SHRF Programs and Policies

An Introduction

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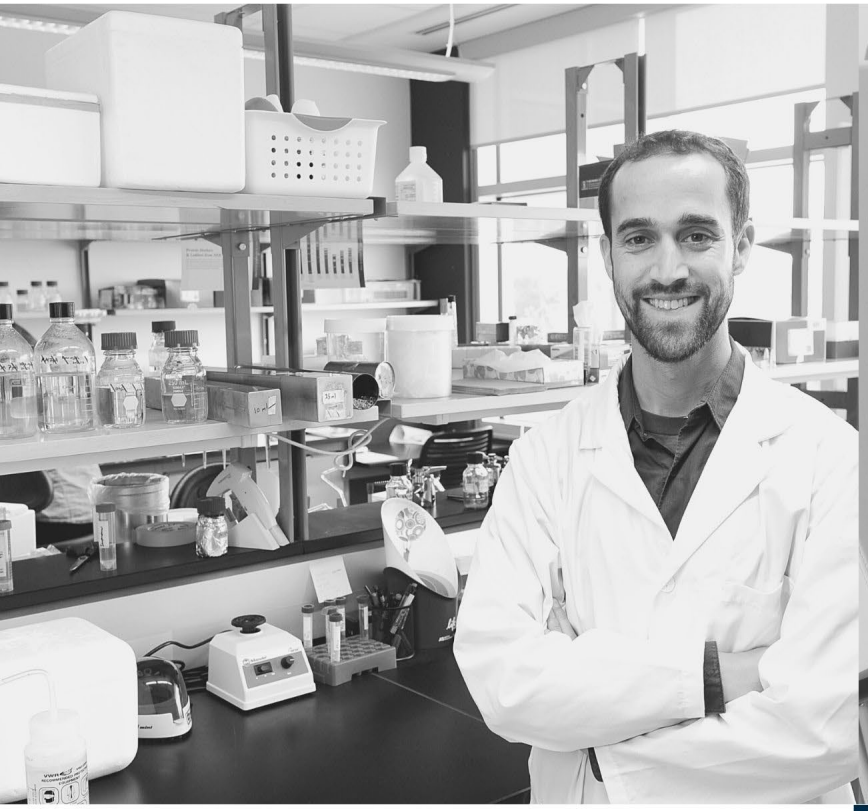

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Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) funds, supports and promotes the impact of health research that matters to Saskatchewan

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Strategic Goals

1. Strengthen research capacity and competitiveness
2. Increase investment in research and innovation
3. Align research with stakeholders' needs

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Key Activities

- Develop and execute research funding competitions
- Uphold a rigorous peer review process
- Partner with other organizations
- Measure impact and share stories
- Act as a trusted and neutral convenor

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Our Programs

CAPACITY

ESTABLISHMENT

Expanding Saskatchewan's capabilities for impactful health research.

SOLUTIONS

INNOVATION

Identifying & targeting creative solutions to complex problems.

IMPACT

Bringing solutions into action through Saskatchewan-based health research.

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Our Programs

CONNECTIONS

MOBILIZE

Connecting knowledge users to research and evidence they can use.

ALIGN

Connecting researchers with stakeholders and communities to develop impactful and relevant research.

PARTNERSHIPS

VARIOUS PROGRAMS

Strengthening Saskatchewan's health research climate through diverse partnerships.

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The Life of a Funding Program

Competition Launch

Information Webinar

Eligibility Check

Application Submission

Peer Review

Funding Decision

Recipient Announcement

Funding Follow-Up

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Starting An Application

1 Review available funding, requirements and timelines

- Current opportunities available online at shrf.ca/opportunities
- Download 'Application Package' and 'Funding Guide' for details, eligibility and policies

Application Package

- Available funding
- Project and team eligibility requirements
- Program-specific allowable expenses
- Review criteria
- Application instructions

Funding Guide

- Application and grant management processes that apply to all Programs
- Applicant team member roles
- Allowable expenses and rates
- Reporting to SHRF

