

# Office of the Vice-President Research



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

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## USask Workshops and Support Services

### Partnering for Impact: Preparing USask Faculty for Northern and Arctic Research Partnership and Funding

All USask faculty members are invited to attend [Partnering for Impact: Preparing USask Faculty for Northern and Arctic Research Partnership and Funding](#), a half-day workshop designed to equip USask faculty with the knowledge and tools needed to successfully compete for Northern and Arctic research funding. Through interactive sessions, participants will explore the unique ethical and relational dimensions of conducting research in Northern and Indigenous contexts, with a strong emphasis on equity, partnership, and reconciliation in the research proposal and budget development processes.

**Date:** 03 February 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location:** Biology Building (W.P. Thompson Building), Room 131

**Registration:** [Online](#)

#### Pre-workshop requirements

The following documents are required materials that must be read and reviewed by participants prior to workshop day, to ensure a productive and engaging morning:

- UNDRIP Articles: [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
- TRC Calls to Action: [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)
- Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) report: [Northern Research Leadership and Equity](#)
- Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) report: [National Inuit Strategy on Research](#)

This workshop is led by Dr. Karla Jessen Williamson, Associate Professor of Educational Foundations at the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Jessen Williamson has actively adjudicated for all three national granting councils, applying her extensive knowledge on research and processes as they involve Inuit and other Indigenous peoples in Canada and elsewhere. Dr. Jessen Williamson speaks her Indigenous language fluently and uses the Inuit worldview to address social and ecological justice. She is also the co-chair of the *Expert Panel on the Future of Arctic and Northern Research in Canada*, ahead of the CCA report listed above.

## 2027 Innovation Fund (IF) – Pitch & Networking Event

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 host a pitch event on Jan. 26, 2026, providing a great opportunity to showcase your project idea to senior leadership and the wider campus community. The event aims to generate excitement, attract support, gather feedback, and foster potential collaboration on campus. While participation is optional, it is highly recommended for project teams interested in the 2027 IF competition.

Immediate questions can be sent to [rasl.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasl.support@usask.ca).

### Pitch & Networking Event Details

**Date:** Monday, 26 January 2026

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:30 PM

**Location:** Admin C280

All are welcome to attend and participate as part of the audience.

### Competition Timeline:

Please have a look at the competition timeline on the USask CFI website or linked [here](#).

### Information Session:

If you were unable to attend the information session held in October, you can find the slide deck on the USask CFI website or linked [here](#).

### Program Details:

You can visit the CFI website at 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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## Undergraduate RSAW Tours - Call for Inspiring Research Spaces

**Do you have an amazing research lab, art studio, learning facility or scholarly space at USask?** The [Student Undergraduate Research Experience \(SURE\)](#) program, part of the [Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Artistic Works Initiative \(uRSAW\)](#), is looking to inspire our undergraduate RSAW students this winter by touring research spaces across campus.

Help motivate our emerging scholars by hosting a group of students for a short tour this winter season. **If you think you have an inspiring space and an hour of time, please contact [undergraduate.research@usask.ca](mailto:undergraduate.research@usask.ca) to arrange a tour during the 2026 Winter Term.**

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## Opus 2026 i2Build Cohort: Applications Launched

**Opus**, USask's startup incubator, has launched applications for its 2026 **Innovate2Build (i2Build)** cohort. The i2Build Program is designed to support the unique needs of USask founders. This program provides access to entrepreneurial programming, infrastructure, and a network of experts to help build successful ventures on campus. Current USask students, faculty, and staff are eligible to apply.

**Applications are open until 08 February 2026 at 11:59 PM.**

Learn more about the program and apply here: <https://opus.usask.ca/programs/innovate2build.php>

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## Internal Research Programs

### 2026 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards

The **2026 DARE Undergrad Training and Mentorship Awards program** will support USask faculty **within the first five years** of their academic appointment to hire, train and mentor an **undergraduate summer student** to support their research, scholarly, or artistic works (RSAW) program. Please see the [award guidelines](#) for more information.

#### Two Award Streams:

**Stream 1: SSHFA** - Open to faculty who do Social Sciences, Humanities, and Fine Arts (SSHFA) research  
[Stream 1: SSHFA Application Form](#)

**Stream 2: SCPOR** - A Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) funded award open to faculty who do Patient-Oriented research  
[Stream 2: SCPOR Application Form](#)

**Eligibility:** faculty within the first five years of their academic appointment at USask in the Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts and/or conducting Patient-Oriented Research (POR)

**Number of Awards available:** Eight Stream 1: SSHFA awards & Four Stream 2: SCPOR awards

**Award Amount:** \$6,000 (faculty top-up required)

**Award Term:** 14-16 weeks from May to August 2026

**Deadline to Apply:** 06 February 2026

Please reach out to [dare.rasi@usask.ca](mailto:dare.rasi@usask.ca) if you would like more information or have any questions. If you have questions about the eligibility of your project or how to conduct POR, please contact [scpor@usask.ca](mailto:scpor@usask.ca).

