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## March 2026

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.



### Deadlines

- Apr. 1: [PDF Excellence Award - Application Deadline](#)
- Apr. 13: [Governor General's Gold Medal \(Spring\) - Application Deadline](#)
- Apr. 13: [Herbert Percy Toop Memorial Prize - Application Deadline](#)
- Apr. 13: [USask Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Awards - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Apr. 13: [WAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Apr. 13: [WAGS-ProQuest Innovation in Technology Award - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Apr. 27: [Falling Walls Lab Edmonton - Application Deadline](#)

## Events

Apr. 1: [Preparing for Comprehensive and Qualifying Exams](#)

Apr. 1: [One Book, One Province: Towards a Prairie Atonement](#)

Apr. 10: [Falling Walls Lab Edmonton | Information Session](#)

Apr. 14: [Creative Write-In at the USask Library](#)

Apr. 16: [USask 3MT Finals](#)

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



### USask 3MT® Finals | Get your free tickets

How can cities better listen to excluded voices? Where do mallard ducks go when they migrate? What happens when cancer cells and nerves talk to each other?

On **April 16**, twelve graduate students will take the stage to share their thesis research in plain language in only three minutes, as they compete for the title of 2026 Three Minute Thesis (3MT) champion.

Join the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the [USask 3MT Finals](#), a showcase of research across campus.

Doors open at 2PM. Attend in-person at the Neatby-Timlin Theatre (ARTS 241) for refreshments and your chance to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Admission is free. [Get your tickets now](#).

### Your voice matters | UPlan 2035

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) has launched the [process to develop a next strategic plan](#)—one that will define the university's identity, priorities, and direction for the next decade. University Plan 2035 (UPlan 2035) will reflect the realities of today and the voices of the people who shape our university.

Your perspectives are essential. Hearing directly from you is a critical part of shaping a plan that truly reflects our community's needs and lived experiences.

We encourage you to participate in a brief five-minute survey about why you chose to study at USask. Individual responses will be gathered in confidence, and Inshgtrix will report aggregate data to ensure that responses cannot be linked back to individuals. The survey is open until March 31. [Click here to complete the survey administered by Inshgtrix Research.](#)

Your feedback will influence future priorities that shape the student experience at our university.

### **Relationship Matters: Strategies for Inclusive and Supportive Supervision**

Graduate supervisors from across the country are invited to this year's half-day conference, [Relationship Matters: Strategies for Inclusive and Supportive Supervision](#) on **Friday, May 8, 2026**. Recognizing the supervisory relationship as the backbone of graduate student success and satisfaction, this year's panelists will offer practical strategies for fostering inclusion and robust support for graduate students.

This is the third annual national online conference on graduate supervision hosted by McGill, in partnership with the University of Regina, the First Nations University of Canada, and the CAGS National Community of Practice on Graduate Supervision. [Register now.](#)

### **Acute Care Health Research Training | Applications now open**

Applications are now open for the 2026 to 2028 cohort of the [LifTING & Sepsis Canada Health Research Training Platform](#). This fully CIHR-funded, **free** 2-year virtual program supports individuals interested in engaging in research related to life-threatening illness and sepsis.

The program includes interactive training, mentorship, a funded research practicum, and an in-person annual symposium. Early-career researchers, healthcare professionals, patient and family partners, graduate students, research coordinators, and knowledge users are invited to apply by **May 15th, 2026**. [Learn more.](#)

### **RISE Conference 2026 | Abstracts now open!**

The Research, Innovation and Scholarship in Education (RISE) Conference is a sharing event that celebrates medical education research and scholarship across medicine and the health professions in Saskatchewan. The conference will be held on June 12, 2026 at USask.

Authors are invited to [submit abstracts](#) for oral presentations or posters on any topic related to medical education - whether project ideas, works in progress, innovations, or completed research. **Abstracts close March 31, 2026.** [Learn more.](#)

Questions? Contact [medicinefaculty.development@usask.ca](mailto:medicinefaculty.development@usask.ca)

### **Global Energy Policy: Past, Present, Future | Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy**

Energy systems across the world are changing at a pace and scale that few people alive today have seen before let alone made happen. Our energy systems were designed in and for an era when the mechanics of power - electrical, financial, and political - operated under more stable and predictable frameworks. We risk being prisoners of the past while designing the energy future.

This lecture discusses the consequences of continuity, inertia, and change for nuclear power. [Join online or in-person.](#)

### **Canadian Bioinformatics Workshops | May 12 - 13, 2026**

Join Canadian Bioinformatics Workshops for a two-day course from May 12th - 13th.

