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August 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

Sept. 15: [Governor General's Gold Medal \(Fall\) - Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 22: [Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements \(CGS\) - Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 29: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral \(CGRS D\) - Application Deadline](#)

Events

Aug. 29: [NEMESS 2025 | Conference on Nano/Micro Engineering, Molecular, and Environmentally Sustainable Systems](#)

Sept. 3: [Beyond the Professoriate | How to Use the PhD Training Platform in Your Job Search](#)

Sept. 5: [6th Engineering Graduate Research Conference](#)

Sept. 9 - 11: [TA Success Days](#)

Sept. 9: [Tri-Agency Scholarship Application Workshop](#)

Sept. 10: [GSA Orientation](#)

Sept. 15 - 19: [Postdoc Appreciation Week](#)

Sept. 16: [Launching an Academic Career | Virtual Webinar](#)

Sept. 17: [Beyond the Professoriate | Is a Faculty Job Right for You?](#)

Sept. 17: [Annual Postdoc Reception](#)

Sept. 18: [New Postdoc Onboarding Session](#)

Sept. 25: [Professional Networking \(for Mentees\) | LevelUP](#)

Sept. 25: [Sun Setting Intentions | Cousins](#)

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

GRAD COMMUNITY 

Don't forget: Deadline for Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral (CGRS D) applications is September 29, 2025

International and domestic doctoral students at USask are eligible to apply for the [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral \(CGRS D\) program](#). The deadline for students to submit their application is **September 29, 2025 by 4:30PM**. Questions about your application? Refer to the CGRS D application FAQ in [Knowledge Base](#) for more information.

USask Agriculture Research Day | September 24, 2025

[USask Agriculture Research Day](#) is an annual event which brings together students, staff, and researchers to discuss research broadly related to agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan. Posters are displayed throughout the second-floor Agriculture Building walkway and through the tunnel toward the Collaborative Science Research Building (CSRB).

All are welcome to present a poster and participate in the day's activities. Please note that the final data analyses are not required in order to participate. We welcome students to present proposed research as well as preliminary findings! Students are also invited to participate in the competition for best poster and best presentation for cash prizes.

[Click here to register your poster!](#)

You're Invited - Vice-President Research 2025-26 Campus Address

Join Vice-President Research, Baljit Singh, to kick off the 2025-26 academic year by celebrating momentum, identifying opportunities and setting goals surrounding research, scholarly and artistic work (RSAW) at USask! Attendees are encouraged to enjoy cake and socializing following the formal program.

Wednesday, September 3, 2025, 12:00PM CST, Convocation Hall

Live stream option also available.

Learn more and register here: eventbrite.ca/e/vice-president-research-campus-address-ticket

Orange Shirt Day 2025: Order by Aug. 29 for Sept. 26 pickup

To honour the truth and legacy of the Canadian residential school system and support healing and reconciliation, orange shirts will once again be available through Shop USask in advance of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. This year's design features artwork by Chris Chipak of Red Pheasant Cree Nation.

To have a shirt ready for pickup by Sept. 26, place your order **by noon on Aug. 29**. Shirts are available year-round though arrival before Sept. 30 may not be possible after the deadline.

Learn more: shop.usask.ca/Catalogue/orange-shirt-day

Sustainability in Energy Micro-Credential | Get ready for a dynamic career in Canadian energy

The Sustainability in Energy Micro-Credential is a free learning program designed to boost skills and get you ready for the Canadian energy job market. This asynchronous online course will help you explore a career in energy and master in-demand skills, preparing you for a sustainable career in energy.

Learn more: energysustainability.ca

6th Engineering Graduate Research Conference | September 5, 2025

Showcase your research, connect with peers & faculty, and win cash prizes at the 6th Engineering Graduate Research Conference (ERGE)! The conference takes place on September 5th, 2025 at the Engineering Building.

Over \$2500+ in prizes available - 50% of all participants will win cash! Let's celebrate your hard work and research. Learn more: egcc.usask.ca

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

External Award Opportunities | Research Profile & Impact

External awards at the provincial, national and international level provide opportunities to recognize USask faculty for their research, scholarly and artistic achievements.

The Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) has developed a [directory of external awards](#) available for application. If you are considering someone for an award, contact the [Institutional Awards Officer](#) so that they may offer support and track institutional nominations.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TA Success Days | September 9 - 11, 2025

This three-day event organized by the Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning, is a selection of short sessions focused on developing specific skills and knowledge aimed at those in a Teaching Assistant (TA) role. Topics include marking effectively, lesson planning, navigating challenging conversations, and tips for facilitating labs, tutorials, and seminars.

Attendance will be recognized on your co-curricular record when you attend three or more sessions.

See the [GMCTL Events PAWS channel](#) for registration links or visit teaching.usask.ca.

GPS 974: Graduate Professional Skills | Now open for registration

Graduate students and postdocs are encouraged to register for GPS 974 for the Fall 2025 term. This course supports you to set goals in alignment with a recognized set of professional skills, and it is offered both virtually and in-person.

For more information, visit the [Course Catalogue](#). Students can register through the [Registration channel on PAWS](#).

PD for International Grad Students

CGPS is launching a fresh approach to help international students succeed at USask. Replacing GPS 981, our new sessions are part of the CGPS Professional Development suite - tailored, timely, and designed for graduate students. Offerings as they become available are listed in our [PD Level UP dashboard](#).

ProSkills Suite

To help graduate faculty equip students and postdoctoral scholars with professional skills for success both within and outside academia, we've developed a suite of easily deployable modules that can be integrated into your 990 seminar or similar courses, providing valuable resources to enhance your students' career development and transition. To access these resources, connect with our PD team at grad.pd@usask.ca.

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

Postdoc Appreciation Week | September 15 - 19, 2025

As a postdoctoral scholar, you are an essential part of the USask graduate community.

To acknowledge and celebrate your unique contributions to the university, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is hosting a series of events in recognition of Postdoc Appreciation Week from September 15 - 19, 2025.

Throughout the week, you are invited to join CGPS in a few events intended to appreciate and celebrate your contribution to research and discovery at USask and to support your professional journey.

Virtual Webinar | Launching an Academic Career

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time: 1:00PM - 3:30PM

Where: Zoom

Annual Postdoc Reception

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time: 3:00 - 4:30PM

Where: University Club's Main Floor

New Postdoc Onboarding Session

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Where: Zoom

[Register for Postdoc Appreciation Week events now.](#)

Updated CPRA Application Process & Instructions now available

The application process and detailed instructions for the Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) program are available on the [CGPS website](#). Applicants are encouraged to consult these this page for information eligibility criteria, application procedures, and submission deadlines.

For further details on the CPRA program, please visit: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PD-NP/cpra-bprc_eng.asp

Questions? For more information, contact pdf.coordinator@usask.ca.

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](#).

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




Three USask students recognized nationally with Vanier scholarships

Three University of Saskatchewan (USask) graduate students have received funding in recognition of their academic excellence, leadership skills, and innovative research potential. [Read more.](#)

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