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This newsletter will be delivered to you on a monthly basis with content curated for USask's graduate community. Scroll through to learn about upcoming events, opportunities, and more.



Events

Aug. 24 - 28: [Academic Job Market Boot Camp | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Aug. 25: [Doctoral and Postdoctoral Program Information Session | NSERC](#)

Sept. 2: [CGRS D Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Sept. 3: [Doctoral and Postdoctoral Program Information Session | NSERC](#)

Sept. 4: [CGRS D Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Sept. 8: [Doctoral and Postdoctoral Program Information Session | NSERC](#)

Sept. 9: [CGRS D Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Sept. 10: [CGRS D Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

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Sept. 11: [CGRS D Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

View all upcoming dates and deadlines in the [CGPS Calendar](#).

Grad Community



First Generation International Doctoral Students Needed!

You are invited to participate in a study exploring how first-generation international doctoral students navigate their doctoral experiences. Researchers from the University of Calgary and the University of Minnesota are seeking participants who **(a) are currently enrolled in a doctoral program, (a) hold international student status, and (c) whose parents did not attend university.**

Participation involves a confidential one-hour interview conducted online via Zoom or Teams at a time convenient for you. By sharing your experiences, you will contribute to a better understanding of doctoral socialization and help inform support strategies for current and future first-generation international doctoral students.

To learn more, please contact Tatyana Kim at tatyana.kim@ucalgary.ca.

Applications are now open for TEDxUniversity of Saskatchewan 2027!

The theme of "Our Next Chapter" calls for hope-inspiring ideas and future-building work that is courageously working towards a better world. Apply to be a speaker or performer before July 31, 2026. [Learn more and apply!](#)

New Copyright Information for Graduate Supervisors

The USask Copyright Office has published a new [Thesis and dissertation supervision webpage](#) with key copyright information relevant to graduate supervisors. The page includes information about using copyrighted material in a thesis, student rights and responsibilities, copyright permissions and publishing considerations.

Faculty are encouraged to review and share this information, and to contact the [Copyright Office](#) with any questions.

The Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN) has launched its podcast, *WCVN Next Gen Scientists*

Join hosts Cat Zanz and Lucas Horsman as they dive into the research and experiences of University of Saskatchewan graduate students based at the WCVN, making science accessible and engaging.

In the pilot episode, PhD student Suzana Grazielli Cortiano Stubert (Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences) discusses her work on prevention methods for swine dysentery—research that could improve animal welfare and lower costs for producers.

Listen here: <https://wcvnpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

Early Bird Registration | PAW 2026

Early bird registration is now open for the People Around the World (PAW) 2026 International Congress at USask!

Take advantage of discounted rates and join researchers, scholars, industry partners, government representatives and community members for this dynamic three-day event at USask Oct. 20-22, 2026. [More information.](#)

Pre-order Orange Shirt Day t-shirts today

Sept. 30 marks Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time for learning, reflection, and conversation about the history and ongoing impacts of the residential school system. Orange shirts featuring a design by Alexis Blackbird, a Saskatoon-based Anishinaabe (Odawa) artist and member of Walpole Island First Nation, are now available for pre-order through Shop USask. Youth sizing options and group discounts are available.

Learn more about the artist, order deadlines, and where proceeds will be directed at shop.usask.ca/Catalogue/orange-shirt-day



LevelUP | Professional Development for Grad Students and Postdocs

Looking to level up your skills as a grad student or postdoc? CGPS has a full suite of PD opportunities to help you prepare for your career – with even more coming soon! From

online workshops to self-directed resources, start exploring how you can reach the next level. [Learn more about PD at CGPS.](#)

Questions? Contact grad.pd@usask.ca for more information.

Beyond Graduate School | Upcoming Webinars

USask now has access to [Beyond Graduate School's Master's Career Training Platform](#) - a powerful resource designed specifically for master's students.

Through this platform you'll find on-demand career training, a master's level career interview library, job search strategies tailored to master's students.

Self learning topics include:

- [I'm submitting resumes but not hearing back. What should I do?](#)
- [I'm an international student. Do I need to approach my job search differently?](#)
- [Do I really have to network?](#)

Master's students are highly encouraged to [log in via your institutional account](#) and explore the platform.



Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral (CGRS-D) workshops

Join CGPS for an informative workshop designed to support applicants preparing for the Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral (CGRS-D) program.

The CGPS Scholarships and Awards Team will kick off the session with a brief presentation highlighting practical tips and strategies to strengthen your application. Following the presentation, the remainder of the workshop will be dedicated to an open Q&A, giving participants the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance tailored to their individual circumstances.

USask students, support staff and faculty are welcome.

Session dates:

- Wednesday, September 2nd. 10 - 11AM
- Friday, September 4th, 10AM - 11AM

- Wednesday, September 9th, 3PM - 4PM
- Thursday, September 10th, 10AM - 11AM
- Friday, September 11th, 11AM - 12PM

All sessions will be in-person and one hour in length. Limited seats available. [Register for a session.](#)

Apply now: New Funding Opportunity on the Changing Nature of Security and Conflict

The [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada \(SSHRC\)](#), in partnership with [NordForsk](#), is now accepting applications to its [Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity on “The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict.”](#)

These thematic grants will enable researchers to synthesize existing research knowledge on the topic and identify gaps to advance evidence-based decision-making. This funding opportunity will award up to \$40,000 to successful applicants in the domestic stream and up to \$78,000 for applicants in the international stream.

Information webinar will be held on October 8; the application deadline is **December 3, 2026**. For more information, contact KSG-SSC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca or [read summaries of past grant recipients](#).



Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) Competition | Applications now open

The 2026 Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) competition is now open. Administered by CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC, the program provides **\$70,000 annually for two years** to outstanding early career researchers.

Tri-Agency Deadlines:

- **SSHRC:** September 10, 2026
- **CIHR:** September 16, 2026
- **NSERC:** October 19, 2026

Graduate faculty: The standard 5-business day internal deadline for colleges and schools to approve applications through UnivRS applies in advance of the agency deadline. [View deadlines here](#). Faculty supervisors and applicants are encouraged to begin preparations early to ensure all approvals and documentation are completed before submission deadlines.

Each agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) has distinct requirements, timelines, and submission processes. Please review agency-specific guidance early. To learn more about the application process, review this [flowchart](#).

To learn more about the CPRA, visit: cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/canada-postdoctoral-research-award

Society of Postdoctoral Scholars | Visit our website

Visit the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) webpage for information about the society, representatives and employment resources. [Click here to visit their website.](#)



Building researchers, mentors and leaders: Roy recognized for outstanding mentorship

The 2025-26 DGM award recipient is Dr. Chanchal Roy (PhD) from the Department of Computer Science. The award is the highest honour a faculty member can receive for graduate mentorship excellence at USask. [Learn more.](#)



Small actions make big impact: Wonsiak awarded Clement Employee Service Award

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is proud to present the 2025-26 Clement Employee Service Award to Mandy Wonsiak from the College of Engineering.

As a graduate assistant in the College of Engineering's Graduate Commons, Wonsiak works with students on each step of their academic journey. [Learn more.](#)

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