The two-day course covers the bioinformatics concepts and tools available for interpreting a gene list using pathway and network information. The workshop focuses on the principles and concepts required for analyzing and conducting pathway and network analysis on a gene list from any organism, although focus will be on human and model eukaryotic organisms. This workshop will cover tools using graphical user interfaces as well as some light programming in R. [Learn more and register.](#)



### **Nominations Open for USask Internationalization Recognition Awards**

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award, Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty, Global Research Leadership Award for Students, and International Engagement Service Award for Staff.

These awards are to recognize the achievements of faculty, staff, students, and postdoctoral scholars who provide outstanding contributions to the internationalization of USask. Nominate a deserving colleague for an Internationalization Award!

**Nomination deadline:** March 31, 2026, 4PM CST

**Value:** \$1500

Visit [internationaloffice.usask.ca/awards](https://internationaloffice.usask.ca/awards) for details.



### **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.

- [What to Do if You're Getting Interviews but No Job Offers](#) | April 1, 1PM - 1:45PM
- [What You Need to Know about Using AI at Work](#) | April 15, 1PM - 1:45PM

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

### **Beyond the Professoriate | Upcoming Webinars**

CGPS has partnered with Beyond the Professoriate, a leading career development platform for PhD students and postdocs, to you live, targeted webinars.

- [How to Build a Stand-out LinkedIn Profile](#) | April 1, 11AM - 11:45AM
- [How to Stand Out in a Competitive Job Market](#) | April 15, 11AM - 11:45AM

Register now through Beyond the Professoriate and reserve your spot for these live sessions.

### **Falling Walls Lab Edmonton | Attend an info session to learn more**

**Falling Walls Lab Edmonton** is an opportunity for doctoral students, postdocs, and early-career professionals to pitch innovative research that has the potential for major impact. The winner will represent our region on the world stage at Falling Walls in Berlin.

The last information session is being held on **Friday, April 10, from 12 - 1PM**. [Learn more.](#)

**Apply for Falling Walls Edmonton Lab by April 27, 2026.** Contact [grad.pd@usask.ca](mailto:grad.pd@usask.ca) to learn more.



### **Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence Award | Apply by April 1**

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is pleased to announce the launch of the **Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence Award**, created to recognize research, scholarly and artistic contributions of postdocs at USask.

Two awards of \$1000 will be awarded annually. **Apply by April**

**1:** [cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/pdf-excellence-awards](https://cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/pdf-excellence-awards)

Questions? Contact [pdf.coordinator@usask.ca](mailto:pdf.coordinator@usask.ca)

### **Eawag Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity in Switzerland | Apply by April 5**

The Eawag postdoctoral fellowship is designed for outstanding early-career researchers with innovative ideas. It offers a two-year research position in Eawag, providing support and opportunities to help them advance their careers and establish themselves as independent scholars.

Eawag welcomes applications from highly qualified individuals interested in conducting research in any area of aquatic science and technology. Eawag provides a unique research environment to address critical water-related challenges. The interdisciplinary setting brings together a range of academic disciplines, from natural sciences to engineering to social sciences. [Learn more.](#)

The deadline for applications is **April 5, 2026**.

### **Skills for Health and Research Professionals | Summer 2026 Training**

Registration is now open for 31 hands-on summer boot camps designed for health and research professionals from any organization and all career stages! Learn immediate take-away skills directly from the experts over one to four days. [Learn more and sign up.](#)

There are three new training topics for Summer 2026: [archival methods for public health research](#), [metallomics](#), and [computational toxicology](#). Training is offered in-person, livestream virtual, or hybrid.

### **Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars**

The [Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars](#) will support up to 2 successful applicants this year. With a salary of \$70,000 provided each year for a two-year term, scholars will be able to dedicate their time to pursuing a proposed project, working alongside a supervisor and other mentors, while also gaining access to guidance from faculty, students and alumni.

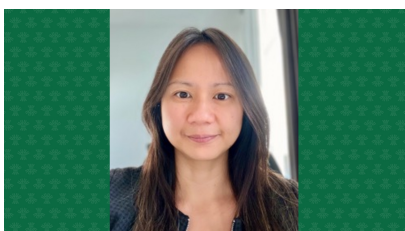
The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026. [Learn more.](#)

### **The Postdoc e-Magazine by CAPS/ACPP**

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS) shares a monthly e-magazine for postdocs at Canadian institutions. To access the publication, visit the [CAPS/ACPP website](#).

### **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.](#)



### **Governor General's Gold Medallist uses VR to level up nursing education**

This year's Governor General's Gold Medallist at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) is transforming nursing education with immersive virtual reality. [Read more.](#)

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