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Upcoming Deadlines

June 15: [Falling Walls Lab - Submission Deadline](#)

Aug. 1: [ESL Bursary \(Fall\) - Application Deadline](#)

Upcoming Events

June 25: [What's Next After Your Postdoc? Strategies for Career Planning Outside Academia - Webinar](#)

Updates

Graduate Chairs, join CGPS' new Tri-Agency adjudication team and gain valuable insight into what makes an application stand out—giving your students a competitive edge.

Recommend yourself or a colleague by sending your interest to [Leah Johnson](#), Director of Scholarships & Awards Services (CGPS).

Grad Admins and Grad Chairs, updates are in progress for your program pages on the grad.usask.ca website, with a focus on content standardization and user accessibility.

- For regular requests, reach out to [web support](#).
- To schedule your annual content refresh, coordinate with [Lori Lisitza](#) at CGPS.

International Admission Deferrals and PALS

If students admitted to your program(s) request a deferral of their admission, there may be PAL implications. If a student has not yet submitted a study permit application and defers to a future term but still plans to submit their study permit application before the expiry of their current PAL, they do not require a second PAL.

However, if they will not be applying for their study permit until after the expiry of their current PAL, they will need a new PAL from the program's 2026 allocation.

If you have an admitted student in this situation and have questions, please reach out to your GPSO. We expect to receive more information about USask's 2026 PAL allocation in December 2025.

Deferral requests can be submitted at any time. For example, admission to Fall 2025 can already be deferred to 2026. Early processing allows the use of 2025 PALS for students applying for a study permit for 2026. Deferrals will be processed within the standard processing time of 10 business days.

Updated GRS 403.5 Form

To streamline post-defence documentation, GSR 403.5 (Report of the Oral Defence of a Doctoral Dissertation) has been revised to incorporate the content previously found in GSR 403.2.

Effective July 2, 2025, the updated GSR 403.5 form will be available on the CGPS website. The previous versions of GSR 403.5 and GSR 403.2 will be retired and should no longer be used.

Concurrent Curriculum Implemented

Concurrent Curriculum is part of the University of Saskatchewan's mandate to allow students to complete courses in multiple programs simultaneously. For graduate students, this means they can pursue one or more certificates alongside their master's or PhD program. For example, a graduate student can be enrolled in both a master's degree

program and a certificate program at the same time. The student will be assessed tuition and student fees for each program and Degree Works will display each program details separately.

Concurrent Curriculum is self-reported by applicants on their application form.

NOTE: Currently, the only graduate studies applicants eligible to self-report for concurrent curriculum are applicants who have indicated that they are a current USask graduate student.

If an applicant has indicated that they are applying for the Concurrent Curriculum, this will be visible on their application form in recruit, allowing administrators to easily identify them. Please see the attached screenshot for reference.

The screenshot shows the 'Applicant' tab of the application form. The 'Application Type' dropdown is set to 'uSask UG Direct Entry Current & Returning Students'. The 'Concurrent Curricula' checkbox is checked, indicating that the applicant is a current USask student. The 'Entry Term' is set to '2025 Fall Term' and the 'Academic Program' is 'Agriculture & Bioresources - Prairie Horticulture Certificate - Fruit & Vegetabl'. The 'Transfer Credit Agreement' and 'Program Concentration' fields are empty. The 'USLC Channel of English study' field is also empty. The 'Concurrent Curricula' checkbox is highlighted with a red circle and the number 2.

Administrators can determine if a new application has been submitted by a current student by reviewing the relevant section under the Applicant's funnel. Additionally, a new column titled Concurrent Curricula has been added to the application details displayed in the "Complete Application with No Review" view as shown below.

The screenshot shows the 'Grad Admin - Complete Applications with No Review' view. The table has columns for 'Person', 'Entry Term', 'Academic Pro...', 'Concurrent Cu...', and 'Program Conc...'. The 'Concurrent Cu...' column is highlighted with a red box. The table contains several rows of application data, including entry terms like '2025 Fall Term', '2025 Spring', and '2026 Winter', and academic programs like 'Small Anima...', 'Visiting Rese...', 'Biomedical E...', 'Veterinary M...', and 'Dentistry - V...'. The 'Concurrent Cu...' column shows 'Yes' for the first two rows and 'No' for the others.

International and Domestic Applications and Fee Change

In April 2025, the Fee Review Committee (FRC) recommended to the Provost that the graduate program application fees be increased. The Provost approved this recommendation and beginning September 17, 2025, the international application fee will be \$145, while domestic applicants will pay \$125. To support this fee structure, the Recruit RMS team has developed separate application forms for all graduate programs.

These new applications are currently undergoing testing and will be launched in production later this summer.

This bulletin was delivered to CGPS staff, Graduate Administrators, Graduate Chairs and Graduate Associate Deans.