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### Collaborative Energy, Minerals, and Society Research Award

The University of Saskatchewan (USask), Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Sask Polytech) and University of Regina (URegina) are excited to announce a call for proposals for the jointly funded **Collaborative Energy, Minerals, and Society Research Award**. The award will support two USask, Sask Polytech or URegina faculty members to co-supervise an undergraduate summer student to support a joint research project around Saskatchewan's energy transition, critical mineral resource development, and/or understanding societal impacts of these.

**Awards available:** 2 USask-led awards, 2 URegina-led awards (4 total)

**Individual grant amount:** up to \$12,000/award

**Deadline to apply:** 28 January 2026 at 4:00 PM

**Award duration:** Four months May to August (2026)

**Competition Details:** [online](#)

**Application Form:** [online](#)

All applications will be submitted to [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 28 January 2026. All submissions are subject to compliance checks over the following five business days.

## Workshop

Join us at a workshop to learn more and to have the opportunity to make a virtual connection with URegina and Sask Polytech faculty:

**Date:** 14 January 2026 ***\*Please note that this date has changed***

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

**Register:** [online](#)

Contact Meaghan Risling at [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) to learn more about this exciting opportunity or to make a connection with a URegina or Sask Polytech researcher.

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## Artificial Intelligence Research & Innovation Research Capacity Building Grants

The [Artificial Intelligence Research & Innovation – Research Capacity Building Grants](#) aim to catalyze collaborations across disciplines to explore the transformative potential of AI in research. These grants support projects that integrate perspectives from the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts with natural sciences and health sciences, and that have a strong emphasis on ethical stewardship of AI development and application in research.

The purpose of this grant is to:

- Foster novel interdisciplinary and/or transdisciplinary partnerships to build capacity for responsible and ethical AI research across disciplines at USask
- Support exploratory research and/or activities to initiate and sustain groups that could pursue large-scale interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary external funding opportunities.

Grants can be up to \$15,000 and will be awarded to interdisciplinary/ transdisciplinary teams initiating new collaborations or sustaining existing teams. Co-Leads should submit their applications to UnivRS by 30 January 2026, at 4:00 PM. All submissions are subject to UnivRS approvals and compliance checks over the following five business days.

Contact Meaghan Risling at [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) with questions about his exciting opportunity.

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## Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

### Call for Papers Deadline Extended: International Conference on Governance and Innovation, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence

Organized by the Université du Québec en Outaouais, the Université de Sherbrooke, the Université Cadi Ayyad, and the Institut des Hautes Études Commerciales de Carthage, please see the information for an International Symposium on Governance and Innovation, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence, which will be held on **17-19 June 2026** at the Université du Québec en Outaouais. You can find more information [here](#).

#### Submission of Proposals:

Scientific, conceptual, empirical, and practitioner-oriented papers addressing one of the conference themes are welcome. **In the first stage, you are invited to submit your communication proposal in a one-page Word document no later than 15 February 2026.**

#### Your proposal must include the following information:

- A title (maximum 180 characters, including spaces).
- An abstract (maximum 1,500 characters, including spaces).
- Name of the author, professional status and contact details, main institution or affiliated organization.
- List of authors and co-authors of communication.

All submitted abstracts will be evaluated by a scientific committee composed of professors, researchers, and professionals from universities and institutions around the world. Authors whose proposals are accepted by the scientific committee will be invited, after the conference, to submit a full paper of 5,000 to 7,000 words for possible publication in a journal or a collective volume. These full papers will be reviewed by the same committee.

