

2026-27 Innovation Saskatchewan Budget Summary

The 2026-27 Budget for Innovation Saskatchewan of \$32.2 million advances Saskatchewan's Research Strategy by delivering on commitments and renewing support for research institutes.

The 2026-27 Budget marks a \$295,000 decrease (one per cent) from the 2025-26 Budget due to administrative budget reductions.

Innovation & Science Fund

- The 2026-27 Budget formalizes the \$5.2 million annual funding for the expanded Innovation & Science Fund (ISF) program. The expanded ISF was officially announced in January 2026 and intake under the new program format will begin in April 2026.
 - The \$2.4 million increase was allocated in 2025-26 in advance of expanding the ISF in response to increased demand for research support in priority areas. The additional funding was fully allocated under the previous program format.

Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization Funding

- The 2026-27 Budget commits an additional \$3 million to the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) to upgrade manufacturing facilities to expand vaccine development and production capabilities.
 - This is part of the \$4.1 million commitment announced in 2025-26 and in addition to the \$15 million committed in 2021-22 to support VIDO becoming Canada's Centre for Pandemic Research.

Saskatchewan Research Institutes Funding

- The 2026-27 Budget commits \$17.5 million to six Research Partners: Canadian Light Source (\$4.1 million), International Minerals Innovation Institute (\$256,000), PTRC Sustainable Energy (\$1.675 million), Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (\$4.85 million), Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation (\$2.5 million) and VIDO (\$4.1 million).
 - This funding ensures reliable and sustainable operations for key provincial and national research institutions in Saskatchewan advancing real-world solutions in priority sectors of agriculture, life sciences, energy and mining & critical minerals.