



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

## Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies

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#### Graduate Student Research Awards

This award is designed to assist graduate students whose research will require financial resources over and above what is routinely available from within one's own department or college. Funds may be used to cover direct research costs, such as expenses related to research participant recruitment, ethics-approved honorariums or gifts, equipment and supplies, special software, research assistants for activities directly related to the research, e.g. data collection, data coding (only if the database is extraordinarily large or involved and only up to a maximum of 50% of the coding activity), and research-related travel (conference travel is not an eligible expense). Proposed expenses that do not fall into any of the above categories must be approved by the student's home Department or College in accordance with its own policy or practice.

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies (Centre) will accept proposals from students who are conducting forensic behavioural science or justice-related research as part of their graduate program. Typically, but not necessarily, the research will be conducted as part of the student's thesis or dissertation at the University of Saskatchewan.

Behavioural forensic science and justice-related research refers to any research that investigates the law, crime, justice and/or corrections from a social science, health science, legal, management or multidisciplinary perspective. Applicants should articulate clearly how their proposed research relates to and adds to existing knowledge in the proposed area(s). **For this call, priority will be given to the following research areas: alternatives to incarceration, supporting the health and wellbeing of correctional staff, community integration, the use of AI in correctional settings, the reduction of violent incidents in institutions, analytical models for correctional population projections, and other topics relevant to corrections and justice.**

It is anticipated that proposals will come from, **but will not be limited to**, the Colleges of Arts and Science (Psychology and Sociology), Medicine (Psychiatry, Public Health, Community health), Nursing, Law, and Business.

The proposal must include (all pages must be numbered):

1. a brief overview of the nature of the research (2 to 5 pages).
2. a letter of support from the academic supervisor.

3. a proposed budget for the research specifying the amount of financial resources that are being requested (for future expenses only), and a disclosure about any other potential or existing sources of funding. If a portion of the budget includes paying someone other than the researcher for services (e.g. transcription, data collection, coding, etc.) it must be made clear how the researcher will complete *at least* 50% of the associated work themselves.
4. a projected timeframe in which the research will be completed.
5. If required, a copy of the ethics application and Research Ethics Board approval is not required with the submission, but per University policy, will be required before funding is released.

Proposals are reviewed by one independent committee, composed of at least two anonymous volunteer members from the Centre's affiliated faculty and contributors.

Applications for awards of \$500 or less may be reviewed and approved on an expedited basis by the Centre's Director and/or the Centre's Executive Committee. It is anticipated that most awards will be in the \$1,000 to \$6,000 range.

The term of the award is one year unless otherwise requested in writing by the applicant and approved by the Executive Committee. Proposed changes in the use of funds, after an award has been granted, must be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

Granting of the award does not imply support from Correctional Service Canada (CSC). Furthermore, if the approved project requires access to CSC data or to CSC staff or incarcerated persons under CSC jurisdiction, the project must be granted approvals through the CSC research process for external projects.

Students in receipt of a research award are expected to give at least one presentation of their research to interested Centre members and students. In addition, a copy of the final document (dissertation, thesis, or research report) must be submitted to the Centre office.

Recipients are also required to maintain and submit a copy of incurred expenses to the Centre if requested. At the expiration of the award, any unexpended funds must be returned.

**Applications must be submitted in electronic format as a single PDF to [forensic.centre@usask.ca](mailto:forensic.centre@usask.ca). Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until January 15, 2027, or until this year's funding is exhausted.**