Please submit your proposals via the platform: <https://gouv.sciencesconf.org>

For questions or assistance, please contact [gouv@sciencesconf.org](mailto:gouv@sciencesconf.org) or one of the following conference coordinators:

- Chafik Bentaleb, Professor, National School of Business and Management – Marrakech, Cadi Ayyad University: [chbentaleb@uca.ma](mailto:chbentaleb@uca.ma)
- Muriel Dufour, Associate Professor, University of Québec in Outaouais: [muriel.dufour@uqo.ca](mailto:muriel.dufour@uqo.ca)
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## Polar Knowledge Canada: Upcoming Grant Opportunities

**Polar Knowledge Canada** is responsible for advancing Canada's knowledge of the Arctic, strengthening Canadian leadership in polar science and technology, and promoting the development and distribution of knowledge of other circumpolar regions, including Antarctica. They are currently accepting applications for the following programs:

- **2026-2027 Polar Regions Research and Activities Grants Program | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST ([Institutional Deadline:](#) 20 February 2025)
- **2026-2027 Polar Knowledge Canada Fellowship Program | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST
- **2026-2027 Polar Knowledge Canada Scholarship | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST
- **2026-2027 POLAR Antarctic Scholarship | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST
- **2026-2027 POLAR Northern Resident Award | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST
- **2026-2027 POLAR Northern Resident Scholarship | Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST
- **2026-2027 POLAR Travel Grant – Call 1** (activities taking place between April 1st and September 30th, 2026) | **Deadline:** 27 February 2026, 3:00 PM EST ([Institutional Deadline:](#) 20 February 2025)

To access the application forms, please register and/or login at: [Polar Knowledge Canada online application and reporting](#)

For more information, please contact: [grants-contributions@polar-polaire.gc.ca](mailto:grants-contributions@polar-polaire.gc.ca)

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## Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates

### 2026 Lung Ambition Awards

The **2026 Lung Ambition Awards** – a Canadian-based lung cancer research award program – is currently open for submissions! The program will grant a total of \$100,000 to two research teams working to improve the lives of people with lung cancer, and we are calling on Canadian researchers and clinicians to apply. The complete submission criteria can be found [here](#).

The Lung Ambition Awards is a joint initiative between Lung Cancer Canada, The Lung Ambition Alliance and AstraZeneca Canada. Since its launch, a total of \$300,000 has been granted to six [Canadian teams](#) pursuing

research across the continuum of lung cancer care, tackling the disease from end to end. This includes screening and early detection, diagnostics, surgery and metastatic disease.

Submissions will be accepted until February 20, 2026. The review of submissions and selection of winners will be adjudicated solely by Lung Cancer Canada's Research Committee. The Lung Ambition Award winners will be announced in Spring 2026.

**Funding Amount:** Up to \$50,000

**Awards Available:** 2

**Application Deadline:** 20 February 2026 ([Institutional Deadline](#): 13 February 2026)

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## BHI Call: Leads for BHI Cross-Cutting Themes

USask is an institutional partner on the Brain-Heart Interconnectome (BHI), CFREF led-by University of Ottawa. Currently, USask's involvement in BHI builds on longstanding interdisciplinary strengths in Indigenous health research, fostering the co-creation of culturally grounded, evidence-based approaches to brain-heart health and resilience.

Moving forward, USask intends to expand the scope of its engagement in BHI to include broader participation across the Health Sciences faculty. Here is an excellent opportunity to potentially lead/co-lead in the following thematic areas:

- **Lead for BHI Cross-Cutting Theme:** [Knowledge Mobilization/Co-production](#)
- **Co-Lead for BHI Scientific Theme:** [Theme 3: Precision Prevention During the Lifespan](#)

Please contact [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) if you need additional information or if you are interested in applying.

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## International Opportunities and Updates

### 2026 International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges

The [International Joint Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges](#) represents a collaboration among research funders from the Åland Islands, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United Kingdom to support international, interdisciplinary and transformative research aimed at harnessing disruptive technology to address major societal challenges on a global scale.

The International Initiative for Research Harnessing Disruptive Technologies to Address Global Challenges call will support **research projects focused on harnessing disruptive technologies to address at least one of the SDGs** or another recognized global challenge. Projects may be focused on developing or implementing a disruptive technology, or on researching the impact of a disruptive technology on society and/or economies.

**Projects must be interdisciplinary**, integrating information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of specialized knowledge. Projects must involve disciplines from at least two of the following three areas: natural sciences and engineering; social sciences and humanities; and health and life sciences. Projects are expected to include appropriate stakeholders and end-users in the co-development and co-leadership of the project. Engagement with other sectors, as appropriate, will help identify barriers to implementation and develop strategies to overcome them. A transsectoral approach, involving the academic, research, economic (businesses), societal (governmental and nongovernmental organizations) and/or community sectors, as appropriate, ensures relevant outcomes, and positions research for uptake and use, which will maximize impact in the long term. Non-academic stakeholders may be included as team members or collaborators.

