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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.



Deadlines

Sept. 10: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | SSHRC Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 14: [Governor General Gold Medal \(Fall\) | Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 16: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | CIHR Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 28: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral | Application Deadline](#)

Events

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

Sept. 21 - 25: [Postdoc Appreciation Week](#)

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

Grad Community



TA Success Days | September 8 - 9, 2026

[TA Success Days](#) is a two-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.

See the [Educator Professional Development PAWS channel](#) for registration links or visit teaching.usask.ca/teaching-development/ta-success-days

Fall Researcher Workshop Series

The University Library is offering a series of free online workshops this Fall on topics of interest to USask researchers. Sessions include how to use AI ethically in your research, comprehensive searching for literature reviews, critically assessing literature, citation managers Zotero and Mendeley, predatory publishers, researcher profiles and tracking scholarly impact, and copyright issues for researchers. The library is also offering several

sessions on changes to the Tri-Agency policies on research data management and open access, and how we can help you comply with these policies.

All researchers are welcome (students, faculty, or staff). [Register now!](#)

Find out how the Library can help you meet your academic goals this fall!

New or returning graduate student? Your Library is here for you!

Upcoming workshops:

- **Working with a Graduate Supervisor** (in-person), [Sept. 3, 1:00PM - 1:50PM](#)
- **Getting Started in Graduate School** (in-person), [Sept. 8, 1:00PM - 1:50PM](#) and [Sept. 9, 12:30PM - 1:20PM](#)
- **Managing Readings in Graduate School** (in-person), [Sept. 9, 10:30AM - 11:20AM](#)
- **Presentations in Grad School: The Basics** (in-person), [Sept. 9, 2:30PM - 3:20PM](#)
- **Making The Most of the Library** (online), [Sept. 9, 6:00PM - 7:00PM](#)
- **Communicating Effectively with Supervisors/Professors and Peers/Colleagues** (online), [Sept. 10, 12:30PM - 1:20PM](#)
- **You DO Belong! Battling Imposter Syndrome** (in person), [Sept. 11, 1:30PM - 2:20PM](#)

To learn more, visit [Graduate learning support](#).

Vice-President Research 2026-27 Campus Address

Join Vice-President Research, Baljit Singh, at Convocation Hall on Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 PM for the 2026-27 Campus Address. The address will share highlights and achievements of the research, scholarly and artistic works (RSAW) at USask and discuss RSAW priorities for the year ahead. Live-stream options also available. [Learn more and register here](#).

Student and Postdoctoral Fellow Poster Competition | PAW 2026

Join us for the People Around the World (PAW) 2026 International Congress at USask **October 20 - 22**.

This year's theme is 'Critical connections: The path to responsible minerals, sustainable energy and thriving communities'. As part of the PAW 2026 program there will be a student and postdoctoral fellow poster competition. Submit your abstract before September 16 at 4:00PM. [Learn more and register here](#).

Orange Shirt Day 2026: Order by Aug. 28 for Sept. 25 pickup

Orange shirts are available through Shop USask ahead of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, a time for learning and reflection on the history and ongoing impacts of the residential school system. This year's design features artwork by Alexis Blackbird, a Saskatoon-based Anishinaabe (Odawa) artist and member of Walpole Island First Nation.

To have a shirt ready for pickup by Sept. 25, place your order by noon on Aug. 28. 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



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.

Slogotski Hunt Centre for Entrepreneurship | Entrepreneurship Series for Researchers

The Slogotski Hunt Centre for Entrepreneurship (SHCE) is a newly established centre at the Edwards School of Business, University of Saskatchewan. Our mandate is university-wide: to connect entrepreneurial thinking, skills, and opportunities to students, researchers, and faculty across every college. We're not just for business students. We're built for anyone at USask who wants their work to have real-world impact. Our programs will begin to launch in fall 2026, and we're excited to announce that one of our first is built specifically for you as an MSc student, PhD student, or postdoctoral scholar involved in research at USask.

We're partnering with CGPS to expand the Professional Skills program you already know. Building on the existing modules, we're developing a new series that brings each topic to life through an entrepreneurship lens. Each session will include content tied directly to how researchers create, communicate, and move their work into the world, plus insights and Q&A from *real entrepreneurs* and ecosystem members from across Saskatchewan and

beyond. Take 3 minutes to provide your input for this series by completing a brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/6D6Q6KJ>

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. 10AM - 11AM
- Friday, September 4th, 10AM - 11AM
- Friday, September 4th, 2PM - 3PM
- 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](#).



Postdoc Appreciation Week 2026 | Mark your calendars

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is hosting a week of events dedicated to supporting, highlighting and celebrating the contributions of postdoctoral scholars at the University of Saskatchewan.

Featured events include a panel discussion, new postdoc onboarding session, networking webinar, and a reception recognizing award winners and celebrating postdoctoral achievements.

Learn more and view the full schedule: cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/postdoc-appreciation-week

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

CIFAR-SNSF Winter School | Apply by October 7

In partnership with the Swiss National Science Foundation, CIFAR is holding a Winter School for senior PhD students and postdoctoral fellows in the social sciences and humanities (SSH). Emphasizing the use of empirical research, the school will explore critical questions in SSH as well as real-world implications for and inclusion of policy and the arts. The School will be held in St Gallen, Switzerland from January 26-28, 2027 (arrivals January 25). [Learn more about the program](#).

Emphasizing the use of empirical research, the school will explore critical questions in SSH as well as real-world implications for and inclusion of policy and the arts. The participants will engage in interactive lectures from leading researchers, artists, and other practitioners, network with peers, receive mentorship and professional development opportunities, such as navigating an academic career in SSH and practicing interdisciplinary research.

Applicants are required to submit a CV as well as a short discussion of their research, how the school would benefit their future career, and their interest in participating in an inter- and trans-disciplinary forum.

With support from SNSF, CIFAR will cover the travel and accommodation costs for selected researchers.

Applicants must [apply by October 7](#). If you have any questions, please contact nextgen@cifar.ca.

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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