

Office of the Vice-President Research



Research Funding and Support

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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, 26 August 2025 (2 PM -3 PM)** has been targeted for those interested in the **February 2026** 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. USask will also submit JELFs to CFI in October 2026.

February 2026 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 **16 October 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.

Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

SHRF's Achievement Award Now Accepting Nominations

The [SHRF Achievement Award](#) celebrates health research success in Saskatchewan by recognizing someone who has distinguished themselves within the health research community and who has demonstrated significant contributions to the health of our province.

One Award is presented at SHRF's annual Santé Awards celebration.

- Awarded to an established health researcher. They can be active in their field of research or retired.
- It is not required that the nominee presently reside in Saskatchewan; however, the accomplishments should relate to work completed in the province.
- While the relevance to SK should be addressed, the impacts of the work may be local, national and/or international.

Candidates are nominated by their peers and considered by an expert panel of national and local experts from a range of fields.

A minimum of three (3) colleagues, with direct knowledge of the contributions of the nominee, must nominate an individual. Self-nominations as well as the nomination of current SHRF Board members and staff will not be accepted.

To be considered, the following must be submitted to SHRF by the nomination deadline:

- A joint letter of no more than three (3) pages describing the reasons the nominee is deserving of the Achievement Award.
- Nominee's abbreviated CV, biosketch or similar.

- Contact information of all nominators, including names, affiliations, and email addresses.
- Email or signature from the nominee accepting the nomination.
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The full nomination instruction package can be found at shrf.ca/achievement-award

Nomination Deadline: 09 October 2025

The winner will be announced at the Annual Santé Awards, 29 January 2026

Geoffrey Ogram Memorial Research Award

Lung Cancer Canada is accepting applications for the [Geoffrey Ogram Memorial Research Award](#).

Founded in honour of lung cancer advocate and former Lung Cancer Canada Board member Geoffrey Ogram, this award funds high-impact projects focused on early detection, prevention, and disparities across populations. The research focus of applications should revolve around early detection and/or the etiology of lung cancer in different demographics and populations.

Application Deadline: 30 September 2025 @ 11:59pm PST

Award Amount: 1-2 grants available, at \$25,000 each

For More Information & To Apply: <https://lungcancercanada.ca/about-us/research-program/geoffrey-ogram-memorial-research-grant/>

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

Give a Breath Research Award – Round Two Now Open

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 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

Deadline: 30 September 2025 @ 11:59pm PST

Award amount: Two (2) grants available, at \$25,000 each

For More Information & To Apply: <https://lungcancercanada.ca/about-us/research-program/give-a-breath-research-award/>

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

Agriculture Opportunities and Updates

Ontario Pork Call for Research Proposals 2026

[Ontario Pork](#) is pleased to announce a call for Letters of Intent (LOI) for research projects that focus on the Ontario swine industry and meet the overarching research objectives of:

- Testing potential improvements to swine industry practices
- Innovation of manure pit cleaning/disinfection methods and infected manure management to mitigate African swine fever*

- Comparison analysis of disinfection efficacy and safety of lime vs. accelerated hydrogen peroxide (Prevail®) in loading chutes under commercial conditions *
- Identifying tools for humane euthanasia of pigs weighing 8-20kg
- Analyzing the economic impacts of increased dedication of livestock trailers to U.S. loads only for increased biosecurity

**Note: Consultation with Swine Health Ontario preferred on this topic. Please reach out to Jessica Fox at jessica.fox@swinehealthontario.ca for further information*

All research projects that align with these objectives will be considered, including, but not limited to, swine health, swine welfare, swine nutrition, swine husbandry, swine reproduction, barn design and management, employee health and safety, meat quality and safety, marketing and consumer trends and environmental and economic sustainability. **Highest priority is given to projects that demonstrate scientific merit as well as strong identification of benefit of project results to Ontario pork producers and an indication of input or support of a project from swine industry members outside of academia.** Specific details on what is expected can be found in [the Outline for completion of the Ontario Pork LOI](#).

LOI Deadline: 14 October 2025, by 12:00 PM

Full Proposal Deadline: 23 January 2026, by 4:30 PM

Please direct any questions pertaining to the research funding process of Ontario Pork to Reid Buchanan by email at reid.buchanan@ontariopork.on.ca or by phone at (226) 240-4496. Questions regarding the LRIC application system should be directed to Jean Howden at jhowden@livestockresearch.ca.

