

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

CIHR Project Grant Fall 2025 Internal Review/Notice of Intent (NOI) to Apply

The [CIHR Project Grant](#) program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related fundamental or applied knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. If you are applying to the [CIHR Project Grant Fall 2025 Competition](#), we would encourage you to participate in the Internal Review process. Your proposal will be forwarded to your suggested reviewers for their review and comments. This is an opportunity to get some early feedback on your proposal to ensure the strongest possible application.

USask [timelines](#) and [NOI](#) form are available on the [USask Tri council website](#).

Workshop and Panel Q&A, Tuesday, 05 August 2025; 1:00 to 3:00 pm

NEW:

Applicants considering putting a Project Grant Application in French

USask Workshop and Panel Q&A for the Fall 2025 competition will additionally feature a webinar session in French highlighting the supports available to scholars considering putting their Project Grant application in French. Details about the workshop will be shared later through health science listserv.

Only applicants that participate in the Internal Review process are eligible for USask CIHR Bridge Funding.

Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) and Request for Internal Review Deadlines:

1. New Application: 03 July 2025
2. Resubmission: 23 July 2025 (applications that were submitted to the Spring 2025 competition)

Agency (CIHR) Deadlines:

- Registration: 13 August 2025
- Application Submission: 10 September 2025 (RASI internal Deadline: 03 September 2025)

For Applicants Intending to Apply to Spring/Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 competitions

[Amplified Internal Review Program](#): Applicants intending to put in an application for Spring 2026 or later competitions now have an early opportunity to avail targeted research support, longitudinal guidance/advice, and early feedback on their proposal. Please fill and submit the NOI form. Read more about the augmented program on our [website](#) (see New- amplified Internal Review under CIHR Tab)

Sex and Gender in Health Research

The [sex and gender checklist](#)* gives information on integrating sex and gender in health research for your consideration during the grant writing process.

** This checklist is not exhaustive, but rather meant as a guide to help you gain perspective in your own research.* You are welcome to access the [CIHR Sex and Gender Training Modules](#) designed to help researchers and peer reviewers account for and appropriately assess the integration of sex and gender across multiple areas of health research.

For more information, please contact Research Development Specialist, Manisha Jalla at Manisha.jalla@usask.ca / grant.review@usask.ca.

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

SHRF Matters Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 18 June 2025 **SHRF Matters Newsletter**:

- [Twelve New Research Projects Addressing Health in Saskatchewan Funded by SHRF Align Grant](#)

Available Funding:

- [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](#)

Agriculture Opportunities and Updates

Grain Farmers of Ontario: Call for Letters of Intent

Grain Farmers of Ontario is pleased to announce that their annual **Call for Research Letters of Intent (LOI)** is now open. Investment in research is a long-term strategic initiative of the Grain Farmers of Ontario, and their goal is to target their research and innovation investments toward opportunities that will enhance farmer-member profitability and sector competitiveness. To be considered for funding, all project ideas **must** be submitted at the LOI stage. If new issues or opportunities arise after LOIs are due and warrant a rapid research response, Grain Farmers of Ontario will consider these on a case-by-case basis.

Researchers are invited to review the recently updated 2025 Research Priorities and to submit an LOI addressing those priorities using this year's LOI template by **Friday, 18 July 2025 (by 4:30 p.m.)**. LOIs submitted should have start dates of April 2026 or later.

LOI Submission Deadline: 18 July 2025, 4:30 PM

Full Proposal Deadline (if selected at LOI stage): 6 November 2025, 4:30 PM ([RASl internal deadline](#): 30 October 2025)

If you have any questions about the LOI process or would like to discuss project ideas before submitting an LOI, please contact Paul Barnard, Research Coordinator at pbarnard@gfo.ca or 226-979-3270

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 16 June 2025 [SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter](#):

- [SSHRC launches new website](#)
- [New Indigenous research collaboration tackles the impacts of plastic pollution](#)
- [Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity: The Arts Transformed](#)
- [New funding opportunity: Indigenous Capacity and Leadership in Research Connection Grants](#)
- [NFRF 2025 Exploration Competition is now open](#)
- [Imagining vibrant, liveable futures for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth](#)
- [Workers hold key to Canadian production](#)

Funding Focus – Upcoming Deadlines:

- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (16 June 2025)
- [Connection Grants](#) (01 August 2025)
- [Policy Innovation Partnership Grants](#) (10 September 2025)
- [Aid to Scholarly Journals](#) (10 September 2025)
- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (15 September 2025)
- [Destination Horizon Grants](#) (22 September 2025)
- [2026 Canada Excellence Research Chairs competition](#) (Registration: 21 January 2026. Submission: 18 March 2026)

International Opportunities and Updates

Internal Call for Applications: Innovation Saskatchewan Top-Up Funding for Eligible DAAD Programs and Germany-USask Partnership Building Activities

The Government of Saskatchewan's innovation agency and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) committed to supporting joint efforts to promote the international exchange of students and researchers and research and academic collaboration between the Saskatchewan and German universities and research institutions.

Through this initiative, the **Stream 1** top-up funding is offered to the students, faculty and post-docs at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) who have been successful in obtaining financing through one of the eligible DAAD programs ([link](#)) to cover/reimburse costs associated with DAAD program, but not covered by the award. **Faculty members are encouraged to consider supporting any postdocs they are working with to apply to eligible DAAD programs to support their research stay at USask or in Germany.**

Stream 2 of the funding may be applied toward joint initiatives with German partners, that do not require a successful DAAD program application. Eligible activities may include mutual delegation visits, alumni events, and other similar activities that will support increased engagement between the USask and German research community.

