



Research & Scholarship Newsletter

October 2021

Research Administration 101: Institutional Policies that Guide Research

Research conducted at the University of Saskatchewan is guided by policies that ensure the research environment provides our faculty and students with the building blocks for success, while meeting the terms and conditions of funders. These policies include:

1. Research Administration Policy: To establish general principles and procedures for the development, approval and administration of research projects conducted at the University of Saskatchewan. Our college and institutional approval processes (i.e., UnivRS) are guided by this policy. While the time required for approval (8 working days) is often considered a barrier during grant development, the goal is to ensure your application is well positioned for success and complies with institutional protocols in a timely way.

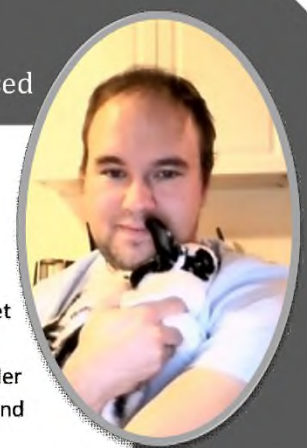
2. Eligibility to Apply for, Hold and Administer Research Funding Policy: To identify who is eligible to hold and manage external and internal research funding. The only members of the university who can hold and manage research funds are those who have a letter of appointment that clearly states they can conduct independent research. For example, trainees are not eligible to hold funds, however their supervisors can do so on their behalf.

3. Institutional Costs of Research Policy: To provide a standardized mechanism for the university to recognize and partially recover the costs of research administration. These costs include expenditures such as: building use; maintenance and upgrade of library resources; computer and network support; management and administration of research; financial, legal, and human resource services; regulatory and research compliance (such as ethics); hazardous waste disposal and controlled goods; occupational health and safety; campus security; and liability insurance.

These policies allow us to support your research in the best way possible. Questions? Contact NURSE for more information.

Researcher Q & A

Shawn Emard, M.N. – Thesis-based



Q: Tell us three quick facts about yourself.

1. I've spent most of my undergraduate education taking astronomy electives and graduated a few credits shy of a minor in astronomy.
2. I have had and prefer rabbits as a house pet for the last decade.
3. My research and career interests are in older adults, long term care, equity and diversity, and mental health.

Q: What is the best part of taking your graduate nursing education? What are you looking forward to the most about finishing your program?

A: Learning leadership and collaboration within an interprofessional, patient-oriented team is extremely valuable as a research professional and nurse. You really learn the value of the relationship and become attuned to the power imbalances in health and research. The personal and professional skills and knowledge are invaluable. I look forward to being a more consummate professional who has a mind for inequity and power differentials and values relationships in nursing and elsewhere.

Q: What is one thing you are most proud of so far that you've accomplished being a graduate student?

A: I defended my proposal and will be proceeding in my research shortly.

Celebrating Nursing Research & Scholarship Success!

BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

In the News...

World Homelessness Day: October 10th was #WorldHomelessDay. Did you know Dr. June Anonson from the USask College of Nursing leads a diverse team of community researchers working on homeless services in Prince Albert and area? More information available [here](#) and [here](#).

How COVID-19 changed the delivery of mental health services: Drs. Hua Li, Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, Tracie Risling, and Don Leidl from the USask College of Nursing, and Manal Kleib from the University of Alberta Faculty of Nursing, explore whether the transition of mental health services to telepsychiatry during the pandemic was effective, especially from the perspectives of both service users and providers. More information available [here](#).

USask Researchers, SHA, and CHEP Good Food Work Together to Tackle Hunger Issues in SK: A group of researchers and stakeholders are coming together to change the way we think about food and health in Saskatchewan. "This is an exciting opportunity to think and work differently on very complex issues," said Dr. Wanda Martin, with the USask College of Nursing. More information available [here](#).

USask researchers explore breast cancer screening access for refugee women in Sask: Drs. Louise Racine, Sithokozile Maposa, and Susan Fowler-Kerry from the USask College of Nursing, Hassan

Vatanparast from USask's School of Public Health, and Isil Andsoy of the Department of Nursing at Karabuk University, Turkey, have been exploring breast cancer awareness and preventative screening knowledge among Muslim Syrian newcomers to Saskatchewan. "The goal of our project is to help nurses design culturally appropriate health promotion tools to increase knowledge about breast cancer and how to perform breast self-examinations and undergo mammograms in preventative efforts," said Dr. Racine. The interdisciplinary research team combines expertise in nursing, refugee health, women's health, global health, and palliative care and this work is funded by Sigma Theta Tau International and the Canadian Nurses Foundation. More information available [here](#).

