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Learn more about RASI services online.

**USask Workshops and Support Services**

**2025 Innovation Fund (IF) – Information Session**

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has announced the 2025 Innovation Fund (IF) program. The Innovation Fund aims to build capacity in infrastructure and personnel, allowing researchers to remain at the forefront of exploration and knowledge generation. The CFI IF program supports the development of large-scale, unique, and cutting-edge facilities that can accelerate future research in your field of study for many years.

Through this competition, CFI will invest up to ~$400 million in infrastructure and fund up to 40% of the project’s eligible costs. CFI will also provide up to ~$120 million in associated operating and maintenance costs through the Infrastructure Operating Fund (IOF). The most common eligible costs include renovation or construction costs, research equipment, and personnel to support the development or use of the infrastructure.

RASI is hosting this program’s information session on October 17th, 2023. This information session will provide details of USask’s internal processes for allocating our CFI IF institutional envelope and outline the support available for teams applying for this opportunity. Immediate questions can be directed to rasi.support@usask.ca.

**Information Session**

**Date:** 17 October 2023 from 1:30-2:30pm

**Location:** ARTS 102

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

_Those interested in the program are highly encouraged to attend the information session._

**Competition Timeline:**
The full application submission deadline will be February 2025. Further details regarding internal deadlines and other milestones will be communicated at the workshop in October.

Please visit the CFI website through the link below for further program details. Please note that only the 2023 IF competition details are currently posted. The 2025 competition details will be updated at a future date.

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**New Frontiers in Research Fund – Exploration: Internal Review**

The [2023 NFRF Exploration Competition](#) is now open.

RASI is providing additional support for faculty planning to submit an Exploration NOI and Full Application through an expert internal review.

To participate in the internal review, please [register online by 28 September](#).

The internal review timeline can be found [here](#).

Contact RASI Research Specialist, Jennifer Reynolds, at jennifer.reynolds@usask.ca with any questions or to learn more about the Exploration program and RASI supports.

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**Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies – Faculty Research Development Grants**

The Centre Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies at the University of Saskatchewan (the “Centre”) is an interdisciplinary centre aimed at promoting research and graduate training in the areas of justice and forensic behavioural science. Demands have, and continue to emerge, at the municipal, provincial and national levels for scholarly activity pertaining to the criminal justice system. These demands, amplified by the recent pandemic, include the need for research, training and evaluation concerning the law and justice systems, personnel and inmates, crime prevention, conflict resolution, and community health issues as informed and impacted by correctional services.

The Centre is pleased to invite applications for a unique round of Faculty Research Development Grants focused on current topics of importance in Canadian Corrections and Justice:

- Parenting by offenders
- Indigenous Policing
- Alternatives to incarceration
- Law enforcement and health
- Big data and forensic mental health
- Stress of correctional staff
- Needs of individuals transitioning from RPC to the community to support continuation of care and prevent returns to incarceration
• Facility violence and implications for (a) integrating correctional clients within the facility or (b) stress and PTSD experienced by correctional staff
• Reasons for individuals not participating in Section 81 healing lodges

This funding is made possible through support from Correctional Service Canada (CSC). The purpose of these awards is to fund small projects that will enable researchers to better position their research for success at provincial and national funding levels.

Individual or co-applicant grant applications are invited for varying amounts up to $10,000.

**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, 15 November 2023

If you have any questions please contact: 306-966-2687 or forensic.centre@usask.ca.

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**Cross Disciplinary and Institutional Opportunities**

**New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Competition**

The New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) 2024 Transformation Stream supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental or health impact. Projects may involve any discipline, thematic areas, approaches or subject areas eligible for funding from across the three federal research funding agencies. Projects should engage the full range of disciplines required to achieve the project goals.

Transformation stream grants will support projects that:

1. Tackle a well-defined problem or challenge.
2. Propose a novel world-leading approach that is different from the current state-of-the-art approaches to the issues.
3. Are interdisciplinary, bringing different perspectives to the defined problem; and
4. Have the potential to be transformative, defined as the potential to create a significant and real change or impact – a noticeable leap or tangible breakthrough rather than an incremental advance.

Transformation grants are awarded to an NPI at an eligible institution; they are not institutional grants. National, international and cross-sector collaborations are encouraged to ensure that the most appropriate individuals and/or organizations are involved and that team composition reflects best practices in equity, diversity and/or inclusion.