International Opportunities and Updates

European Research Council (ERC) Synergy Grant

This is a friendly reminder that the [European Research Council \(ERC\) Synergy Grant](#) 2025 call for proposals will close on November 5, 2025.

If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, we encourage you to contact the International Office at international.office@usask.ca as soon as possible. Our international research facilitation team is here to support you in developing a strong application strategy and navigating the submission process.

ERC Synergy Grant is for a group of **two to maximum four Principal Investigators (PIs)** working together and bringing different skills and resources to tackle ambitious research problems. Proposals are evaluated on the sole criterion of scientific excellence which takes on the additional meaning of outstanding intrinsic synergetic effect.

Applications can be made in **any field of research**. The ERC's grants operate on a 'bottom-up' basis without predetermined priorities.

Research must be conducted by all PIs in a public or private research organization (known as a Host Institution, HI). It could be the HI where the applicant already works, or any other HI established in one of the EU [Member States](#) or [associated countries](#).

One Principal Investigator per Synergy Grant group at any one time can be hosted or engaged by an institution outside of the EU or Associated Countries. This means that in a group of 2-4 PIs, **one PI may be based at a Canadian university**.

Funding amount: maximum of € 10 million

Duration: 6 years

Application deadline: 05 November 2025

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

SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants – Last Round of Competition in 2025

Destination Horizon Grants support researchers affiliated with eligible Canadian postsecondary institutions to build capacity, foster existing partnerships, and further develop networks and/or consortia with European Union and other “associated countries” researchers, with the ultimate goal of applying to [Horizon Europe](#)—Pillar II calls for proposals.

Destination Horizon Grants are not intended to support implementation of Horizon Europe projects. Instead, the grants support activities between researchers that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges;
- scholarly exchanges;
- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges between researchers affiliated with Canadian postsecondary institutions and researchers, students and non-academic partners from the EU and other associated countries.

Funding amount: up to \$15,000

Duration: one year

External deadline: 22 September 2025

Internal EOI deadline: 25 August 2025

Please note that a postsecondary institution may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline so internal selection must occur prior to submission. To submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration to apply for the 22 September 2025 deadline please send the following documents to international.office@usask.ca with the subject line “Destination Horizon Grants” by **25 August 2025**. The email should include the following attachments:

- Project Description (max. 1000 words)
 - o a description of the existing relationships with researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia from European Union and associated countries;
 - o a description of the overall research goals and specific research objectives of the researchers, partners, networks and/or consortia;
 - o a description of how Destination Horizon funding and host contributions will support the further development of the network and/or consortium in order to apply to a future Horizon Europe—Pillar II call for proposal;
 - o the nature and extent of training, mentoring and employability activities for students, emerging scholars and/or other highly qualified personnel, if applicable; and
 - o details on how all activities can be undertaken within one year.
- List of Applicants (please provide name, affiliation, email address, and role in this application)
- Funds requested from SSHRC ([template at this link](#))
- Matching funds from other sources ([template at this link](#)) Please note: SSHRC requires a 100% matching fund in the form of cash contributions.

****Letter of support will be required at the full application stage.**

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

Looking for Partners for Horizon Europe Proposals – One-pager template available

If you are looking for partners to collaboratively apply for Horizon Europe funding opportunities, you are encouraged to complete the [Call for Partners_University of Saskatchewan_Canada.docx](#) form and send it to

USask International Office at international.office@usask.ca. The USask international research facilitation team is here to support you in connecting with networking resources and opportunities, identifying potential partners, developing a strong application strategy and navigating the submission process.

Horizon Europe Drop-In Consultations with the International Office

Horizon Europe offers multiple opportunities for Canadian researchers to join multinational projects tackling global challenges, from climate change to health, digital transformation, and more. Have questions about Horizon Europe? The International Office team is here to support you throughout the Horizon Europe process and help you lay a strong foundation for success. Drop in for one-on-one support, guidance on how to get started, find partners and develop a strong proposal.

Drop-in times:

Tuesday, 29 July, 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Thursday, 31 July, 10:00am – 11:30am

The International Office (Rm 222) is located on the second floor of the Thorvaldson Building.

