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Upcoming Deadlines

- Feb. 2: [Canadian Federation of University Women - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 2: [Mackenzie King Open & Travelling Scholarships - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 23: [CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Feb. 23: [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 27: [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 27: [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 27: [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship - Application Deadline](#)

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 11: [Introduction to Canadian Workplace Culture | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)
- Dec. 11: [How to Build Your Network Using On-Campus Resources | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Dec. 11: [CGPS Faculty Town Hall](#)

Jan. 6 - 7: [TA Success Days | Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning](#)

Jan. 13: [Design a Slide that Speaks | 3MT Workshop](#)

Jan. 22: [Graduate Faculty Council](#)

Updates

CGPS Faculty Town Hall | December 11, 2025, 2PM

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) invites all graduate faculty to attend the annual [CGPS Faculty Town Hall](#). This event is an opportunity to hear updates from CGPS leadership, engage in open dialogue about graduate education priorities, and share feedback on emerging initiatives.

Dean Debby Burshtyn will reflect on 2025 and provide insights on what's ahead for 2026.

The CGPS Faculty Town Hall is an **in-person** event hosted in ARTS 241. If you are out of town on December 11th and must attend virtually, please contact julissa.castillo@usask.ca for a link to the virtual meeting.

Updates to GPS 210

An updated version of the GPS 210 Progress Report form was approved at the November 2025 CGPS Faculty Council meeting. The [updated form](#) is available online now in both PDF and Word format, and units are encouraged to begin using this form as soon as possible.

Effective May 1, 2026, all submitted progress reports must follow the new format.

Units and programs can continue to use their own departmental progress forms beyond May 1, 2026, provided they include at a minimum the questions/sections included in the new GPS 210.

SIS is working on updates to the Graduate Services page in PAWS to account for these recent updates to the Progress Report. Further information will be shared as soon as those updates are complete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your Graduate Program Services Officer, via the [CGPS Service Desk](#).

International Tuition Deposit Update

With the removal of the PAL requirement for incoming international master's and doctoral students, we will also be **removing the international tuition deposit requirement, effective January 1, 2026.**

Students who have previously paid a deposit will still have that amount credited to their tuition account. All previously-paid deposits will follow the refund processes currently in place. This change has no impact on any deposits collected by individual programs.

Visiting Research Students (VRS) Reminders

All VRS must maintain continuous registration during their time at USask. Incoming VRS are asked to present themselves at CGPS upon arrival to initiate this process.

If a VRS arrives at your office and has not yet been registered by CGPS staff in the XVRS course, please remind them to come to the CGPS office (THORV 116) for assistance. Please do not register VRS within the department. Furthermore, VRS are not able to enroll in any courses other than the XVRS course. If they wish to pursue any other coursework, they will need to apply and register through an alternate pathway.

Pausing Graduate Professional Skills Certificate

The Graduate Professional Skills Certificate (GPS 974/984) will be paused effective **May 1, 2026.**

Replacing the certificate is CGPS' ongoing professional skills modules and centralized suite of offerings - tailored, timely, and designed for graduate students. Offerings as they become available are listed on the [LevelUP PD dashboard](#), [Beyond the Professoriate platform](#), as well as the Pro Skills Canvas page.

For more information about CGPS PD offerings, visit our [webpage](#) or contact grad.pd@usask.ca.

Living Skies Postdoctoral Fellowship | Applications open January 5th

The third round of applications for [Living Skies Fellowship](#) funding opens on **January 5th, 2026.**

Living Skies supports transdisciplinary research that moves beyond traditional academic boundaries to address complex societal challenges and encourages projects that bring together experts from multiple disciplines and actively involve stakeholders outside the university setting.

For full competition guidelines, visit the [CGPS website](#). Questions can be directed to leah.johnson@usask.ca.

Indigenous Achievement Awards | Nominations opening soon

The annual USask Indigenous Achievement Awards will take place in the second week of March and will soon be accepting nominations. Units are invited to nominate graduate students for Indigenous Achievement Awards to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout the year.

Please note that CGPS only receives an allotment of awards for students registered in the InterD program. If you have questions about the Indigenous Achievement Awards nomination process, please contact aurora.wolfe@usask.ca.

Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship | Applications now open

The Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship is open for applications! Funded through [USask's International Blueprint for Action](#), this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international postdoctoral scholars to the University of Saskatchewan.

The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in the following [Signature Areas of Research](#):

1. [Indigenous Peoples](#): Engagement and Scholarship
2. [Synchrotron Sciences](#): Innovation in health, environment, and advanced technologies
3. [Quantum Innovation](#): Creating big changes from tiny particles

The application deadline is **February 9, 2026**. For more information on eligibility and the application process, please visit: cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/misiweskamik-international

Upcoming Recruitment Events | Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the following 2026 recruitment events! More details to follow:

- **Winter Grad Fair** | February 11, 2026
 - The Winter Grad Fair will take place in the skywalk between the Agriculture and Biology buildings from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.
 - Reach out to william.eichorst@usask.ca for more information.
- **Science & Engineering Grad Night** | February 23, 2026
- **Health Science Winter Grad Night** | February 24, 2026
- **Professional Program Grad Night** | February 25, 2026
- **Social Sciences/Humanities/Fine Arts Grad Night** | February 26, 2026

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

