

Connecting the City of Saskatoon and USask research communities since 2019.

Research Junction is a **collaboration** between the **City of Saskatoon** and **University of Saskatchewan** to support the development of joint research projects that address contemporary urban issues for the benefit of Saskatoon residents.

As a major initiative under the [USask-City of Saskatoon Memorandum of Understanding](#), we focus on developing research and learning collaborations between USask researchers and City of Saskatoon professionals leading to new research projects, student training and learning opportunities, and expanded access to data/information services infrastructures.

Program Highlights:

- We support the application of leading-edge research through co-designed & co-managed projects.
- Master Research Agreement & Data Licensing Agreement are in place to streamline collaboration.
- We provide partner identification & facilitation support for collaborative research projects.
- Remove administrative barriers & promote access to city data & the USask library.
- Provide seed funding to launch research projects & support teams applying for additional funding.

2024 Seed Funding Competition:

Up to \$5,000 available to support early research and partnership development activities!

[Competition Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

Our Impact:

The *Research Junction Development Grant* **distributes \$100,000 annually** to research projects that are co-developed and co-led by a City staff and USask researcher. Six competitions have been held to date, resulting in **24 co-led projects and over \$600,000 awarded**. These projects are led by 8 different USask colleges and 13 City departments.

Examples of impact at the City of Saskatoon as a result of research collaboration include:

- How the City budgets for community safety initiatives
- The future development of Saskatoon Light & Power's smart grid strategy
- Informing the City's Place-Naming and Identity frameworks
- Guide the City's business tax incentive policies.



Impact Highlight

USask's Dr. Markus Brinkmann and the City of Saskatoon's Mike Sadowski honoured with a [Smart 50 Award](#) for their wastewater monitoring project that advances environmental and human health.