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Starting An Application

2 Attend webinars and ask questions!

- Webinars can be attended live, or viewed later via the SHRF Youtube channel
- Contact SHRF early with any questions

3 Begin online submission via SHRF RMS

- Log in or register at shrf.smartsimple.ca
- All application and grant information is submitted electronically

Note: Responsibility of Principal Applicant

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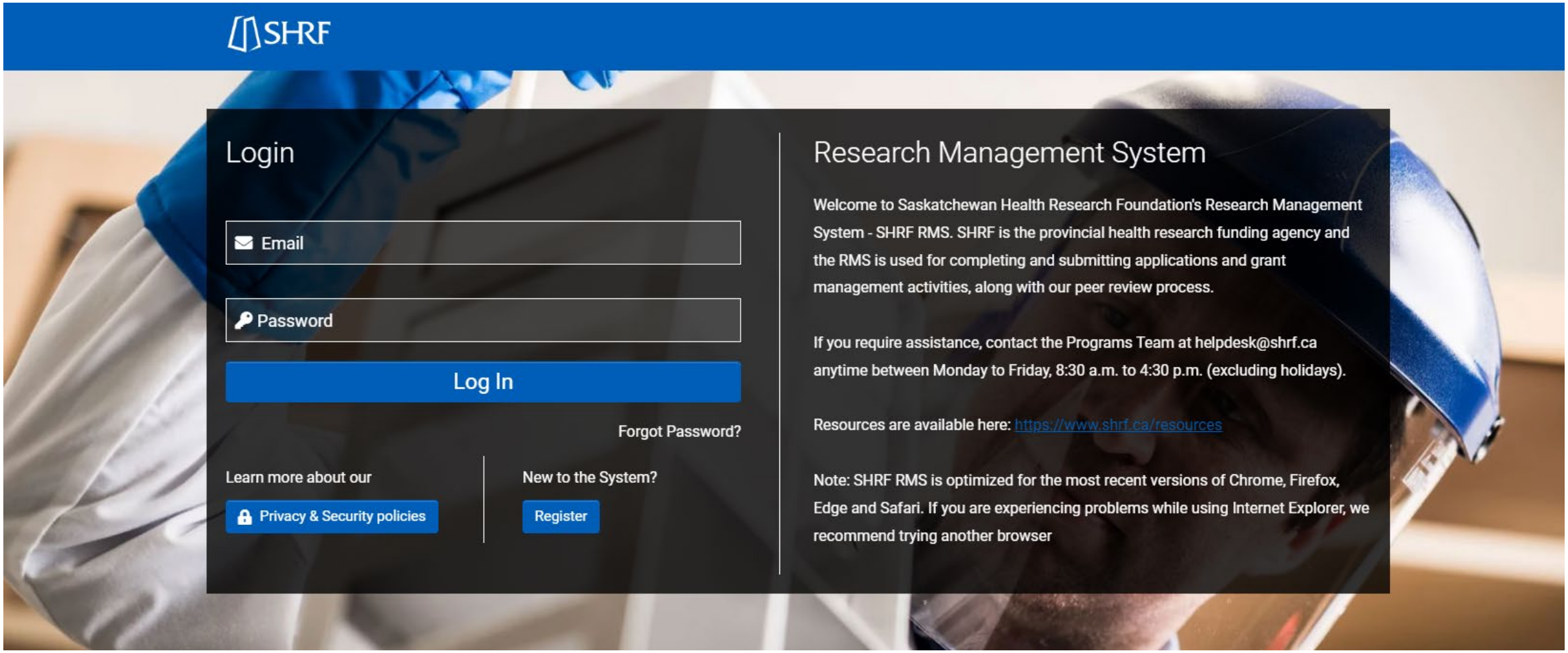
Research Management System (RMS)



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Research Management System (RMS)

Applications

0
Eligibility Applications
Complete and submit your eligibility applications.

1
Full Applications
Complete and submit your full applications.

0
Action required: Contribution Forms
Complete and submit your contribution forms for applications you are a part of.

3
Submitted Contribution Forms
View contribution forms you have submitted and will be included in applications you are a part of.