**Value and Duration:** Projects should be designed to be completed within three years. Funding is available for three-year projects. One-year no-cost extensions may be available in some circumstances, on request and requiring appropriate justification. The total amount of funding available for each project will depend on the funding organizations supporting the project. [See more](#).

The competition can now be accessed via the [Convergence Portal](#).

The **International competition** has three stages:

1. Notice of Intent to Apply (NOI) stage with a deadline of **03 March 2026** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
2. Letter of Intent stage with a deadline of **09 June 2026** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)
3. Full Application stage with a deadline of **03 November 2026** (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

*Applications at each stage must be submitted by the institution's research administrators. Research administrators are free to set their own internal deadlines.*

In preparation for the NOI deadline, we encourage all applicants interested in submitting a NOI, as well as the research administrators, to participate in one of the two upcoming webinars. Below are the dates, times, and links to the webinars.

#### **NFRF - 2026 International Competition - Information Webinar – English**

Tuesday, 03 February 2026, 9:30 AM to 11:30 PM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[Join Link](#)

Webinar number: 273 763 573 256 3

Webinar password: 2wK7Bp3Y

Join by phone: (888) 896-2137,,459710223# Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 459 710 223#

#### **NFRF - 2026 International Competition - Information Webinar – French**

Wednesday, 04 February 2026, 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

[Join Link](#)

Webinar number: 275 656 553 648 9

Webinar password: wT6fF3aL

Join by phone: (888) 896-2137,,94934988# Canada Toll (Ottawa), Access code: 949 349 88#

The webinars will be recorded and made available, along with the presentation slides, to the research administrators after the session. For more information, please contact: [NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaieres.gc.ca](mailto:NFRF-FNFR@chairs-chaieres.gc.ca).

**External NOI deadline:** 03 March 2026 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

**Internal NOI deadline:** 17 February 2026. 10 business days prior via UnivRS with academic approval ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External LOI deadline:** 09 June 2026 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

**Internal LOI deadline:** 26 May 2026. 10 business days prior via UnivRS with academic approval ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External full application deadline:** 03 November 2026 (at 8 p.m. Eastern Time)

**Internal full application deadline:** 20 October 2026. 10 business days prior via UnivRS with academic approval ([International Office internal deadline](#))

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## **Horizon Work Programme 2026-27 Officially Released!**

The European Commission adopted the main [Horizon Europe work programme](#) for 2026-2027, a €14 billion investment designed to drive research and innovation (R&I) across the EU's strategic goals. These goals include achieving climate neutrality, boosting the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in research and innovation, and ensuring resilience in a rapidly changing world.

To achieve this, the programme introduces new cross-disciplinary calls and topics that will boost decarbonisation and the use of AI in research. It also expands the '[Choose Europe](#)' initiative to attract global talent and makes applying for Horizon Europe funding and participation simpler.

The newly released [package of funding calls](#) is spread through 13 work programmes, each outlining the plans for a specific Horizon Europe funding instrument or priority, and two documents introducing the rules and general priorities.

If you are interested in applying for Horizon Europe funding opportunities or would like to learn more, please reach out to [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) at your earliest convenience. Our International Research team is ready to assist and support you throughout the process.

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## Horizon Europe Info Sessions and Matchmaking Events

### Information Sessions

Looking to learn more about Horizon Europe and its technical aspects? Check out the events below:

- **January 2026:** The European Commission will host [Horizon Europe info days](#) to share information about the 2026-2027 Horizon Europe Work Programme. This includes the policy context behind each call, guidance for preparing a high-quality proposal, and a question and answer (Q&A) session.
- **12 February 2026:** The European Commission will host a [webinar on lump sum funding](#) in Horizon Europe. The session will feature insights on preparing lump sum proposals and testimonials from funded projects.

### Matchmaking / Brokerage Events

Looking for European and international partners to form a Horizon Europe consortium? Check out the following free matchmaking events and get ready to pitch your expertise!

