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Upcoming Events

June 23: [Faculty & Staff Information Session | Beyond the Professoriate, Beyond Graduate School](#)

New PD Fee for Graduate Students | Coming Fall 2026

Starting Fall 2026, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is introducing a new graduate student professional development (PD) fee of \$60 per student, per year. The fee will directly support a robust suite of professional development opportunities and resources designed specifically for graduate students.

For more information about PD offerings for graduate students, visit: cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/student-resources/professional-development

Graduate Administrators and Graduate Chairs are encouraged to share information about the new PD fee with graduate faculty, in case there are questions from students.

As part of CGPS' PD portfolio, there are several resources available to help graduate faculty support student professional development. To learn more about faculty PD resources, contact grad.pd@usask.ca.

Thesis & Dissertation Requirements

On May 28, 2026, CGPS Faculty Council approved revisions to thesis and dissertation requirements. **The new and revised policy will be implemented effective September 1, 2026**, for all students submitting to the ETD site (electronic theses and dissertation archive) on or after that date. Students are encouraged to start following these updated requirements prior to September 1.

The revisions clarify the requirements for:

- Styles, forms, content, formatting, including requirements for preface
- Required elements of the thesis/dissertation
- Research creation thesis/dissertation in fine- and performing- arts
- Language, copyright, permission to use and disclaimers
- Declaration for the use of generative artificial intelligence

The new and revised policies have been updated in the [CGPS Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

Templates and samples for student use are posted on the [Grad Hub](#).

Grad Chair changes

Please inform CGPS prior to June 30th of any changes your unit's Grad Chair for next academic year. It is important for us to be aware of changes to ensure content is up to date on [grad.usask.ca](#), to update our contact lists, and to ensure the correct people are invited to Grad Chair onboarding and forums and CGPS Faculty Council.

Please email chelsea.smith@usask.ca with your updated Grad Chair information.

CGPS Service Desk updates

A new ticket is available for academic units to inform CGPS when a student has reached time in program and is not being granted an extension. The need for this ticket comes out of recent changes to [policy 4.3.1. Time in Program Extensions](#), which now enables CGPS to withdraw students if their time in program extension request is not approved. The ticket is now available on the [CGPS Service Desk](#).

New ISSAC Student Work Placements Webpage

ISSAC has launched a new **Student Work Placements webpage** to support academic programs offering internships, co-ops, practicums, field placements, and other work-integrated learning (WIL) opportunities. The page provides guidance on current IRCC requirements for international students and helps programs ensure their placements are properly aligned.

Graduate administrators are encouraged to explore the resource, share it within their units, and link it on program pages. ISSAC is also available to assist with questions, program adjustments, and etc., to better support student success. Please [contact ISSAC](#) if you need more assistance.

Information Session for Faculty and Staff | Beyond the Professoriate & Beyond Graduate School

The University of Saskatchewan has access to two online resources for supporting graduate student and postdoc career and professional development: Beyond Graduate School (for master's students) and Beyond the Professoriate (for PhDs and postdocs).

We're hosting a special [information session for faculty and staff](#) to learn more about these online career training platforms.

Join us on **June 23 at 9:00 am CST** for a presentation led by Dr. Susan Joudrey (Director of Partnership and Learner Engagement). She will share with us:

- The unique professional development needs of master's and doctoral students
- How the research-informed curriculum available to students in the platforms can help them explore career options and prepare for a job search either in academia or beyond
- How faculty and departments can use these platforms in mentoring and advising graduate students for career success.

Graduate Chairs and Graduate Administrators are encouraged to attend this session and share this invitation with faculty. [Learn more.](#)

Graduate Studies Fall Fair | Have your say

Student Recruitment is seeking feedback on which date works best for programs for the Fall Graduate Studies Fair. Please take the time to complete the following form to share input on what would work best for your unit: [Graduate Studies Fall Fair 2026 - Fill out Form](#)

Once responses have been collected, Student Recruitment will send out a placeholder for the selected date, and more information will be provided in the fall.

Questions? Contact william.eichorst@usask.ca for more information.

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

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