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Upcoming Deadlines

Nov. 17: [Gary Rempel Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [Hantelman Humanities Scholarships - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [Hope Hunt Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [John Larson Cancer Research Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [Robert Guy Memorial Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [Roman & Sonia Stratychuk Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 17: [Samit & Reshma Sharma Graduate Award in Water Security - Application Deadline](#)

Dec. 1: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship \(Master's\) - Application Deadline](#)

Dec. 5: [Graduate Mentorship Program 2026 - Application Deadline](#)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 13: [Resume & CV Writing | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Nov. 14: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship \(Master's\) - Information Session](#)

Nov. 14: [Learning together, working together: A journey in transdisciplinary sustainability research](#)

Nov. 14: [Break it down to Build it Up: 3MT Deconstruction with Jill McMillan](#)

Nov. 18: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship \(Master's\) - Information Session \(French\)](#)

Nov. 20: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship \(Master's\) - Information Session](#)

Nov. 25: [Resume & CV Writing | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Nov. 27: [Individual Development Plan Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Nov. 27: [Being Your Best Self as a Graduate Mentor | Graduate Faculty Workshop](#)

Nov. 28: [Ribbon Skirt or Shirt Workshop | COUSINS](#)

Dec. 4: [Craft Your Research Story for Maximum Impact | 3MT Workshop](#)

Updates

PAL Updates

On November 5th, following the tabling of Budget 2025, [IRCC announced](#) the following in relation to Provincial Attestation Letters (PALS):

- Effective January 1, 2026, **international master's and doctoral students at public universities will be exempt from the PAL requirement**. We are awaiting confirming on the impact of these changes (if any) to PGD, graduate certificate, and visiting research students.
- IRCC will process study permit applications from outside Canada at the doctoral level within 14 days, including accompanying family members.
- IRCC launched a [new webpage](#) for graduate-degree audiences, consolidating information on special measures, work-permit eligibility, PGWP access, and permanent residence pathways to better inform prospective students.

We will be sure to share additional information/details regarding these changes, particularly related to the updated PAL requirement, as soon as it becomes available.

Graduate Courses Taken Outside the Program of Studies

Thesis/project-based master's or doctoral students are required to pay tuition at the appropriate posted rate for any graduate-level course(s) taken outside their program of study (POS). Please follow the steps below to notify CGPS and ensure that the student's tuition is assessed properly:

1. Academic unit will [submit a ticket](#) to the CGPS Service Desk indicating that a student is/is planning to take a graduate-level course outside their POS. Please provide all relevant information, including student name, BID, course number, and CRN.
2. CGPS will determine what program/tuition rate the course falls under based on the relevant program listing in the catalogue and will work with the Registrar's Office to ensure that updates are made to the student account, if necessary.
3. CGPS will notify the student of any updates to their account.

Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship | Applications now open

The Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship is open for applications!

Funded through USask's [International Blueprint for Action](#), this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international postdoctoral scholars to the University of Saskatchewan.

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in the following [Signature Areas of Research](#):

1. [Indigenous Peoples](#): Engagement and Scholarship
2. [Synchrotron Sciences](#): Innovation in health, environment, and advanced technologies
3. [Quantum Innovation](#): Creating big changes from tiny particles

The application deadline is **February 9, 2026**.

For more information on eligibility and the application process, please visit:

cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/misiweskamik-international

Celebrating Indigenous Scholars | Call for Nominations

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is calling for nominations for Indigenous grad students to featured in CGPS' [Celebrating Indigenous Scholars](#) series. This quarterly series highlights the research, artistic, and scholarly work of Indigenous grad students and provides a platform to inspire the next generation of Indigenous scholars.

If you know a student who would be a great fit, email aurora.wolfe@usask.ca with their name, area of study, and contact details by **November 30th, 2025**. [Learn more.](#)

Being Your Best Self as a Graduate Mentor | November 27

Facilitated by Dr. Dawn Wallin, Associate Vice-President Research (Engagement) and Dr. Julia Boughner, Professor, Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology, and Tri-Agency NSERC Leader, this workshop is designed to support and inspire graduate mentors by exploring the complexities, rewards, and personal challenges of supervising graduate students. The session will foster reflection, advocacy and self-care strategies. Light lunch will be provided. [Register now.](#)

Break it down to Build it Up: 3MT Deconstruction with Jill McMillan

Discover the secrets behind a compelling 3MT presentation. Jill McMillan guides you through a dynamic deconstruction of past winners - what worked, what didn't, and how to elevate your own talk from good to unforgettable.

Friday, November 14 | 10 - 11:30 AM | [Register](#)

Craft Your Research Story for Maximum Impact: 3MT with Leslie-Ann Schlosser

Transform your research into a powerful narrative that resonates beyond academia. Leslie-Ann Schlosser helps you shape your story to captivate diverse audiences and leave a lasting impression.

Thursday, December 4 | 10 - 11:30 AM | [Register](#)

Design a Slide that Speaks: High-Impact Visuals for 3MT with John Shelling

Your slide is your silent partner - make it count. Join John Shelling to learn how to design a single, striking slide that enhances your message and amplifies the impact of your presentation.

Tuesday, January 13 | 2 - 3 PM | [Register](#)

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

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