Call Reminder: GlycoNet 2025 Research & Translational Funding

The [Canadian Glycomics Network \(GlycoNet\)](#) mobilizes Canada's glycomics expertise into transdisciplinary, focused research and development programs to deliver breakthrough solutions for human and animal health and sustainable agri-food systems. GlycoNet funds projects along the following research innovation continuum: translational research and development, clinical engagement, technology development, and knowledge mobilization.

#### **Translational Grants**

These grants seek to fund multidisciplinary projects with clear endpoints to **advance and de-risk** them to a state at which translation is possible, and could attract partners. Maximum request: \$150,000 for one year, 1:1.5 matching required.

**Rolling Call.** Review will be conducted on a **quarterly basis** until the funds are exhausted.

Next submission deadline: **15 October 2025** ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): 8 October 2025) for January review. For more details, see the [RFP](#) and the [LOI Template](#).

#### **Strategic Initiatives**

These grants fund **partner-led or initiated** projects designed to meet partners' needs. Maximum request: \$150,000 for one year, with possibility of renewal, 1:1.5 matching required.

**Rolling Call.** Review will be conducted on a **quarterly basis** until the funds are exhausted.

Next submission deadline: **15 October 2025** ([RASI Internal Deadline](#): 8 October 2025) for January review. For more details, see the [RFP](#) and the [LOI Template](#).

- “Matching Funds” means new, incremental contributions (of cash or in-kind) for Eligible SSF Costs, which would not exist in the absence of an SSF award (i.e. that can be directly attributed to SSF funding). Eligible sources include **non-federal** sources or revenues (including donations). For existing matching opportunities, please check our [website](#)

#### **Kickstart Program**

This program seeks to support the creation of **new companies** (NewCo) as well as **existing start-ups** during their initial phase of development. Proposals may request up to \$100,000 in funding. Funding terms will be negotiated on a *case-by-case basis*. Matching funds and co-investments are preferable, but may not be required.

**Rolling Call.** Review will be conducted on a **quarterly basis** until the funds are exhausted. Note that this competition is in 3 steps, with the first step being to submit a business case (2-3 pages). For more details, see [RFP](#).

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## Regional Tariff Response Initiative (RTRI) in the Prairie provinces – Expression of Interest Call

The [Regional Tariff Response Initiative \(RTRI\)](#) is now accepting expression of interests (EOI).

If you are a business in the Prairie provinces affected by recent trade actions, the RTRI could be for you. It supports businesses looking to improve productivity, expand and diversify markets, strengthen supply chains, and boost domestic trade within Canada. Not-for-profit organizations that support small and medium-sized enterprises to manage the impact of trade disruptions are also eligible for funding.

Your project proposal must focus on boosting productivity, driving growth, and diversifying markets for businesses and sectors affected by recent tariffs or countermeasures. Examples of supported activities include:

- investing in digitization, automation, and technology to enhance productivity and competitiveness;
- developing and expanding markets to help businesses find new customers;
- optimizing global supply chain logistics and ensuring compliance with standards to gain market access and/or enhance sales;
- strengthening domestic supply chains and facilitating internal trade to increase the resilience and competitiveness of businesses and the reliability of domestic markets;
- reshoring production, research and development operations, and recruiting highly qualified personnel and expertise.

**Deadline:** You can apply to RTRI until 31 December 2027, or until all funding is committed. The application process has two steps:

1. **Expression of interest (EOI):** A short online form where you explain your project's purpose, eligibility, activities and budget. We use it to decide if your project should move to the next stage.
2. **Full application:** If selected, we will invite you to submit a detailed application through our online portal.

For more information about the initiative and how to apply, please visit PrairiesCan's [RTRI website](#) or [contact a regional office](#).

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## Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

### 2026 SSHRC Partnership Grant - Stage 1 Funding Call

**SSHRC Partnership Grants** provide support for new and existing formal partnerships to advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities. This is done through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as shown by cash and/or in-kind contributions. Partnership Grants are intended for large teams of postsecondary institutions and/or organizations of various types that work in formal collaboration.

**Project Duration:** 4 to 7 years

**Funding Amount:** \$2.5M

**Stage 1 Application Deadline:** February 2026

**Stage 2 Application Deadline - by invitation only:** October 2026

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

If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, please contact RASI at [rasl.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasl.support@usask.ca) for more information.

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### New funding opportunity: Artificial intelligence humanities sandpit

The **UK Research and Innovation's Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)** invites researchers from Canada to submit expressions of interest to participate in a **humanities-led, interdisciplinary research "sandpit"** (a facilitated, collaborative process through which new research teams and project ideas are developed and selected for funding) with the aim of placing humanities insights and methodologies at the heart of artificial intelligence tech design.

