



Alzheimer Society
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SHRF SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

Focus Area Information Packet



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND OTHER DEMENTIAS

in partnership with Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan

Your quick guide to the 2023-24 SHRF Solutions Program and
the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Focus Area

SOLUTIONS PROGRAM

About Solutions

SHRF's Solutions Program supports interdisciplinary teams of researchers and knowledge-users addressing pressing health needs in Saskatchewan.

Through a competitive peer review process, SHRF and partners support direct costs for research projects taking place in Saskatchewan with measurable impact in focused areas, through two opportunities: the Impact Grant and the Innovation Grant.

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias Focus Area

SHRF is pleased to partner with Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan (ASOS) in supporting their focus on dementia research with a partnered investment of \$200,000, available through SHRF's 2023-24 Solutions Program.

To be eligible for ASOS partnered funding, applications **must address research into finding treatments, causes and cures, and improving the quality of life for people living with dementia and/or** one of the following interest areas identified by the ASOS Board:

- Diagnosis
- Prevention/Risk Reduction
- Culturally Sensitive Care
- Long Term Care
- Palliative Care
- Social Inclusion

Knowledge-Users

Who are they?

SHRF defines knowledge-users as any individual who could receive and use new knowledge to implement improvements in health – their own health, the health of others or the health system. These individuals may represent organizations that are interested in the practical application of knowledge, such as healthcare practitioners, government and community leaders.

Why include them?

Involving individuals and groups that have an interest in the applications of research knowledge and that have personal experience with the topic of research reduces the gap between the research and practice.

About SHRF

For 20 years as the provincial health research funder, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) has funded, supported and promoted the impact of health research that matters to Saskatchewan.

Each year, we run a series of funding competitions, wherein we facilitate a peer-review process and award research grants that address local needs and improve the health and wellness of Saskatchewan residents.

About ASOS

The Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan (ASOS) is the province's leading dementia and research charity with a mission to empower all people to live well with dementia while funding research into prevention, cures and quality of life. ASOS pursues this mission through the delivery of core services: support, education, awareness, advocacy and research. To learn more, visit: www.alzheimer.ca/sk.

FUNDING DETAILS

Innovation Grant

Creative problem-solving to catalyze innovative ideas and approaches

Up to \$50,000 over one year

Impact Grant

Advancing the translation of research into real-world and practical applications

Up to \$150,000 over two years

You can find an overview of all the 2023-24 Solutions Focus Areas and funding available on the last page of this packet

Requirements & Timelines

Solutions research teams will require:

- At least two Saskatchewan-based researchers from different disciplines*
- At least one Saskatchewan-based knowledge-user

Solutions research teams are strongly encouraged to include:

- Those with lived/living experience
- Support from community leaders/organizations, decision-makers or industry partners

*One of the Saskatchewan-based researchers, who can hold funding at an institution having a SHRF MOU, will act as Principal Applicant. This individual is responsible for creating, completing and submitting the application.

Full application requirements and instructions for Principal Applicants are found in the Application Package, downloaded at: www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact

Program Guidelines Released
June 26, 2023



Eligibility Submission Deadline
September 28, 2023



Full Application Deadline
November 16, 2023



Results & Funding State Date
March 2024

Getting Started

The first step in the Solutions Application process is the Eligibility Check. This step is completed in the SHRF RMS by the Principal Applicant and reviewed by SHRF staff to ensure your application is a good fit.

The sooner you complete your Eligibility Submission, the sooner you will have access to complete the full application online! Eligibility Submissions are mandatory and will be accepted until 4:30pm CST on September 28, 2023.

Referring to the Solutions 2023-24 Application Package, you will need to decide the following:

- Which focus area(s) does your research address and how? Are there any additional partnership opportunities listed that you are interested in?
- Which grant (Innovation or Impact) is most suitable for your proposed project based on the objectives?
- Who is on your team? Note team requirements stated above.
- Prepare a draft title and brief overview of your planned research.
- Three suggested Canadian reviewers from outside of Saskatchewan.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For Researchers:



WEBINAR: SHRF Solutions Information Session and Q&A for Applicants

July 20, 2023 - 12pm CST on Zoom

Register at www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact



RESOURCE: Solutions Application Package

A comprehensive review of the information and guidelines you need to submit your 2023-24 Innovation Grant or Impact Grant application.

Download at www.shrf.ca/innovation-impact

For Knowledge-Users:



RESOURCE: Knowledge-User Handbook

Answering the questions: "Why am I on this grant? What do I have to do?"

Download at www.shrf.ca/your-research-team



RESOURCE: Step-By-Step Guide to SHRF's Online Research Management System (RMS)

Resources to help you complete your required information in SHRF's online system: the RMS. Video tutorials are included.

Launch at www.shrf.ca/your-research-team



SUPPORT: SHRF RMS Live Help Sessions for Team Members

A SHRF staff member will walk you through the steps of completing contribution forms in the online system (the RMS). Follow along and ask questions as you complete your forms in real time!

Register at www.shrf.ca/your-research-team

Get in Touch!

If you have any questions about the fit of your research with the focus areas or opportunities, please reach out.

SHRF has an extensive network of researchers and organizations that work in a diverse range of fields. If you have any questions about possible collaborations in a specific topic or field, please feel free to contact us.

Your primary contact for the SHRF Solutions Program is:

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Get started at www.shrf.ca/solutions

2023-24 FOCUS AREAS

Each year, Solutions applications for the chosen focus areas are accepted in the fall.
The focus areas for 2023-24 are summarized below.

More information on each focus area is available at www.shrf.ca/solutions

2023-24 Focus Areas

 Child & Youth Health	\$1M+ in funding available	 JIM PATTISON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION	 SCPOR Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research
 Rural & Remote Health	\$450,000+ in funding available	 SASKATCHEWAN FUNDERS FORUM ADVANCING SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH RESEARCH	
 Lung Health	\$200,000 in funding available	 LUNG SASK	
 Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementias	\$200,000 in funding available	 Alzheimer Society SASKATCHEWAN	

Focus Area Considerations

Focus areas are subject to change from one year to the next, and are determined based on provincial capacity, need, partner-alignment, and other factors.

Available funding dollars reflect contributions from both SHRF and our partners.

While applicants will be asked to select a focus area as a part of their application in the SHRF RMS, staff may, when appropriate, move applicants between focus areas in order to maximize funding success and total dollars available.

