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April 2025

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

May 12: [Alphonsine Lafond-Colette Bourgenje Women in Innovation Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

May 12: [Dr. Rui Feng Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

May 26: [Tri-Council Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Program - Application Deadline](#)

Events

April 29: [InterD Student Symposium](#)

May 1: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

May 1: [Grad HUB | Virtual Spring Welcome](#)

May 1: [2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo](#)

May 5 - 9: [Beyond the Prof | Virtual Career Conference](#)

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

GRAD COMMUNITY

Annual InterD Student Symposium | April 29, 2025

The annual InterD Student Symposium is an opportunity to celebrate the research progress of InterD students and strengthen our community through meaningful dialogue and shared learning. This year, the event will follow a TedX-style format, featuring nine InterD students who will each present a compelling talk on their research.

Students, staff, and faculty members are all invited to attend, ask questions, and learn more about InterD research at USask. Light refreshments will be provided. [Learn more.](#)

2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo | May 1, 2025

USask students, researchers, faculty, staff, senior leaders, and community members are invited to celebrate outstanding research, collaboration, and mentorship within the health sciences at the Life & Health Sciences Research Expo.

This annual event acknowledges exemplary research and learning activity at the University of Saskatchewan and is a showcase of interdisciplinary health science research taking place on campus and throughout the province. The expo consists of in-person research presentations and an awards ceremony.

Visit healthsciences.usask.ca/research-expo to register or learn more.

JSGS Houston Lecture | All Our Relations: Understanding and applying the principles of wâhkôhtowin to pandemic response, Indigenous health systems, and international relations

Discover how wâhkôhtowin—the laws that govern all relationships—have shaped the life and work of Dr. Janet Smylie MD, MPH, Director, Well Living House Action Research Centre,

Unity Health Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital. Through the lens of her journey as a Métis woman, family physician, and leading Indigenous health researcher, Dr. Smylie offers a powerful reflection on connection, community, and relationship-driven social accountabilities. [More information.](#)

Wednesday, April 30

7:00 - 8:30PM CST

In-person at USask or via Livestream - [register online](#) for further details.

Interested in other JSGS events? Visit our [Events Calendar.](#)

Invitation to IEEE Summer Research Conference (NEMESS 2025)

Students of all levels, researchers, faculty, staff, industry professionals, and community members are invited to participate in the 1st IEEE Conference on Nano/Micro Engineering, and Environmentally Sustainable Systems (NEMESS 2025), hosted by IEEE Nanotechnology Council USask Chapter.

If your research relates to the Micro/Nano scale, or if you're simply interested in this rapidly evolving field, we welcome to you attend and consider presenting your work.

Registration is open! For more details, visit the conference webpage: iee.usask.ca/nemess-2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Mentorship Program Launch

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Graduate Mentorship Program in May 2025! This program is designed specifically for graduate students (PhDs for the first cohort), offering an opportunity to connect with experienced mentors from academia, industry, and government who can help guide students on their academic and career journey.

Stay tuned for more details and don't forget to check our website for updates: <https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/student-resources/professional-development.php#MentorshipProgram>

Beyond the Professoriate | Virtual Career Conference (May 5th - 9th)

Register for the annual Beyond the Professoriate Virtual Career Conference! This popular conference series that has helped nearly 20,000 doctoral students, PhDs, and faculty build careers beyond the professoriate.

The virtual conference will take place from **May 5th to May 9th**. This engaging series will equip graduate students with the tools needed for a successful career transition. [Reserve your spot today!](#)

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

Postdoctoral Scholars Leadership Certification | McMaster University

Being a leader is not just a title; it is a skill to be developed. Leadership is fundamental for those that want to succeed in academia or industry. Despite this, many of those in leadership positions never receive any training on how to effectively lead.

This 30-hour certification developed by the McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program in collaboration with the DeGroote School of Business was created to better prepare postdoctoral scholars for the ever-changing leadership landscape. From learning how to effectively communicate, to reflections on leadership influence and emotional intelligence, postdocs will reflect upon their individual leadership style and will develop the tools to help them become transformational leaders of tomorrow.

For the second time, this free, intensive, one week offering is open to all Canadian postdocs or postdoctoral scholars working in Canada. The training runs from Monday, July 28th to Friday, August 1st. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline to apply is May 31, 2025. [Apply now.](#)

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](#).

Skills for Health and Research Professionals (SHARP) Training at Columbia University

Registration is open for summer trainings! The SHARP Program consists of short, intensive boot camps led by field experts to teach in-demand research skills and methods to investigators at all career levels and from any organization. [Learn more.](#)

Postdoctoral Scholars on MS Teams | Start a conversation

Postdoctoral scholars, there is a new way to collaborate with your colleagues across campus. Get access to the Postdoc Link (MS Teams) and start a conversation!

[Join the Postdoc Link now.](#)

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.](#)

IN THE NEWS



Master of Nursing student receives prestigious scholarship

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Nursing wishes to extend congratulations to Master of Nursing student Robyn Klassen on being named recipient of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) Indigenous Graduate Leadership Scholarship. [Read more.](#)

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