Upcoming Deadlines

Dr. Rui Feng Graduate Scholarship
Deadline: **January 20, 2025**

Harvey Graduate Scholarship
Deadline: **January 20, 2025**

Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship
Deadline: **January 31, 2025**

Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award - Nomination Deadline
Deadline: **January 31, 2025**

Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award
Deadline: **February 3, 2025**

Mackenzie King Open Scholarship & Mackenzie King Travelling
Deadline: **February 3, 2025**

Walter Sumner Memorial Fellowship
Deadline: **February 3, 2025**

Wanda Young Scholarship in Doctoral Studies
Deadline: **February 3, 2025**

CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award
Deadline: **February 10, 2025**

Robert P. Knowles Scholarship
Deadline: **February 24, 2025**

Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship
Deadline: **February 28, 2025**

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 20: Stitching Stories | Cousins Network

Jan. 23: Graduate Faculty Council

Jan. 29: Celebrating U: Graduate Student Scholarship Recipient Reception

Jan. 30: Refine your 3MT Narrative

Feb. 5: USask Graduate Studies Fair 2025

Feb. 5: Stitching Stories | Cousins Network

Feb. 12: Reimagining Arts Graduate Programs | Panel Discussion

Feb. 19: 3MT Open Mic Workshop

Feb. 27: Stitching Stories | Cousins Network

Updates

USask Graduate Studies Fair Winter 2025 | Booth registration open now

The USask Grad Fair is coming back in the new year! USask Student Recruitment & Admissions is hosting an event in the Arts Tunnel on February 5th, 2025 to showcase graduate programs to prospective students.

Colleges and departments are invited to **register a booth by Friday, January 24th, 2025**, for an opportunity to connect wit students, highlight your offerings, and answer questions. Once registered, you will be contacted by Student Recruitment with further details.
Register now.

Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship 2025 | Applications open

Funded through **USask's International Blueprint for Action**, this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international scholars to USask.

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in the following **Signature Areas of Research**:

1. **Indigenous Peoples**: Engagement and Scholarship
2. **Health and Wellness**: Combining the arts, social sciences, biomedical sciences and medicine to make humans healthier
3. **Communities and Sustainability**: Exploring the interrelatedness of human communities and natural ecologies

For more information, visit the **CGPS website**.

PALS Update

Effective January 22, 2025, all international graduate students applying to pursue master's and doctoral degree programs in Canada will be required to submit a PAL as part of their study permit application. International graduate students who have submitted their study permit application prior to the end of the day on January 21, 2025 will not require a PAL.

CGPS is working closely with the Provost's Office and College Deans to determine PAL allocation at the level of individual graduate programs. Units will be notified of these allocations as soon as they are available.

With the implementation of PALS will also come the implementation of the international graduate student tuition deposit. For all international students who accept an offer of admission to a graduate program on or after January 22, 2025, the international tuition deposit will be assessed and must be paid prior to the release of a PAL. Any student who has accepted an offer prior to January 22, but who requires a PAL will be contacted via Recruit and provided further information as to how they can request a PAL and pay the tuition deposit.

If you have any PAL related questions, please refer to the **PALS FAQ on PAWS** or the **PAL workflow document**.

Admissions Reminders

WIth the busy admissions season now underway, we wanted to share a few helpful tips for graduate administrators to make processes smoother:

Transcripts and GPA Calculation:

- Check for missing items such as GPA calculator and transfer credit institutions on transcripts before submitting to CGPS.
- Advisors double-check admission averages. Start at the end of the transcript and work backwards.
- Include institution name, student information, highlighted classes on transcripts used for GPA, and grading scale.
- Include grading scale for all transcripts except USask.
- Edit GPA in recruit by opening the Application Review, clicking "Edit Review" on the right, then adjusting GPA and adding notes.

CGPS Conditions:

- Do not alter conditions such as PST, DGUA, DGMA, ENPR.
- Do not delete supplemental items, add notes under the preliminary items and choose the appropriate status.

Checking Student's Claim of Degree:

- Verify degree accuracy by reviewing transcripts. A student's claim of a 4-year degree may not be accurate.
- Admission Decision Codes:
    - Fully Admitted (11) - CGPS has all necessary files.
    - Conditional (12) - Check for outstanding items post-admission.
    - Probational (13) - Ensure terms are noted in Department Review.

Grad Admin Forum

A Grad Admin Forum is scheduled for **February 7, 2025**, from 10:00AM to 11:30AM in ARTS 104. You are encouraged to attend in-person. Hybrid option is available, and a Teams link will be shared on the invitation.

Celebrating U: Graduate Student Scholarship Recipient Reception

CGPS is hosting its first annual graduate student scholarship recipient reception on **January 29, 2025.**

This event is a tribute to the hard work, dedication, and academic excellence demonstrated by our outstanding graduate students. All Tri-Agency and Dean's graduate scholarship recipients, as well as their supervisors, have been invited to this event to celebrate their achievements. **Learn more**.

This bulletin was delivered to CGPS staff, Graduate Administrators, Graduate Chairs and Graduate Associate Deans.