This grant is valued at between $2,000,000 and $4,000,000 per year for six years for an overall total maximum of $24 million. The competition budget is $144 million over six years.

**NOI deadlines:**
**Internal Compliance Deadline:** 17 October 2023
Funding Agency Deadline: 24 October 2023

LOI deadlines:
Internal Compliance Deadline: 3 January 2024
Funding Agency Deadline: 10 January 2024

LOI results released: 6 May 2024

Full application deadlines (if invited):
Internal Compliance Deadline: 28 August 2024
Funding Agency Deadline: 5 September 2024

If you are interested in applying, please contact rasi.support@usask.ca to discuss the supports offered for this opportunity.

Genome Canada and SSHRC’s Knowledge Synthesis Grants examining Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories

Genome Canada is proud to partner with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canadian Heritage and the UK Research and Innovation’s Arts and Humanities Research Council (UKRI-AHRC) to invest up to $1.2 million in funding for Knowledge Synthesis Grants on the topic of Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories.

The Evolving Narratives of Culture and Histories competition will support both Canadian and international applicants through two streams:

- **Stream 1:** For applicants or project directors affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution. Up to 20 grants may be funded for up to C$30,000 for one year; Genome Canada will fund up to four projects in this stream and SSHRC and Canadian Heritage will jointly fund up to 16 projects.

- **Stream 2:** For international collaborations of two applicants or project directors—one based in Canada and the other in the UK—who are affiliated with eligible institutions in their respective countries. SSHRC and UKRI-AHRC will jointly fund up to 20 grants of up to C$30,000 each for one year.

Knowledge synthesis involves comprehensive analyses of literature and other forms of knowledge on a particular question or issue. These grants do not support original research, but rather the synthesis of existing research knowledge, particularly from over the last 10 years, and identify knowledge gaps that Canada needs to address.

Application Deadline: 14 December 2023 at 8pm ET

English Webinar:
Date: 25 October 2023 from noon-1pm ET
Register: here

French Webinar:
Date: 26 October 2023 from noon-1pm ET
Register: here

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**Health Sciences Opportunities and Updates**

**SHRF Partners on 2024-26 Parkinson Canada Research Competition**

SHRF has partnered with Parkinson Canada to co-fund Saskatchewan-based applications in any area of research to understand, diagnose or treat Parkinson’s disease or to improve quality of life for people impacted by Parkinson’s Disease through the Postdoctoral and Clinician Scientist Research Fellowship opportunities.

SHRF has a **$10,000/year** research supplement available for funded fellowships.

For Parkinson Canada research competition funding details, click [here](mailto:).

**Application Deadline:** 05 December 2023 at 11:59pm EST

Applications that are to be conducted at institutions located in Saskatchewan are eligible for Parkinson Canada-SHRF partnership funding and applications that wish to be considered must indicate this on their application.

Applications are submitted through Parkinson Canada’s [portal](http://parkinson.ca) and inquiries regarding the funding opportunities should be directed to research@parkinson.ca.

Questions about the SHRF Partnership Program can be directed to Karen Tilsley ([ktilsley@shrf.ca](mailto:)).

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**Social Sciences and Humanities Opportunities**

**SSHRC DIALOGUE Newsletter**

Please see below for the September 2023 [SSHRC DIALOUGE newsletter](http://). Highlights are included below:

- Recipients and Chairs Announced for SSHRC and Tri-Agency Opportunities
- Strengthening Indigenous Research Capacity Strategic Plan Extended to 2026
- Lean First-hand on Parliament Hill How Research Can Impact Canadian Policy
International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals
As part of the University of Saskatchewan International Blueprint for Action 2025, the International Office is thrilled to announce the 2023-24 International Travel and Project Grants: Internal Call for Proposals. Each year, through the International Blueprint, the university invests funding to engage, advance and scale international initiatives with partners around the world.