- **14 January 2026:** [Canada's NCP Network: Cluster 6 Matchmaking Event](#)  
This virtual event brings together researchers and innovators from Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, Finland and the Baltics to explore collaboration opportunities for nature restoration, biodiversity, and ocean calls within the 2026-2027 Work Programme. Registration closes on 05 January 2026.
- **26-30 January 2026:** [HHN 3.0: Cluster 1\(Health\) Matchmaking Event](#)  
This virtual matchmaking event is organized by Health-NCP-Net (HHN). Participants can engage in online bilateral meetings using the B2M platform and present their ideas during the pitch sessions. Registration closes on 21 January 2026.
- **28-29 January 2026:** [NCP4Missions Matchmaking Event](#)  
This is virtual matchmaking event will open with an online plenary session to offer practical advice on EU Missions proposals. After the plenary, participants will be able to schedule online bilateral meetings with potential project partners. *Please register as soon as possible.*
- **January/February 2026:** [IDEAL-IST: Cluster 4 Digital Calls Matchmaking Platform](#)  
This virtual matchmaking platform will support matchmaking for Cluster 4 Digital Calls. *Please register as soon as possible.*
- **03 February 2026:** Canada's NCP Network: Ocean Science Matchmaking Event  
This virtual matchmaking event brings together experts from Canada, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, and Portugal to forge new collaborations on sustainable fisheries and ocean management, aquatic pollution and conservation. *Stay tuned for registration details.*
- **04 February 2026:** [Key Enabling Technologies 2026 Matchmaking Event](#)  
This in-person event will be hosted in Karlsruhe, Germany and will have six thematic workshops and pitching sessions on manufacturing, raw and advanced materials, energy storage (batteries), artificial intelligence, as well as communications technology. Spaces are limited. *Please register as soon as possible.*
- **25 February 2026:** [Net4Society: Artificial Intelligence in Horizon Europe Calls](#)  
This virtual matchmaking event brings together applicants interested in submitting proposals relating to artificial intelligence and requires the involvement of social sciences and the humanities. If you are planning to pitch, *please submit your presentation as soon as possible.* Registration closes on February 20, 2026.

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## Delegation of the European Union to Canada: Webinar “Upcoming opportunities for Canadians under Horizon Europe: Tips for strong consortia”

The Delegation of the European Union to Canada invites you to a webinar on “Upcoming opportunities for Canadians under Horizon Europe: Tips for strong consortia.” You are invited to participate in a session presenting the priorities of the Horizon Europe 2026–2027 programme. The session will provide an overview of upcoming calls, key requirements, and practical advice on partner identification and consortium building. Participants will hear from experienced experts and representatives of the European Union. The session will also outline the support available to Canadian researchers and conclude with a dedicated question-and-answer period, offering an opportunity to engage directly with programme specialists.

**Date:** 22 January 2026

**Time:** 11:00 ET / 08:00 PT / 17:00 CET

**Format:** Online

[Please register](#) by January 21, 2025, to secure your place.

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## Saskatchewan Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grant (SSTSG) 2025–26

The [Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute \(SICI\)](#) invites applications for the [Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants \(SSTSG\) 2025–26](#), a flagship initiative that promotes scholarly exchange and institutional collaboration between Saskatchewan and India.

This special call is offered exclusively to publicly funded post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan under the Saskatchewan–Shastri Engaging Saskatchewan in India (SK-SESKI) initiative, in partnership with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Government of Saskatchewan. The program supports Saskatchewan’s efforts to expand academic, research, and innovation linkages with India.

This grant supports faculty, researchers, and graduate students from Saskatchewan institutions to undertake short-term academic visits to India for conferences, research collaboration, workshops, or fieldwork. To be eligible you must Program details and the application form are available here: [Saskatchewan SSTSG 2025–26](#)

**Funding amount:** \$1500 CAD

**Travel Window:** 01 September 2025 – 31 August 2026

**External deadline:** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until further notice.

**Internal deadline:** 10 business days prior via UnivRS with academic approval ([International Office internal deadline](#))

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## SSHRC Destination Horizon Grants – 2026 Competition

[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 the 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.

**Please note:** SSHRC requires a 100% matching fund in the form of cash contributions.

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

**Please note that USask may only submit up to three Destination Horizon Grant applications for a given deadline. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so early submission is strongly encouraged.**

**Funding amount:** up to \$15,000

**Duration:** one year

**External proposal deadlines:** 22 January 2026; 22 May 2026 (8 PM eastern)

**Internal EOI deadline:** 08 January 2026; 08 May 2026. Ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

## Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship

The [Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship](#) is open for applications! Funded through [USask's International Blueprint for Action](#), this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international postdoctoral scholars to the University of Saskatchewan.

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in the following [Signature Areas of Research](#):

- [Indigenous Peoples](#): Engagement and Scholarship
- [Synchrotron Sciences](#): Innovation in health, environment and advanced technologies
- [Quantum Innovation](#): Creating big changes from tiny particles

**Application deadline:** 09 February 2026.

For more information on eligibility and the application process, please visit the [program website](#)

## Erasmus+ Funding Opportunities for Canadian Post-secondary Institutions

Canadian post-secondary institutions can now apply for select [Erasmus+](#) calls promoting academic cooperation with the European Union.

- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters](#) support delivery of integrated and innovative joint master's programs with European partners. **Application deadline:** 12 February 2026, 5 PM CET.
- Jean Monnet Actions in Higher Education support teaching and research in the field of European Union Studies through [Modules](#), [Chairs](#), and [Centers of Excellence](#). **Application deadline:** 03 February 2026, 5 PM CET.
- [International Credit Mobility](#) supports exchanges of students and staff. Interested Canadian institutions should promptly contact their partners in EU Member States or Erasmus+ associated countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, and Türkiye) to be included as sending and/or receiving organizations in mobility project proposals due 19 February 2026. Please note that Canadian institutions cannot apply directly for this call.

For more information on the above opportunities, consult the [Erasmus+ Program Guide](#) or contact Canada's Erasmus+ National Focal Point at [anna.piotrowska@international.gc.ca](mailto:anna.piotrowska@international.gc.ca).

## Technische Universität Darmstadt International Research Experience Program Summer 2026 – for students

The **International Research Experience Program** offers a unique opportunity for both undergraduate and graduate students from TU Darmstadt's partner universities in Canada (including USask), the USA and Singapore. This program is specifically designed to immerse participants in cutting-edge research projects across various research institutes at the Technical University of Darmstadt. Going beyond academic pursuits, the program integrates intercultural experiences, insightful company visits, and exclusive excursions tailored for exchange students.

### Important program dates

**Nomination:** until 25 February 2026

**Application:** 01 March 2026

**Start:** 18 May 2026 (Orientation program: 18-22 May 2026)

**End:** 31 July 2026 (10 weeks) OR 14 August 2026 (12 weeks)

### Where to find more information?

Students can either check out the [IREP website](#), contact us via [irep@zv.tu-darmstadt.de](mailto:irep@zv.tu-darmstadt.de), or attend one of the virtual info sessions that we will offer.

The information session will be held on the following dates and times via Zoom. The link will be posted on the website under Program Dates:

- 13/01/2026, 16:00 CET (UTC+01:00)
- 15/01/2026, 14:30 CET (UTC+01:00)
- 27/01/2026, 16:00 CET (UTC+01:00)
- 29/01/2026, 14:30 CET (UTC+01:00)

### What are the program costs?

The IREP Summer program fee will be 3.099€. This is a flat fee and includes the following expenses:

- Semester ticket for public transportation in and around Darmstadt
- University enrollment incl. WiFi access on campus
- Orientation program and excursions
- Student service fee
- Health insurance
- Housing

Under exceptional circumstances, the program fee for **remote participants** will be approx. 400 €. The fee includes:

- Student service fee
- University enrollment incl. access on campus networks

### Which scholarships are available?

TU Darmstadt offers a limited number of **Scholarships of Excellence**, that cover the total program fee. By handing in the online application, the students automatically apply for the scholarship. The awarding of scholarships is based on outstanding academic performance. The number of scholarships awarded depend on the number of applicants and will be published after all applications have been received.

### How to apply?

Students must apply at their home university first. Interested USask student applicants need to connect with the International Student and Study Abroad Centre at [study.abroad@usask.ca](mailto:study.abroad@usask.ca) as **soon as possible** about the internal application and nomination process.

The [Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation](#) supports the philanthropic focus of Alpha Gamma Delta—fighting hunger. The Foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations throughout the United States and Canada who fight hunger in the communities. Grantable programs may include, but are not limited to local food pantries, food banks, meal assistance programs for children, families, seniors and more. As of 2025, the Foundation has awarded \$2.09 million dollars in grants in the fight against hunger.

The Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation awards grants to nonprofit organizations in the United States (excluding U.S. Territories) and Canada that address hunger and support individuals in their daily lives. Eligible applicants must be U.S. 501(c)(3) or Canadian NPO organizations. Grants are not available for individuals, research, endowments, or lobbying activities. Awards are limited to \$10,000 per program or project.

Grants are focused on three strategic areas:

- Direct food assistance and distribution
- Food rescue
- Nutrition education related to food assistance

**Grant amount:** up to \$10,000 per program/project.

**Internal deadline:** 16 January 2026. Ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External deadline:** 31 January 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

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## NATO: Science for Peace and Security Call for Proposals 2026

The [NATO Science for Peace and Security \(SPS\) Programme](#) promotes dialogue and practical cooperation between NATO member states and NATO partner countries based on scientific research, technological innovation and knowledge exchange. It enables scientists, experts and officials from Allied nations and NATO partner countries to work together to address emerging security challenges and their impact.

