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Upcoming Deadlines

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

Deadline: **March 17, 2025**

[Indigenous Graduate Student Recruitment Scholarships - Nomination Deadline](#)

Deadline: **March 17, 2025**

[Herbert Percy Toop Memorial Prize in Scientific Writing - Nomination Deadline](#)

Deadline: **April 7, 2025**

[WAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award - Nomination Deadline](#)

Deadline: **April 7, 2025**

[WAGS ProQuest Innovation in Technology Award \(Thesis or Dissertation\) - Nomination Deadline](#)

Deadline: **April 7, 2025**

Upcoming Events

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

Mar. 19: [Interview Skills Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Mar. 26: [Interview Skills Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

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

Apr. 3: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

Apr. 10: [Best practices in graduate student mentorship | a new series hosted by CGPS](#)

Apr. 16 - 17: [Saskatoon Regional Science Fair](#)

Apr. 17: [USask 3MT Finals](#)

Updates

Reminder: Special Topics Courses

All special topics courses (both first and second offerings) must be submitted to CGPS prior to being offered. The submission deadline is April 1 for courses offered in the 202505/07 term. Please visit the [CGPS Knowledge Base](#) for more information on Special Topics [Approvals and Deadlines](#) and [Guidelines](#).

PhD Dissertation Proposal Survey

CGPS is seeking input on the system academic units will use for students who started their program May 2024 (or later) under the new Candidacy Assessment policy. [Complete survey here.](#)

Concurrent Curriculum

While USask students have been able to enroll in concurrent curriculum, for example being admitted in a master's degree and a certificate program at the same time, the admission and tracking process has been largely manual. Efforts are ongoing to streamline the concurrent programs when they include a certificate.

The SIS team has scheduled a virtual Concurrent Curriculum Information Session on March 25 from 1:00PM - 2:30PM, and all graduate administrators are encouraged to attend. An Outlook invite has already been sent.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Shakiba Jalal](#).

Decision deadline applied to admission offers

Following up on a February email from CGPS, on March 13, 2025, CGPS will be implementing a 4-week decision deadline for future admission offers:

- *For programs without an existing deadline:* Applicants will have 4 weeks to accept or decline their offer. If they miss the deadline, they'll need to check with their unit about the possibility of a late acceptance. If approved, a CGPS TDX general ticket can be submitted to request an extension.
- *For programs that already have a deadline:* Nothing will change.
- *If a program prefers a different deadline:* Graduate administrators can include the alternate deadline in the recommendation before sending it to CGPS and coordinate with their GPSO.

The deadline will be indicated on the letter of acceptance (LOA) and enforced in RMS Recruit.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns!

Updated USask PAL FAQ

The University of Saskatchewan PAL FAQ page contains up to date information regarding the PAL requirement. Recently, the "Do I need a PAL?" section was updated to include additional details about study permit renewals. Please review here: students.usask.ca/international/pal

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