Please also consider signing up for the introductory [Horizon Europe Canvas Course](#), a self-paced course designed to support USask researchers and their teams in exploring and applying for Horizon Europe funding. The course provides an overview of Horizon Europe, covering its structure, key priorities, and funding opportunities under Pillars I and II. It offers insights into the Horizon Europe Portal, its resources, and services available at USask to leverage Horizon Europe opportunities. This course also serves as a platform to help you identify/connect with potential collaborators, both within USask and externally.

Global Affairs Canada (GAC) Indo-Pacific Regional Connectivity Envelope - Call for proposals

The Indo-Pacific Regional Connectivity Envelope (RCE) is designed to connect Canadian researchers, institutions (including academic institutions, research centres, think tanks, cultural organizations and associations, non-profit chambers of commerce or business associations, advocacy groups, notably those representing Indigenous Peoples (Inuit, Métis and First Nations), women, youth and LGBTQ2+ communities) and organizations with regional stakeholders, rightsholders and counterparts. It also aims to enhance Canada's profile in the region, accelerate Canada's ability to develop or gain access to influential networks and form strategic partnerships. Proposed projects must align to [Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy](#) (IPS).

Applicants must select one main project category for this initiative. If a secondary category is proposed, the applicant must demonstrate how it is related to the main project category.

- **Participating:** Attending a conference/event/training or research without leading or playing a key role in its implementation.
- **Facilitating:** Hosting/cohosting a conference/event/training or research and playing a key role in its implementation.

Eligible project activity categories:

- Knowledge sharing;
 - Conferences
 - Workshops
 - Round table discussions
 - Panels
- Training;
- Research;
- Indo-Pacific cultural events;
- Indigenous events and reconciliation.

Project parameters

- Your proposed project is starting after 01 April 2026, and ending prior to 31 March 2028.
- You are requesting Global Affairs Canada funding of at least \$20,000 and no more than \$250,000
- If the total project value exceeds \$40,000, your organization will provide at least 15% of the total eligible direct project costs: [Policy on Cost-Sharing for Grant and Non-Repayable Contribution Agreements](#)
- Your proposed project is in line with one or more of the Strategic Objectives of the Indo-Pacific Strategy
- Your application identifies an Indo-Pacific regional organization, who is based in the region, and how they will meaningfully support the project's implementation
- Your proposed project duration is no longer than 2 years
- The geographic focus of your project is in the Indo-Pacific (as defined by [the Indo-Pacific Strategy](#)), in Canada, or in both regions
- You have identified at least one intermediate outcome and one immediate outcome, based on the project's activity category
- Your application package documents are complete and presented in either English or French

Internal Expression of Interest (EOI) Competition

Since each organization may submit only four (4) proposals, 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 ([IPS-RCE_EOI_2025.docx](#)) and must be submitted to international.office@usask.ca on or before **4:30PM CST, 12 August 2025**.

External full proposal deadline: 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern Time on 18 September 2025

For more information about this funding opportunity, please visit the program website. If you are interested in applying or have questions, please contact the International Office at international.office@usask.ca.

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](#).

U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31)

The purpose of the [Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award \(NRSA\) Individual Predoctoral \(Parent F31\) award](#) is to enable promising predoctoral students to obtain individualized, mentored research training from appropriate faculty sponsors while conducting biomedical research in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers. The proposed mentored research training must address the candidate's identified research training and career goals and enhance the candidate's potential to successfully transition to the next phase of their biomedical research career.

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

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

External deadlines: 08 August 2025, 8 December 2025, 08 April 2026, 08 August 2026, 08 December 2026, as well as multiple deadlines in 2027 and 2028

Harvard Radcliffe Institute Fellowship

[Radcliffe fellows](#) are exceptional scientists, writers, scholars, public intellectuals, and artists whose work is making a difference in their professional fields and in the larger world. Fellows join a uniquely interdisciplinary and creative community. Radcliffe supports engaged scholarship, where fellows develop new tools and methods, challenge artistic and scholarly conventions, and illuminate our past and our present. The Institute welcomes applications from scholars and artists proposing innovative work that confronts pressing social and policy issues and seeking to engage audiences beyond academia.

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

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

External deadlines:

- The deadline for applications in humanities, social sciences, and creative arts is 11 September 2025, 11:59 PM ET.
- The deadline for applications in science, engineering, and mathematics is 30 September 2025, 11:59 ET.

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