Through the SPS Programme, NATO has demonstrated its longstanding commitment to science, innovation and practical cooperation with NATO partner countries. The SPS Programme offers funding, expert advice and support to tailor-made, civil security-relevant activities that respond to NATO's strategic objectives. Participation in the SPS Programme enables experts and scientists to develop innovative solutions to address today's security challenges, and to build partnerships with their peers in Allied nations and NATO partner countries.

### General eligibility criteria

Applications submitted to the SPS Programme must:

1. Contribute toward NATO's strategic objectives and have a clear link to security;
2. Address at least one of the SPS Key Priorities;
3. Be developed jointly by scientists or experts from at least one NATO member nation and one eligible NATO partner country.
  - All participants in the proposed activity must be nationals of a NATO member nation or one eligible NATO partner country;
  - Each activity must include a scientist or expert taking on the role of NATO country Project Director (NPD). This person must be a resident and employed in a NATO member country;
  - Each activity must include a scientist or expert taking on the role of Partner country Project Director (PPD). This person must be a resident and employed in an eligible NATO partner country;
  - Additional Co-Directors from either NATO or eligible NATO partner countries may be included in proposals for Multi-Year Projects.
4. Be developed and implemented by Co-Directors employed by governmental, academic, or other non-profit institutions. For-profit private companies are not eligible for SPS funding;
5. Include realistic plans and budgets;

6. Be developed and managed in alignment with rules and regulations outlined in the SPS handbooks available on the SPS website.

**Internal deadline:** 16 January 2026. Ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External deadline:** 31 January 2026 (23:59 CET)

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## **IDRC - International Development Research Centre: Call for proposals for research teams: Human developmental biology – The Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program Phase II (JCIHRP-II)**

Phase II of the [Joint Canada-Israel Health Research Program](#) (the Program) seeks to support cutting-edge research in the biomedical sciences and global health. This third call for proposals under Phase II is directed toward applicants conducting research in the area of Human Developmental Biology while strengthening capacity in Canada, Israel and in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC).

The Program will support world-class research projects co-led by three principal investigators: one from Canada, one from Israel and one from an eligible LMIC (refer to [Appendix A](#) and IDRC website for the list of [eligible countries](#)). The teams will integrate researchers from all three geographies with the intention of strengthening scientific capacity, promoting collaboration, equitable partnerships, and scientific excellence in all its diversity. It is expected that the three principal investigators will work together on an integrated, and cohesive research project equitably contributing to and benefiting from their involvement in the project and the Program.

### **Research Areas**

Understanding the biological mechanisms that shape human health from the earliest stages of life can inform prevention and treatment approaches for a range of health conditions. This third call for proposals under phase II of this Program will support research in Human Developmental Biology relevant to the overarching [objectives](#) of the funding opportunity, with a particular focus on investigating underlying biological mechanisms and impacts on global health.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Human Developmental Biology and its potential effects on human health across the lifespan
- Embryonic and physiological factors affecting development including in model systems
- Cell diversity and embryonic patterning
- Exploring the genetic and epigenetic factors affecting cognitive and behavioural development
- Developmental mechanisms of disease onset
- The molecular basis of cognitive development
- The influence of bacteria (including gut microbiota) and environmental factors on embryonic and child development
- The influence of infectious agents on human developmental biology including sexual differentiation
- Novel approaches to study human development and rare developmental syndromes
- Cellular transitions and plasticity
- Theory and modeling of human developmental biology

**Internal deadline:** 10 February 2026. Ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**External application deadline:** 25 February 2026; 20:00 EST

**Duration:** 48 months

**Budget:** Up to CAD1,478,000 per grant

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## Jacobs CIFAR Research Fellowship Program

The Jacobs CIFAR Research Fellowship Program is for early and mid-career researchers whose work is dedicated to improving the learning and development of children and youth worldwide. The relevant disciplines include, but are not limited to, **education sciences, psychology, economics, sociology, behavioral science, computer science, pedagogy, linguistics, neurosciences, and science of learning.**

Particularly encouraged to apply are scholars who seek to combine multiple levels of analysis and engage in interdisciplinary work. A special focus lies on work to understand and embrace variability in learning; promote the generation, transfer, and practical application of evidence on human learning and development or increase the capacity to scale up effective education policies and practices.

Find full funding details [here](#) and reach out to [fellowship@jacobsfoundation.org](mailto:fellowship@jacobsfoundation.org) for further questions.