As part of a collaboration agreement with AHRC, SSHRC is committed to financially supporting Canadian researchers who will take part in the work of the selected research teams. Through a series of workshops, teams would develop project ideas for further funding. Up to four grants will ultimately be awarded for up to \$200,000 over 18 months.

**EOI Canadian applicants are additionally required to contact SSHRC prior to 30 October 2025 at [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca) to signal their intention to submit an application.**

**Deadline for expressions of interest:** 30 October 2025, 12:00 PM Eastern.

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$200,000 over 18 months

For more information: [Artificial intelligence humanities sandpit](#) or contact [partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](mailto:partnerships@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca).

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## 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](#).

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### 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 and Postdocs in the Natural Sciences and Engineering (Tuesday, 21 October 2025 at 4:20 PM – 5:20 PM, in-person on campus) – please register [here](#)

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## 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:
  - Must hold a tenure or a tenure track position;
  - FRANCE: Be affiliated with higher education institutions or public research organizations (please contact [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) to confirm whether your partner institution meets this eligibility criterion);
  - 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:  
**Please** submit your application via UnivRS and inform the USask International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) with the subject line “FCRF submission” **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 and you will be notified.

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](#).

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## Canada–Türkiye Horizon Europe General Assembly: Introduction of 2026-27 Work Programs, Funds and European Partnership Pathways - 24 September 2025

**Time:** 24 September 2025, 9:00 AM SK time

**Venue:** online

### Agenda:

- Welcome and Program Outcomes, Consulate General of Canada
- 2026-27 Horizon Europe Work Programs, Funds, Burcak Cullu, International Funds Expert
- Partnership Pathways: European Research Networks, Cais Jurgens, by Crowdhelix
- Next steps & Closing

To register, please click [here](#).

For inquiries: [bema@bemagroup.com.tr](mailto:bema@bemagroup.com.tr)

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## Horizon Europe Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities Document 2025

To assist Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) researchers in identifying funding opportunities, the European Commission has established a search engine for SSH-flagged topics on its online Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal. A document summarizing the SSH-flagged calls and topics under Horizon Europe is now available [here](#).

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## U.S. NIH - Mucosal Immunology Studies Team (MIST) (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications from eligible organizations to participate in a cooperative research group, the [Mucosal Immunology Studies Team \(MIST\)](#), focusing on immune mechanisms and immune regulation at mucosal surfaces of the respiratory, gastrointestinal, and urogenital tracts. The main objective of this program is to break new ground in the understanding of basic mucosal immune mechanisms by introducing new ideas, approaches, and technologies that address difficult questions in mucosal immunology.

**Funding amount:** up to US\$350,000 direct costs per year

**Duration:** up to 5 years

**Internal deadline:** 06 October 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#): ten business days prior to the external deadline)

**External deadline:** 21 October 2025

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

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## U.S. NIH - Partnerships for Development of Vaccines to Prevent Mycobacterium tuberculosis Infection and/or Disease (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit research applications focused on preclinical development of lead candidate vaccines to prevent *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb) infection and/or disease, and to increase the clinical pipeline of viable vaccine candidates.

**Funding amount:** up to US\$750,000 direct costs per year

**Duration:** up to 5 years

**Internal deadline:** 24 October 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#): ten business days prior to the external deadline)

**External deadline:** 07 November 2025

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

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## U.S. NIH - Tuberculosis Research Units (P01 Clinical Trial Optional)

The purpose of this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is to support the establishment of multidisciplinary Tuberculosis (TB) Research Units (TBRUs) that will operate as a collaborative network to improve understanding of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb)-host interactions through characterizing the roles of bacterial and host heterogeneity on infection outcomes and disease progression, and defining bacterial and host determinants relevant to Mtb establishment, dissemination, and disease stage.

**Funding amount:** up to US\$1.5 million direct costs per year

**Duration:** up to 5 years

**Internal deadline:** 24 October 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#): ten business days prior to the external deadline)

**External deadline:** 07 November 2025

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

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## Osteosarcoma Institute Annual Grant

The [Osteosarcoma Institute's](#) 2025-2026 Grant Cycle is now open for Clinical Trials, Correlative Science, Preclinical/Translational, and High-Risk/High-Impact grant programs! You may download the 2025-2026 OSI Grant Cycle Instructions document [here](#) that provides full details on the application process.

- Clinical Trials  
Budget: Up to US\$800,000 total over two to three years
- Correlative Science  
Budget: From US\$200,000 – US\$500,000 total over two years
- Preclinical/Translational  
Budget: Up to US\$500,000 total over two years
- High-risk/High-impact  
Budget: From US\$25,000 – US\$125,000 total over one year

**Internal deadlines:** ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External deadlines:**

- **The Letter of Intent (LOI):** 24 October 2025
- **Full Proposal deadline:** 15 April 2026

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

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