International Travel Grants
Application deadline: 20 November 2023

- **Global Ambassador Program (Incoming)** – supports incoming international experts and faculty to the USask aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
- **Global Ambassador Program (Outgoing)** – supports faculty and staff to travel to international universities and/or facilities aligned with USask’s existing or emerging areas of strength - valued up to $5,000
- **Internationalization Fund** – supports faculty and staff to increase the ability and confidence to initiate, build and support international and intercultural engagement and activities - valued up to $2,500
- **International Travel Fund** – supports faculty and staff to participate in international partnership and capacity building toward the university’s collective global citizenship and international community service engagement – valued up to $2,500

International Project Grants
Application deadline: 05 December 2023

- **International Research Partnership Fund** – to strengthen research collaborations with existing international partners – grant average $20,000
- **Global Innovation Fund** – to initiate the development of new international research collaborations – grant average $20,000
- **Global Community Service Fund – New Partnership Grants** – to support new collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $20,000
- **Global Community Service Fund – Existing Partnership Grants** – to support existing collaborations and engage with communities to improve welfare and quality of life – grant average $20,000

The Call for Proposals regarding specific targets, eligibilities, selection criteria, and application forms is available on the International Office **Internal Funding page**.
Please connect with the International Research team at international.office@usask.ca with any questions about these funding opportunities, and we would be very pleased to assist and support.

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**France Canada Research Fund (FCRF) – Funding for New Scientific Projects Jointly Developed by French and Canadian Teams**

The France-Canada Research Fund (FCRF), open to every field of expertise, provides funding for new scientific projects jointly developed by French and Canadian teams that have never worked together before. Applications must come from principal investigators, both from research establishments located in France and Canada. The FCRF is co-managed by the Embassy of France to Canada and the University of Ottawa. The funding is awarded to **two-year projects in amounts ranging from $8,000 to $15,000 CAD**, according to the needs expressed by the principal investigators, and covers mainly researchers’ and students’ mobility.

The recording of the information session on the France Canada Research Fund (offered on Tuesday, August 29th, 2023), as well as slides, are available [here](#).

USask has a quota of a maximum of 5 applications in the 2023-2024 competition. Researchers interested in submitting an application should read the Guidelines carefully before preparing their application. The application form is available [here](#).

Please submit your application via UnivRS by **30 October 2023** and inform us at international.office@usask.ca to participate in the internal competition.

**Eligibility criteria:**
- Only projects led by Principal Investigators (PIs) who have never collaborated before will be considered.
- PIs must have a tenure or tenure track position or full-time position working at an affiliate institute.
- Canadian PIs must be from one of the 23 Canadian member universities of the FCRF.

**Selection criteria:**
- Contribution to the advancement of knowledge (quality, scientific relevance)
- Innovative nature of the proposed project (expected project impact)
- Quality of the researchers and team members (publications, credits, other types of prior recognition)
- Proposed execution of research (methodology, calendar, budget)
- Significance and contributions of the bi-national collaboration (complementarity and balance between teams, interdisciplinarity)
- Participation of master’s or doctorate-level students and young researchers (contributions, benefits)

Applications in all research areas are encouraged. Up to eight (8) collaborative projects that fall under the following priority themes could be funded by the 2024 FCRF call for proposals:
• One Health - A multi-sector approach to achieving health equity
• Climate change and adapting to extreme environments

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact International Office international.office@usask.ca.

Funding amount: $8,000 to $15,000 CAD
External deadline: 17 November 2023
Internal Deadline: 30 October 2023

Identifying Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Gaps in Faculty Research to Inform Research Development Practices
All USask research grant holders (faculty, staff, and students) are invited to take part in this anonymous survey.

This project aims to advance EDI in research through identifying barriers that researchers face in academia for meaningful EDI integration in research, and by gathering inputs on possible actions to address those barriers. The results from this project will help to lead to an expansion of the resource allocation and improved trainings/services around adopting a more inclusive research guidance and practices.

As a participant in this study, you will be asked to fill out an on-line survey which will take approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete.

To show our appreciation for your participation, you will have the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of 24 e-gift cards to a vendor of your choice (Amazon, Starbucks, or Tim Hortons).

Participation in this study is voluntary, and you can decide not to participate at any time or choose not to answer any questions you don’t feel comfortable with. All findings will be presented in an anonymized fashion. Before answering any questions, you will be asked to provide consent for this study.

To participate in the study, please click here.

For more information about this study, please contact: Sanjukta Choudhury, Senior Strategist, EDI and Research, College of Education, sanjukta.choudhury@usask.ca, 306-966-1736

Global Affairs Canada: Call for Concept Notes – Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific 2024-2028
The “Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific” Call is a 2-stage application process contributing to Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy.
As a first step, eligible organizations are invited to submit Concept Notes that describe projects that will address the objectives of this Call. At the second stage, a limited number of organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal. The total amount of funding available under the Strengthening Civil Society and Democratic Spaces in the Indo-Pacific 2024-2028 Call is up to $30 million over 4 years. Global Affairs Canada (GAC) may fund 8 to 10 proposals or none, up to the maximum funding available.