Nursing Research Spotlight

Innovations in Health Systems and Education Research



Marie Dietrich Leurer RN, BSN, MBA, PhD
Assistant Professor
College of Nursing Campus: Regina, SK

I work with health regions and mothers on research projects to gather their insights and provide information and resources to enhance lactation support, improve breastfeeding duration rates and promote infant and maternal health.

Community-Engaged Health and Nursing Research



Sithokozile Maposa PhD, RN
Assistant Professor
College of Nursing Campus: Prince Albert, SK

My research program focuses on quality of life, health promotion and nursing in a global context. I work primarily with adolescent girls and women who are Indigenous or newcomers to Canada. My research also focuses on HIV, abuse, and substance use prevention.

Health Equity Research



Louise Racine RN, BScN, MScN, PhD
Professor
College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

My research focuses on immigrant and refugee health; specifically family caregiving among non-Western immigrants, refugees and francophone communities living in the prairie provinces. My program of research also focuses on the delivery of culturally competent and safe nursing care to Indigenous populations.

A selection of peer-reviewed journal articles indexed in Scopus from 2021:

- Vandenberg, H., Martin, W., Dietrich Leurer, M. and 1 more (...) (2021). The History of Saskatchewan's Public Health Association Policy Initiatives, 1954-86: A Regional Comparison for Preventative Health Policy Work in Canada. Canadian bulletin of medical history = Bulletin canadien d'histoire de la medecine, 38(1) 93-127.
- Maina, G., Ogenchuk, M., Phaneuf, T. and 1 more (...) (2021). "I can't live like that": the experience of caregiver stress of caring for a relative with substance use disorder. Substance Abuse: Treatment, Prevention, and Policy, 16(1).
- Okello Wonyima, I., Fowler-Kerry, S., Nambozi, G. and 4 more (...) (2021). Hidden Tales of Ebola: Airing the Forgotten Voices of Ugandan "Ebola Nurses". Journal of Transcultural Nursing.
- Ajani, K., Gowani, A., Gul, R. and 1 more (...) (2021). Levels and predictors of self-care among patients with hypertension in Pakistan. International Journal of General Medicine, 141023-1032.
- Belita, E., Schofield, R., Currie, G. and 11 more (...) (2021). Advancing excellence in community health nursing through evidence-based national standards of practice. Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing, 52(4) 168-175.
- Li, H., Glecia, A., Arisman, K. and 3 more (...) (2021). Mental Health and Addiction Related Emergency Department Visits: A Systematic Review of Qualitative Studies. Community Mental Health Journal.
- Tomczak, U., Sattar, S., Schoenbeck, K.L. and 2 more (...) (2021). Circumstances around falls in older adults with Cancer. Journal of Geriatric Oncology, 12(1) 91-95.
- Haftom, M., Petrucka, P., Gemechu, K. and 8 more (...) (2021). Prevalence and Risk Factors of Human Leishmaniasis in Ethiopia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Infectious Diseases and Therapy, 10(1) 47-60.
- Peters, E.M., Lodhi, R.J., Zhang, Y. and 2 more (...) (2021). Lamotrigine for acute bipolar depression: An exploratory item-level analysis. Brain and Behavior.
- Mackey, A., Petrucka, P. (2021). Technology as the key to women's empowerment: a scoping review. BMC Women's Health, 21(1).

Stay Connected!

Learn more about our **Nursing Research and Scholarship**? Check out our [Webpage](#) and [Research Snapshot](#)!

Keep on top of **upcoming funding opportunities**? Join the USask Health Science and/or Social Science [listserv](#)!

DID YOU KNOW? Open Access Support

- ✓ NURSE provides support to submit your recent publications to [HARVEST](#); USask's Institutional Repository.
- ✓ This repository helps researchers fulfill open access policies for FREE!
- ✓ Contact [Raeleen Wilson](#) for support.



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Important Dates:

College of Nursing Activities

Lunch and Learns (12:00- 1:00 pm)

November 8: USask OVPR International Office – New Funding Programs and Partnership Building Initiative (Le Li & Megan Fillatre).

NURS 990 Sessions (12:00-12:50 pm)

November 3: Conducting research with marginalized populations (Dr. Solina Richter)

November 10: General health checks in asymptomatic adults – do they really cause more harm than good (Janet Luimes)

November 17: Research data management: What you need to know (Kevin Read)

November 24: Tensions of learning narrative inquiry (Mariana Ribeiro & Dr. Roslyn Compton)

The above events are available to all within the College. Contact Raeleen to RSVP!

