# Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives

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Visit the [OVPR Grants Calendar](#) for up to date deadlines and events. Learn more about RASI services [online](#).
SURE Summer Symposium

Everyone is welcome to attend the annual SURE: Student Undergraduate Research Experience summer Symposium. This **hybrid event** will be **online from 22 August through 31 August**, with an in-person live **event in Convocation Hall on 25 August from 9am to 3pm, with awards at 4pm**.

To view the event, please click [here](#) (please note: the online Symposium will open to the USask community on August 22nd)

Come out and see the amazing projects from USask undergraduate students: from bees to astronauts, virtual reality to potato diseases, chronic pain to cannabis, steam power in Saskatchewan to Metis heritage, multiple sclerosis, bats, and so much more.

CFI-JELF Information Session

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) **John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF)** is a program to provide 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. USask regularly participates in the February and October JELF submissions to the CFI. 2023 submission group timelines are available on the [USask webpage](#).

Potential applicants, co-applicants, research facilitators and technical staff are invited to attend. This session has been targeted for those interested in the **February 2023** submission group.

The session will:

- Provide an overview of the **internal review** process and **timelines**
- Provide guidelines for the CFI JELF ask ($125,000 is appropriate for most JELF proposals; not to exceed 40% of the total eligible project costs)
- Outline secured **partner funding** options
- Discuss common **eligibility** questions
- Provide the **resource tools** to construct a strong proposal
- Include time for **questions** from applicants

**Information Session – online event**

Date: 30 August 2022  
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
Register:  
RSVP: [cfi.support@usask.ca](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca)

For more information, please contact [cfi.support@usask.ca](mailto:cfi.support@usask.ca)
SSHRC Partnership Development Grant Pilot Program: Call for Applications

Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives invites applications from those interested in participating in our SSHRC Partnership Development Grant (PDG) Pilot Program. SSHRC’s PDGs are a key tool for building academic partnerships, fostering community-engaged research, establishing national and international collaborations, and engaging in research with Indigenous communities. In 2021, the success rate at SSHRC for Partnership Development Grants was 75%.

The pilot program will support a cohort of up to five faculty members who are each planning to apply for a PDG. The cohort will be supported by SSHRC scholars and members of the RASI office and run for approximately 18 months. Participants in the pilot will receive:

- **Up to $20,000 in Fall 2022** to support partnership development activities.
- Peer-support and expert feedback over the ~14-month grant development period. Participants will meet as a group once every two to three months and work together to support one another throughout the application process.
- Up to $10k in matching funds, if the application is successful.

**Application Deadline:** 26 August 2022  
**Terms of Reference:** [Online](#)  
**Application Form:** [Online](#)

Please submit your application in UnivRS 5 business days before the deadline for compliance review. If you have any questions about your application, please contact Sara Mueller, Senior Research Specialist in RASI, at sara.mueller@usask.ca.

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**Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities**

**Reminder - Research Cooperation in the Canadian Francophonie Program**

Acfas (the Francophone Association for the Advancement of Sciences) is pleased to open a new call for applications for the **Research Cooperation in the Canadian Francophonie Program**. This program aims to encourage research collaborations between two French-speaking researchers (or teams) from different provinces or from a province and a territory, by offering mobility grants of up to $5,000 per year.

**Who is eligible as a visiting scholar?**

Graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research professionals and professors who are associated with a public university in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia or Quebec.

**Who is eligible as a host environment for a visiting scholar?**

Professors, research professionals, research chairs and research groups who are associated with a public university in a province or territory of Canada (all provinces and territories are eligible), as well as publishers of French-language or bilingual scholarly journals in a territory or province of Canada.
Five types of collaborative projects are eligible:

1. Collaboration in a research project between two established researchers (research professionals, professors, postdoctoral fellows, etc.);
2. Collaboration in a research project between an established researcher and graduate student;
3. Collaboration in a research project between two research teams based in different provinces or territories;
4. Internship of a graduate student in a research group, a research chair or a scholarly journal, to carry out various mandates that may go beyond research, for example the administration of the journal, linguistic revision, translation, etc.;
5. Participation of a graduate student in a summer school in another province or territory.

**Deadline to Apply:** 10 September 2022 (the selected projects will be able to start in the winter of 2022)

Visiting scholars must identify a host environment before submitting their application and attach to their application a letter of collaboration from this environment. Information on the application file (in French).

A [recording of the information session](#) held on 17 August is now available in French.

As a potential host environment, to help you identify a visiting scholar, you can post an internship offer on the program page (see details on the page) or post in the [LinkedIn group](#).

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**SHRF Solutions Addictions Info Session**

In advance of the upcoming SHRF Solutions eligibility deadline on 29 September, there will be a series of virtual information sessions. These sessions are designed to answer additional questions about the funding opportunity, focus areas and partnerships not covered in the main Information Session. Recording of the previous session and application information can be found [here](#).

The SHRF Solutions Program is open to grant applications from interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary teams including knowledge-users to catalyze innovative new ideas and approaches, promoting creative problem solving, or advance the translation of research into real world settings and practical applications to address one of the focus areas named in this year’s competition.

The first session will focus on the **Addictions** Focus Area and is scheduled for **Wednesday, 24 August, at 12:15pm**. You can [register here](#).

This session will cover additional information regarding project fit with focus area and other common questions, as well as an opportunity to ask your own questions.

Questions can be emailed to Chelsea Cunningham at [ccunningham@shrf.ca](mailto:ccunningham@shrf.ca).
2023-2024 PIMS Postdoctoral Competition: Call for Nominations

The Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences (PIMS) invites nominations of outstanding young researchers in the mathematical sciences for postdoctoral fellowships beginning in the academic year 2023-2024. Candidates for the PIMS Postdoctoral Competition must be nominated by a scientist or department affiliated with PIMS. These fellowships are intended to supplement the support provided by the sponsor, and are tenable at any of the PIMS Canadian member universities: the University of Alberta, the University of British Columbia, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge, the University of Manitoba, the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Simon Fraser University and the University of Victoria.

For the 2023 competition, the amount of the award will be $30,000 and the sponsor(s) is (are) required to provide additional funds to finance a minimum stipend of $55,000.

Nominees must have a Ph.D. or equivalent (or expect to receive a Ph.D.) by 31 December 2023. The fellowship is for one year and is renewable for at most one additional year.

Nominations for the CNRS/PIMS Postdoctoral Fellowships are through the same process. This award is targeted to applicants that are French, or who have completed their Ph.D. degree in France.

PIMS takes our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion very seriously. We strive to build an open and inclusive community. We strongly encourage people from historically underrepresented groups to apply for these positions.

Applications open from 12 August 2022 – 01 December 2022.

SSHRC and CMHC – New Partnership Grants for National Housing Strategy Longitudinal Outcomes Research

SSHRC and CMHC has launched a new Partnership Grants for National Housing Strategy Longitudinal Outcomes Research, to examine key issues affecting outcomes of investments in affordable housing.

CMHC aims to support multi-disciplinary research teams of social sciences and humanities researchers, life scientists, engineers, and environmental scientists to work collaboratively. They will examine the long-term health, socio-economic, and climate change outcomes of investments in affordable housing, and the links between housing, health, socio-economic, and environmental factors at the household and community levels.

CMHC is investing up to $4.8M over five years to support two multidisciplinary and multisectoral research partnerships. SSHRC will administer the funding opportunity.

More information about the funding opportunity can be found on CMHC’s website.
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