The Indo-Pacific region will play a critical role in shaping Canada’s future over the next half-century. Encompassing 40 economies, over four billion people and $47.19 trillion in economic activity, it is the world’s fastest growing-region and home to six of Canada’s top 13 trading partners. This Call for concept notes supports efforts of organizations registered in Canada and Indigenous organizations in Canada to enhance inclusive governance, promote and protect human rights, and advance gender equality in support of sustainable and inclusive economic growth in the Indo-Pacific region.

Applicants will carry out projects in the field of international development, aligned with Canada's Feminist International Assistance Policy and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

**Funding Amount:** CAD $2 million - $7 million  
**Internal Deadline:** 01 November 2023  
**External Deadline:** 14 November 2023 at noon ET

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**The Water Research Foundation (WRF) Grants**

The Water Research Foundation (WRF) is the leading research organization advancing the science of all water to meet the evolving needs of its subscribers and the water sector. WRF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, educational organization that funds, manages, and publishes research on the technology, operation, and management of drinking water, wastewater, reuse, and stormwater systems—all in pursuit of ensuring water quality and improving water services to the public.

WRF was formed in 2018 through the integration of three highly respected research collaboratives: WateReuse Research Foundation, Water Environment Research Foundation, and Water Research Foundation. Separately, these organizations focused on research to support varied segments of the water sector—water reuse, wastewater and stormwater, and drinking water, respectively. Now a One Water organization, WRF delivers the research and innovation programming the sector needs to address the most pressing water issues holistically.

There are various [Water Research Foundation grants](#) available through the WRF that are open to USask applicants. Including by not limited to:

- [Making the Case for Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure and Supporting Strategies](#)
- [Residential End Uses of Water, Version 3: A Single-Family and Multi-Family Study](#)
- [Evaluation and Demonstration of Biotechnological Tools and Methods for Improving Biofiltration Operation and Optimization](#)
• **Advancing Anoxic Phosphorus Uptake for Highly Efficient Simultaneous Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal**

To see a full list of Requests for Proposals from the WRF please follow [this link](#).

**Funding Amount:** Vary but usually at least USD $100,000  
**Internal Deadline:** Two weeks before application deadline  
**External Deadlines:** Vary depending on each individual request for proposal

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### Science for Policy in Europe

The [Science for Policy in Europe Conference](#), taking place between 10 and 11 October, will gather policymakers, science advisors, researchers, ethics experts, and other professionals in science-for-policy to discuss how to create better science-for-policy ecosystems in Europe.

On 10 October from 11:15am-12:30pm, the ERC President [Maria Leptin](#) will participate in the session “Challenges, trends, and opportunities for the future of Science for Policy in Europe”. It will look at the main challenges and trends for evidence-informed policy-making and scientific advice in Europe and explore opportunities to develop it further. The panel will also address how to develop connections and promote interactions between the three Science for Policy communities (scientists, boundary organisations and policy-makers).

**Speakers**

- Maria Leptin (European Research Council President)  
- Nicole Grobert (ERC grantee and Chair of the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors and Professor of Nanomaterials, University of Oxford)  
- Maria da Graça Carvalho (Member of the European Parliament) - To be confirmed  
- Leena Sarvaranta (Lead of the Science for Policy Foresight Expert Group)  
- Jolita Butkeviciene (Director, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Innovation in Science and Policy-making)

**Moderator:** The session is moderated by Karen Coleman

Register: [here](#)

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### ERC Grants 2024: Funding for Top Researchers of All Nationalities

Join this webinar on bottom-up funding from the [European Research Council](#), the premier European funding organization for excellent frontier research. The ERC supports investigator-driven frontier research across all fields. It awards research grants to scientists and scholars from all over the world, both early-career and senior researchers, carrying out their ambitious research projects in all scientific disciplines in Europe.
In this webinar, you will hear from a representative of the ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA), who will also address your queries during a Q&A session. Familiarize yourself with the basics and check out the ERC Classes video playlist beforehand as well as last year's webinar on ERC grants.

This free webinar is directed at postdoctoral researchers and established researchers (PhD plus two years' experience) of all disciplines and all nationalities, as well as university officials promoting funding and it will take place on Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 12:30pm Eastern / 9:30am Pacific / 6:30pm CEST.

Register: here