Eligibility

Eligible expenses include:

- Travel related expenses: airfare from Germany to/from SK; reasonable accommodation costs; meal per diems; ground transportation
- Research related expenses: direct costs; materials and supplies; project specific space rental; use of specialized equipment.
- Event related expenses: venue rental costs; catering (alcohol excluded); printing of signage or other similar materials

Priority Areas

The **priority areas** defined by Innovation Saskatchewan apply to both students and faculty and include:

1. **Health** (e.g., One Health)

2. **Synchrotron sciences**
3. **Digital technologies, industry, and space** (e.g., quantum computing, artificial intelligence)
4. **Food security, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture, and environment/climate change**
5. **Energy** (including nuclear, renewable, and alternative energy sources)

How to apply:

Application and supporting documents provided to the International Office at international.office@usask.ca with subject line DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Application:

Stream 1 Application

1. Award letter from DAAD;
2. Copy of the application package submitted to DAAD;
3. Provide the following information in email text:
 - Indicate that this is a Stream 1 application
 - DAAD program name (eligible [programs listed here](#))
 - Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
 - Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
 - Outcomes to be achieved in relation to participating in the DAAD program
 - Top-up funding budget; and
 - Budget justification

Stream 2 Application**Provide the following information in email text:**

- Indicate that this is a Stream 2 application
- Lead applicant and affiliated unit as well as a list of participating USask team members
- Relation of the proposed activities to one of the abovementioned priority areas
- Outcomes to be achieved in relation to organizing the partnership engagement activities
- Funding budget; and
- Budget justification

If you have any questions and/or would like to discuss your application with the International Office team, please contact international.office@usask.ca with subject line DAAD-IS Top-Up Funding Inquiry.

Competition open date: 10 April 2025

Competition close date: 01 October 2025 or until the funding is exhausted

For Stream 1, DAAD activity must be completed by: 20 January 2026

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 **IPSFC** 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 IPSFC 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 **02 July 2025, 4:30PM CST**.

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.

Cure Parkinson’s: Quarterly Research Grant Funding Programme

The **CURE Parkinson’s” Quarterly Research Grant Funding Programme** funds preclinical and clinical research focused on slowing, stopping, or reversing Parkinson’s. It does not fund research which is directed at symptomatic relief.

For preclinical research, CureParkinson’s fund grants up to £250,000 (GBP) and prioritises projects that are likely to lead to clinical trials in people with Parkinson’s within 5 years. For clinical research, CureParkinson’s funds clinical trials and sub-studies of trials in people with Parkinson’s. The grant amount is flexible but please contact the organization ahead of submission if you are thinking of applying for a clinical trial.

If you have any questions about whether your project fits the organization’s funding scope, please email research@cureparkinsons.org.uk.

Funding Amount: £250,000 (GBP)

Internal Deadline: 07 July 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#) - 10 business days prior to the external deadline)

External Deadline: 21 July 2025

The Leakey Foundation: Research Grants

The **Leakey Foundation** is the leading nonprofit funder of research dedicated to understanding human origins. Each year, the Foundation awards approximately \$1,000,000 in grants and scholarships, advancing the mission to explore and explain the human story.

Leakey Foundation Research Grants support both PhD dissertation research and post-PhD research across multiple disciplines related to human origins, evolution, and behavior. The Foundation prioritizes funding for the exploratory phases of promising new research projects and innovative, multidisciplinary approaches that expand the boundaries of our current understanding.

The Foundation welcomes proposals from researchers at all stages of their careers, especially PhD candidates. If your research aligns with the Foundation’s mission and you have an innovative or multidisciplinary project, you are encouraged to apply.

Funding Amount: Up to \$20,000 (is it USD?) for PhD candidates, Up to \$30,000 for post-PhD researchers

Internal Deadline: 10 business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

External Deadlines:

- 10 January for spring cycle
- 15 July for fall cycle

National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) Research Grants

NOCSAE's mission is to commission research, establish standards for athletic equipment and encourage the dissemination of research findings on sport injury and prevention.

Accordingly, the intent of the **NOCSAE grant programs** is to commission investigator-initiated research and to provide support for education, health, and safety research and development. The NOCSAE research plan proposed by the applicant must be related to NOCSAE's stated program interests.

NOCSAE invites all investigator-initiated proposals that address NOCSAE'S core mission.

Specific research topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Studies that inform existing helmet safety standards.
- The mechanical and biological mechanisms of injury and recovery.
- The application of developed tools and equipment for injury prevention.
- Studies related to the development of new equipment safety standards.
- Studies related to sport safety.

Funding Amount: USD\$50,000

Internal Deadline: 17 October 2025 ([International Office internal deadline](#) - 10 business days prior to the external deadline)

External Deadline: 31 October 2025

Korea International Water Week: World Water Challenge 2025 Call for Solutions

The **World Water Challenge** is an international contest hosted by the Ministry of Environment of Korea and organized by Korea Water Forum for water solutions. It was created as a special program of the Science and Technology Process in the 7th World Water Forum to identify imminent global water issues and to find feasible solutions based on the core value of "Implementation". Attracting great attention in the 1st edition in 2015 at the 7th World Water Forum, the program has become one of the symbolic platforms of implementation which has been followed up in the Korea International Water Week (KIWW). World Water Challenge 2025 is expected to serve its role as an important platform to share not only innovative scientific/ technological methods but also policies towards solving specified water problems around the world and to build a broad network among experts and stakeholders in the water sector as well as solution providers.

Up to 10 selected solution providers will be invited to the final round of the WWCH in Daegu, Korea. The final presentation and award ceremony will be held on 13-14 November 2025 during the KIWW 2025. 'THE BEST' prize winner will have a chance to speak at the WWCH 2026 the following year.

Prize amount: Approx. 7,050 USD for first place, 2,100 USD for second place, travel covered to attend the World Water Challenge event in Daegu, Korea.

External Deadline: 25 July 2025

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