Research Acceleration and Strategic Initiatives

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RASI Workshops and Support Services

USask Indigenous Research Workshop Series: Principles-Practices-Perspectives:
Navigating Approaches in Indigenous Community Engaged Research, Data, and Beyond

Please Join us for an exciting virtual workshop presentation. The workshop will cover the following:

**A pathway for building relationships in community engaged research**
Stan Tu’Inukuafe, Co-founder - 10,000 Little Steps to Healing Inc., STR8 UP
Dr. Robert Henry, USask Assistant Professor, Indigenous Studies

**Lac La Ronge Indian Band’s navigation of a national research collaboration: principles, process, and promise**
Lisa Mayotte, Public Health Nurse Manager, Lac La Ronge Indian Band Health Services
Dr. James Irvine, Public Health Physician, La Ronge; USask Professor Emeritus, Dept. of FM, Assist Dir PHPM Residency, Dept. of CH&E
Dr. Sylvia Abonyi, USask Associate Professor, Community Health and Epidemiology, SPHERU

**A context for co-development in research: process and provisions for the Akaitcho Territory Government as a Co-PI in research**
Diane Giroux, AAROM Coordinator, Akaitcho Territory Government
Mike Tollis, AAROM Technical Advisor, Akaitcho Territory Government
Dr. Corinne Schuster-Wallace USask Associate Professor, Geography & Planning

**Date:** 4 November 2021
**Time:** 1:30-3:00pm
**Register:** [Online](#)

Learning objectives of the workshop:
- The inherent complexity that shapes the principles of Indigenous research through descriptions of community partnered research, data governance, and data sovereignty
- Approaches in the area of Indigenous research based on practical experiences in allied research and in community driven research
- Perspectives, context, and insight for Indigenous scholarship

Please contact [rasi.support@usask.ca](mailto:rasi.support@usask.ca) with any questions.

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**Pathways to Equity Workshop: Housing Insecurity, Renter Equity & Homelessness**

Pathways to Equity is hosting a workshop to explore cross-agency and cross-disciplinary research in the areas of homelessness, housing insecurity, and renter equity. By bringing together faculty, community leaders, and those with lived experience with housing insecurity and homelessness, we will set the stage for ongoing conversations and determine the next steps to engage in meaningful research projects.

**Date:** 19 November 2021
**Time:** 10:00am-4:00pm
**Register:** [Online](#)

This highly interactive workshop will include break-out groups, a panel discussion, and features keynote speakers Michèle Biss and Sahar Raza from the National Right to Housing Network. At the end of the day, we
hope to generate high-priority, actionable research projects that address the problems facing Saskatchewan today and connect researchers and community practitioners to champion them. Limited funding to support emerging projects and partnerships may be available.

For more information, contact pathways.equity@usask.ca. Accommodations for individuals who cannot attend virtually may be available. Please reach out to 306-966-7295 to discuss these options.

Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund (BRIF) & Canada Biomedical Research Fund (CBRF) Pre-call
The Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) and the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) have announced an investment of $750 million over four years through the Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund (BRIF) and the Canada Biomedical Research Fund (CBRF). This investment will enhance Canada’s foundational biomanufacturing excellence and pandemic readiness by addressing institutional research infrastructure needs and by developing the research and development and talent to enhance manufacturing capacity.

The first phase was a $150M BRIF call to support CL3/CL4 infrastructure. Submission deadlines were Fall 2021.

The second phase is composed of 2 stages that will be delivered collaboratively by TIPS and the CFI through an integrated competition, which will both include peer review and strategic review processes. At Stage 1 a limited number of research hubs (3 to 5), composed of institutional, not-for-profit, private and/or public organizations, will be awarded from the BRIF ($350M). It is through these hubs that the research and infrastructure proposals will be submitted when the open national calls for CBRF ($250M) is launched at Stage 2. Research programs could include addressing gaps in funding for precompetitive development of promising technologies and promoting their transfer to Canadian companies.