**Funding:** CHF 150'000 (12 Fellowships available)

**Duration:** Up to 3 years

**Internal deadline:** 19 January 2026. Ten business days prior to the external deadline ([International Office internal deadline](#))

**CIFAR Deadline:** 02 February 2026

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## Mourou Strickland Mobility Program

The **Mourou-Strickland Mobility Program** is an initiative designed by the French Embassy in Canada. Its aim is to foster research collaboration between France and Canada and encourage the discovery of specific research and innovation ecosystems in both countries.

### The program is open to:

- Researchers from Canada who are interested in traveling to France to explore the French ecosystem.
- Researchers from France who are interested in traveling to Canada to explore the Canadian ecosystem.

The Mourou-Strickland Mobility Program provides seed grant to encourage new cross-border bilateral cooperation and knowledge exchange.

### Candidates must:

- Have a permanent or tenure-track position.
- Be affiliated with a Canadian university (outside of Quebec) or a French university or institution.

### The grant includes :

- 1 round-trip economy-class flight Canada- France or France-Canada
- A contribution towards subsistence costs (5 daily allowances)

Please read the [2026 Guidelines](#) carefully before sending your application.

**Deadline for applications:** 08 February 2026, 11:59 p.m. PT

**Announcement of results:** Early March 2026

**Period of the stay:** anytime in 2026.

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## High-Level Scientific Stay

The Embassy of France in Canada has partnered with Campus France to offer scholarships to PhD students or post-docs working in a Canadian university for a 2-month research mobility in France. The objective of this program is to facilitate and strengthen collaboration with university researchers in scientific fields that are priorities for France and Canada, as defined at the first [Joint Commission on Science, Technology and Innovation between France and Canada](#) in 2023.

The call for applications is open to the following themes:

- **Emerging technologies:** AI, quantum, etc.
- **Health:** global health, public health policy, genomics, etc.
- **Ocean and polar sciences:** oceanography, biodiversity, marine ecology, etc.
- **Energy:** renewable energy, transition to net zero, sustainability, etc.

#### Eligibility criteria

- The High-Level Scientific Fellowship program is open to PhD students or postdoctoral researchers who are in the early stages of their career (0 to 5 years after their PhD) working at any university in Canada (outside of Quebec) in one of the fields mentioned above. Applicants must not be French nationals.
- Applicants are responsible for identifying a French host institution. If neither the applicant nor their research supervisor has an existing collaboration with a French team, we recommend that they contact researchers in France to identify opportunities for collaboration.
- Researchers working in the humanities and social sciences in connection with fields mentioned above are invited to apply.

#### The grant includes:

- 1 round-trip economy-class flight to France;
- a monthly stipend of €1,850 (subject to change);
- health insurance (including liability insurance).

To know whether or not you need a visa, please visit the France-Visas website. Selected applicants who require a visa to enter France are responsible for the procedures and costs involved in obtaining their visa. As visa applications can take 2-3 months to process, selected candidates must begin the visa process as soon as the results of the call for applications are announced. They must update the French Embassy in Canada on the progress of their application.

You can find more information [here](#).

**Application Deadline:** 09 February 8, 2026, 11:59 p.m. PT

**Announcement of results:** Early March 2026

**Period of stay:** anytime in 2026.

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### Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants - Burroughs Wellcome Fund

The **Burroughs Wellcome Fund** aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between thinkers working in largely disconnected fields, who, together, may change the course of climate change's impact on human health. Between Fall 2023 and Summer 2026, they will dedicate \$1 million to supporting small, early-stage grants of \$2,500–\$50,000 toward achieving this goal.

They are primarily, but not exclusively, interested in activities that build connections between basic and early biomedical scientific approaches and ecological, environmental, geological, geographic, and planetary-scale thinking, as well as with population-focused fields, including epidemiology and public health, demography, economics, and urban planning. Also of interest is work piloting new approaches or interactions aimed at reducing the impact of health-centered activities, such as developing more sustainable systems for healthcare, care delivery, and biomedical research.

Another area of interest is preparation for the impacts of extreme weather and other crises that can lead to large-scale disruptions, immediately affecting human health and the delivery of healthcare. Public outreach, climate communication, and education efforts focused on the intersection of climate and health are also appropriate for this call. This program supports work conceived through many kinds of creative thinking. Successful applicants include academic scientists, physicians, and public health experts, community organizations, science outreach centers, non-biomedical academic departments, and more.

Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis **through July 2026**. A review will be conducted quarterly.

**Grant amount:** USD \$2,500–\$50,000

**External Deadline** dates for the upcoming cycles are:

- 22 January 2026
- 23 April 2026
- 23 July 2026

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

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