Upcoming Research Events

Nov 16 & 18: Registration is now open for the **Saskatchewan Health Research Showcase**. Registration to this virtual showcase is free this year. Details can be found [here](#).

Nov 19: Register for the upcoming **Pathways to Equity Workshop: Housing Insecurity, Renter Equity & Homelessness!** Registration for this virtual workshop is free! Details can be found [here](#).

Jan 25-27: Save the Date for the **FASD Prevention Virtual Conference!** Registration will open soon.

November Awareness Days

Throughout the month of November, watch the College of Nursing social media feeds for stories linked to:

- ❖ Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month
- ❖ Digital Health Week
- ❖ World Diabetes Day

Follow our social media channels for more details!

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

Contact Kylie if you have a research story that you would like to share for any upcoming awareness dates!

Upcoming Grant Competitions

SHRF Solutions [Funding Program](#)

Sept 15: Eligibility Check Deadline

Nov 18: Submit to UnivRS

Nov 30: Submit to funder (via SHRF RMS)

SSHRC Race, Gender and Diversity [Initiative](#)

Sept 21: Grant [Webinar](#)

Nov 3: Submit to UnivRS

Nov 15: Submit to funder (via Convergence)

SHRF Research Connections [Grant](#) – Truth & Action

Oct 14: Grant [Webinar](#)

Nov 22: Submit to UnivRS

Dec 2: Submit to funder (via SHRF RMS)

CIHR Operating [Grant](#) – Indigenous COVID-19 Rapid Research

Nov 7: Registration Deadline
Submit to UnivRS

Nov 26: Submit to UnivRS

Dec 7: Submit to funder (via ResearchNet)

SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant – Emerging Asocial Society [Initiative](#)

Dec 7: Submit to UnivRS

Dec 17: Submit to funder (via SSHRC Web-Based Forms)

Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation Research [Grant](#)

Oct 26: Grant [Webinar](#)

Nov 19: Eligibility Check Deadline

Jan 11: Submit to UnivRS

Jan 21: Submit to funder (via SHRF RMS)

SSHRC Insight Development [Grant](#)

Nov 29: Submit NOI to USask

Dec 10: Internal Review

Jan 21: Submit to UnivRS

Feb 2: Submit to funder (via SSHRC Web-Based Forms)

Contact Robin for details.

Making an Impact: Nursing Discovery Metrics Update

October 2021

Quick Collaboration Facts:

In 2020/21...

- 11% of all grant applications focused on Indigenous research
- 43% of all grant applications focused on Patient-oriented research
- 81% of all grant applications focused on Community-based research

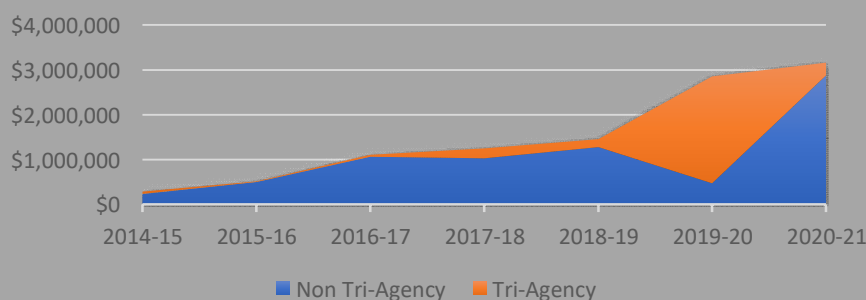
Grant Application Partnerships

Collaborating Organizations & Stakeholders Identified on Grant Applications (%)	19/20	20/21
USask Health Sciences Units	86	46
USask Other Academic Units	14	30
Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions	32	30
International Post-Secondary Institutions	7	22
Health Authorities	43	19
Other Government Organizations	14	14
Industry Partners	3	8
Community Based Organizations and Stakeholders	61	41

Publication Collaboration Data 2020

Metric	Percentage	Scholarly Output	Citations	Citations per Publication	Field-Weighted CI
International collaboration	45.6%	36	79	2.2	0.72
Only national collaboration	34.2%	27	48	1.8	0.97
Only institutional collaboration	11.4%	9	20	2.2	1.45
Single authorship (no collaboration)	8.9%	7	0	0	0

Figure: Total Grants Awarded (\$)



Faculty Survey Results: UN Sustainable Development Goals

We recently asked faculty if their research & scholarship aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Of the 15 responses received, 9 faculty indicated an alignment with 11 of the 17 SDGs:

