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Research Funding and Support

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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 rasupport@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](#)

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 to arrange a tour during the 2026 Winter Term.**

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 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.

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 with questions about this exciting opportunity.

Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities

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

Social Science and Humanities Opportunities and Updates

SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter

Please see below for highlights from the 15 January 2026 [SSHRC Dialogue Newsletter](#):

- [Last chance to enter the 2026 Storytellers Challenge](#)
- [Apply now: International joint funding opportunity for research that harnesses the potential of disruptive technologies](#)
- [South Africa and SSHRC to strengthen research collaboration](#)
- [Building a better supply chain for health products](#)
- [Artificial intelligence-infused clothes could be the future of fashion for people with limited mobility](#)
- [Nominate someone for a 2026 Impact Award!](#)

Funding Focus – Upcoming Deadlines:

- [2026 Storytellers Challenge](#) (20 January 2026) *closing soon!
- [Destination Horizon Grants](#) (22 January 2026) *closing soon!
- [Connection Grants](#) (02 February 2026)
- [Insight Development Grants](#) (02 February 2026)
- [Partnership Grants—Stage 1](#) (10 February 2026)
- [2026 Canada Excellence Research Chairs Competition](#) (registration: 26 February 2026; application: 18 March 2026)
- [Partnership Engage Grants](#) (17 March 2026)
- [2026 Impact Awards](#) (01 April 2026)

Natural Science and Engineering Opportunities and Updates

NSERC CREATE – Call for Applications, LOI Registration, and RASI Review

The **NSERC CREATE** program supports the training and mentoring of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad. The aim of the program is to develop innovative training programs that foster professional skills and improve job readiness for careers in industry, government, non-governmental organizations, or the academy.

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

- Institutions now have quotas for the number of full applications they can submit. **USask is permitted to submit two applications.**

- Institutions are permitted to submit an unlimited number of LOIs. If an institution submits LOIs above their quota, only the LOIs selected by NSERC's multi-disciplinary peer review committee will move forward to the full proposal stage for those institutions. Only LOIs submitted by institutions exceeding their quota will be reviewed, and the applicants receive no feedback.
- NSERC has announced a special **Quantum CREATE** call for this competition. Institutions may submit one LOI for this call in addition to their regular stream allotment. One Quantum CREATE will be funded as part of the [Defense Industrial Strategy](#) announced in the 2025 Federal Budget.

USask will allow all eligible LOIs to submit to this competition. The NSERC multidisciplinary peer review committee will select which two LOIs will be invited to full proposal. These results are expected in early July. Rather than a mandatory internal review and selection process, RASI is offering to provide iterative feedback on any **LOIs submitted by 01 April 2026**. However, **All LOIs must be submitted to RASI for institutional approval by 17 April 2026**.

To submit your LOI for institutional approval, email the name of the PI, application title, list of co-applicants, and draft copy of the "Outline of the Training Program" from your LOI to rasi.support@usask.ca by no later than **17 April 2026**. LOIs not submitted by this date will not be included in the USask LOI submissions.

LOI requirements – [available here](#)

RASI review deadline: 01 April 2026

RASI feedback returned: 10 April 2026

Institutional approval deadline: 17 April 2026

UnivRS compliance deadline: 23 April 2026

NSERC submission deadline: 01 May 2026

If you have any questions about your application or the LOI registration or submission process, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca for more information.

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-chaire.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 [\(International Office internal deadline\)](#)

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 at your earliest convenience. Our International Research team is ready to assist and support you throughout the process.

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.

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.

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](#))

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.

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, 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 as **soon as possible** about the internal application and nomination process.

Goethe Research Experience Program

The [Goethe Research Experience Program \(GREP\)](#) offers research fellowships to advanced undergraduate and master's students of high academic standing from Goethe University's non-European partner universities. GREP fellows gain hands-on research experience within one of Goethe University Frankfurt's multidisciplinary research areas. Under the individual supervision of leading researchers, participants enhance their academic and intercultural competencies and build long-term research networks in an international environment.

Research Opportunities: Research placements are available across all 16 faculties at Goethe University

1. Students may choose a project from the [GREP Project Database](#) or propose their [Own GREP Project](#) in consultation with a Goethe University supervisor
2. **Short-term research** (2–3 months): Individual projects or lab visits
3. **Thesis work** (3–6 months): Research thesis under dual supervision
4. Each fellowship includes integration into a research group, continuous supervision, and a final academic paper and presentation in English.

Eligibility: Advanced undergraduate and master's students

Duration: 2-6 months of research or lab visits at GU

Disciplines: Life sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities

Supervision: Personalized mentoring by GU research professionals

Application deadline: 31 January 2026

Nomination deadline (Goethe University supervisors): 15 January 2026

For details of the program [click here](#) and support with visa, health insurance, and more through the [Global Office](#)

Rainforest Trust Grant Program

[Rainforest Trust](#) is offering a powerful grant opportunity for non-profit organizations, Indigenous Peoples and local communities to support the protection of critical ecosystems in tropical and subtropical regions.

Rainforest Trust offers two types of funding support grants: Feasibility Awards and Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards.

Feasibility Awards: Rainforest Trust provides Feasibility Awards to assess the potential for creating or expanding protected or conserved areas. These awards are intended to address specific information gaps in conservation projects, as precursors to applying for a Protected or Conserved Area Creation Award.

Value: The average size of Feasibility Awards is \$10,000; in exceptional situations, amounts of greater than \$20,000 may be considered.

Protected or Conserved Area Creation Awards: Rainforest Trust's primary awards support the creation and expansion of protected or conserved areas, on land or sea, be it through designation, land titling, purchase or any other recognized methodology (e.g. Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)). There is no set maximum grant amount for these Awards, with applications assessed and awarded on an individual basis.

Area: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Environment, Indigenous Communities

Total Grant Size: \$100,000 to \$500,000

External Deadline: 01 March 2026

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

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

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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