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## Upcoming Deadlines

### [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship](#)

Deadline: **February 24, 2025**

### [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship](#)

Deadline: **February 28, 2025**

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### [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Deadline: **March 3, 2025**

### [3MT Preliminaries - Submission Deadline](#)

Deadline: **March 10, 2025**

### [Rhea Ritchie Scholarship in Human Nutrition](#)

Deadline: **March 10, 2025**

### [Robert R. Moffat Memorial Scholarship](#)

Deadline: **March 10, 2025**

### [Dr. Roger Rimmer Award for Excellence in Graduate Research](#)

Deadline: **March 17, 2025**

# Upcoming Events

Feb. 19: [3MT Open Mic Workshop](#)

Feb. 26: [Beyond your Subject Matter Expertise: Communicating Your Skills to Employers](#)

Feb. 27: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Mar. 6: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

Mar. 14: [Beyond the Job Board: Where to Find the Hidden Job Market](#)

Mar. 27: [Graduate Faculty Council](#)

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## Updates

### International Tuition Deposit

The Acting Provost approved a tuition deposit for all international graduate students effective January 22, 2025. Tuition deposits of \$1,000 is required from all international applicants who accept offers of admission. Students accepted into a program that currently has a \$1,000 or greater deposit required is exempt. The deposit must be paid prior to a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) being requested on their behalf. The deposit is applied directly to their student account and counted against their first-term tuition and fees.

Admitted students can pay the deposit through Flywire or by credit card. The deposits are non-refundable in most circumstances. Please see the [international tuition deposit page](#) for payment instructions and refund policy.

### Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)

Effective January 22, 2025, all international graduate students applying to pursue master's, doctoral, or other graduate degree programs in Canada are 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 are not required to have a PAL.

All colleges received their PAL allocation numbers in late January. PALS were allocated to each program based on 2023/2024 admission numbers. If your program did not receive an allocation or needs to redistribute PALS, please contact [Marc Usunier](#).

A PAL request process and flowchart is available in the [College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies PAWS Channel](#), along with an FAQ.

A few important questions have been raised regarding PAL and tuition deposits since these were implemented:

1. **Is there a PAL FAQ page to share with students?**
  - Please see: <https://students.usask.ca/international/pal.php>
2. **If a student accepted their offer prior to January 22, 2025, and does not need a PAL, can the tuition deposit requirement be removed?**
  - Yes. The tuition deposit requirement can be removed by CGPS. Please forward the student's request to your GPSO or to [grad.studies@usask.ca](mailto:grad.studies@usask.ca).
3. **If a student needs a PAL but wants the tuition deposit requirement removed, is this possible?**
  - No. The tuition deposit must be paid as this is now a requirement.
4. **If a student requires a PAL but previously indicated "No" OR a student no longer requires a PAL but previously indicated "Yes", what should be done?**
  - Please forward the applicant's request to your GPSO or [grad.studies@usask.ca](mailto:grad.studies@usask.ca) and we will change the status of the supplemental item so the applicant can resubmit.
5. **Can a faculty member or academic unit pay the student's tuition deposit?**
  - Yes. Academic units wishing to cover the \$1,000 tuition deposit for a student can reach out to their GPSO to start the process. The following student information is required:
    - Student ID
    - Term the deposit is for
    - Program the deposit is for
    - Deposit amount (typically \$1,000)

### **CGPS Knowledge Base (KB)**

CGPS has been creating helpful articles for staff, faculty, and students in the [CGPS Knowledge Base](#). As we continue to grow our Knowledge Base, we'd love your input! If there are any topics you'd find useful, please let us know.

### **Graduate Program Services and Standard Processing Times**

You may find the list of our [services and processing times](#) helpful in answering your questions about how long a request may take to proceed.

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



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