14
Results
See your results, review comments and view all previously submitted applications.

2
Grant Authorization
Accept your grant and remediate special conditions. View your AFF

Grant Management

1
Reports
View, complete and submit required grant reporting. (Draft reports can be saved prior to submitting to SHRF.)

0
Change Requests
Complete and submit your change requests for a currently funded grant.

1
Grant Activity Decisions
Decisions regarding reports & change requests

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Understanding Peer Review

- All* SHRF funding applications go through peer review
- Committees of active researchers and health professionals use a rating scale of excellence to assess research proposals (Criteria included in application package)
- SHRF only funds applications that rank above a 3.5 on the rating scale

Common Review Criteria:

- Is it relevant and original?
- Is it feasible and ethical?
- Does it adhere to the objectives and priorities of the funding program?
- Does the researcher or team have the expertise and support to conduct the research?
- What are the expected impacts? (next slide)

Rating Scale:

4.5 - 4.9 Outstanding: highest funding priority

4.0 - 4.4 Excellent: very high funding priority

3.5 - 3.9 Very good: high priority, should be funded

3.0 - 3.4 Good: acceptable, but low priority

2.5 - 2.9 Fair: not acceptable for funding but shows promise

2.0 - 2.4 Poor: needs major revision

<2.0 Seriously flawed

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Understanding Peer Review

→ Applications are asked to address and will be reviewed by the CAHS Impact Framework

Evaluation Framework

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) Impact Framework (2009)

1. **Building Capacity**
   e.g. personnel, additional research activity funding, infrastructure
2. **Advancing Knowledge**
   e.g. research quality, activity, outreach
3. **Informing Decision Making**
   e.g. pathway from research to health outcomes
4. **Health Impacts**
   e.g. health status, determinants of health, health system change
5. **Broad Economic and Social Impacts**
   e.g. activity, commercialization, health benefits, social benefits

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Not sure who to contact?

Reach out to fundinginfo@shrf.ca and we will connect you with the right team member!

SHRF Standard Policies

- You can find important policies that apply to all SHRF programs in the latest SHRF Funding Guide
- Any additional or exceptional program-specific policies are outlined in the relevant Application Package

SHRF Standard Policies

- SHRF funds support activities in-province only
- Principal Applicants must be affiliated with an institution with a SHRF MOU (or for some programs, a registered charity), be autonomous (not a trainee or contracted researcher) and reside and work in Saskatchewan for the duration of the grant
- For purchase rates, trainee and staff salaries, etc., applicants should refer to institutional policies
- Ongoing ethics and safety approvals are required for research activities
- Principal Applicants and Co-Applicants cannot be compensated from grant funds
  - Exception for Knowledge Users (approved time-release) and Persons with Lived Experience (expenses and honoaria)
- Funded grants agree to submit yearly progress reports and financial statements, and to inform SHRF of any changes in proposed projects or eligibility to hold funds

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Building A Team

SHRF encourages applicants to build teams including co-applicants in different roles. The three types of roles are:

RESEARCHER

An individual with formal training **who holds a position which supports them to pursue research** and whose expertise supports the proposed research project.

KNOWLEDGE USER

An individual **interested in the applications of the knowledge generated** from the proposed research, who plays an active role in mobilizing knowledge to ensure research results have an impact.

LIVED/LIVING EXPERIENCE

An individual whose contributions to the proposed research are related to **their personal experience with a health issue or experience as an informal caregiver.**

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Resources & Questions

Check out these links for helpful resources

Current Funding Opportunities

shrf.ca/opportunities

SHRF Matters Newsletter

shrf.ca/contact

Funding Guide & RMS Manual

shrf.ca/resources

RMS How-To Videos

SHRF Youtube