**Stage 1** - selection of three to five research hubs.
**Call:** expected late Fall 2021

**Stage 2** - open, national call for proposed partnered research and infrastructure projects associated with the selected research hubs.
**Call:** expected Spring 2022

For more information on Stages 1 and 2 of this competition, please visit the [CBRF](#) website. To indicate your interest in applying or for any questions please contact RASI at rasi.support@usask.ca.

NSERC Alliance Missions grants
NSERC has announced the launch of the [NSERC Alliance Missions grants](#), a unique opportunity aimed at addressing critical science and technology challenges that can play a pivotal role in Canada’s
economy. Alliance Missions grants will provide $100,000 to $500,000 per year for two years, to initiate research collaborations between Canada’s academic researchers and partners from private, public and/or not-for-profit partner organization(s). These grants will cover 100% of the eligible costs of research for a two-year period.

The proposed projects should catalyze the development of partnerships between university researchers and partner organizations; after the two-year period of the Alliance Mission grants, promising partnerships can then apply for Alliance grants for longer project durations. The project proposals should be focused on addressing challenges that have emerged as a result of the pandemic and/or respond to new economic opportunities. Projects can be based on challenges identified by partner organizations that require research or research expertise.

Applications will be accepted any time until 30 November 2021.

For more information please consult the program description or contact Alliance@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

**Webinar: German Government Funding for Hydrogen Projects in Canada**

The German government recently announced its funding guideline for international green hydrogen projects, through which non-repayable grants totaling EUR 350 million will be provided for green hydrogen production, storage, transport, and application as well as research projects. The funding guideline aims at projects outside the EU and the maximum amount per project is EUR 15 million. The first call for proposals closes at the end of October 2021, followed by two additional calls in December 2021 and February 2022.

The German Secretariat of the Energy Partnership with Canada will organize an information and networking webinar about the funding guideline. It will give an overview on the funding guideline and dig into its details as well as provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders from Canada and Germany to explore the potential for joint projects.

Representatives from the involved German ministries and their execution partner will present and answer questions. The final agenda, preparatory materials, and follow-up information will be shared with registered participants only. Information collected below will solely be used for webinar preparation and targeted match-making.

**Date:** 26 October  
**Time:** 7:30am CT  
**Register:** [Here](#)

Should you have any questions, contact the German Secretariat of the Energy Partnership with Canada. Nicolai Pogadl, Head of Secretariat, can be reached at nicolai.pogadl@germanchamber.ca.

**Mitacs Elevate Call for Proposals**

The Mitacs Elevate call for proposals has been launched – and enhanced funding is available for postdocs in emerging industry sectors: artificial intelligence, cleantech, quantum science, and biomanufacturing. Mitacs
is committed to fostering new innovation partnerships. Our Elevate initiative, available to postdocs in all disciplines, can provide critical career and skills training to postdoctoral fellows through real-world collaborations.

As in prior years, postdoctoral fellows can apply for two years of funding valued at $60,000/year. And this year, sector-specific experts in artificial intelligence, cleantech, quantum science, and biomanufacturing are eligible for funding of $80,000/year.

**Postdoctoral fellows:**

- Manage a long-term collaborative research project with a company or not-for-profit organization
- Receive exclusive professional development training in career fundamentals, interpersonal skills, communication, intrapreneuralism, leadership and management, and much more
- Cultivate cross-disciplinary networks and take advantage of peer-learning opportunities

Enhanced funding: $80,000/year for research projects in artificial intelligence, cleantech, quantum science, and biomanufacturing. And, if you are collaborating with a small or medium-size enterprise or NFP, that organization pays only 25% of the cost of the fellowship for the entire two years.

**Key dates:**

- Applications open at the end of November 2021
- Application submission deadline is 19 January 2022

Start planning for your project now!

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to apply, please consult the Mitacs’ [website](#).

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**NSERC Contact Newsletter**  
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