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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](#)
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- Feb. 27: [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship - Application Deadline](#)
- Feb. 27: [Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Feb. 27: [Clement Employee Service Award - Nomination Deadline](#)

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 20: [Celebrating U | Graduate Student Scholarship Recipient Reception](#)
- Jan. 22: [Graduate Faculty Council](#)

Jan. 26: [Tuition Town Hall](#)

Jan. 27: [Research Project Management Training | CAGS](#)

Jan. 30: [Red Willow Basket Weaving Workshop | COUSINS](#)

Feb. 11: [Winter Graduate Studies Fair | Student Recruitment](#)

Updates

New International Student Registration

New international students who have accepted an offer of admission but have not yet arrived in Canada may wish to register in classes prior to their arrival for various reasons. However, it's important to remember that **they should be encouraged to wait to register until they receive their study permit.**

Many newly-arriving international students will want to be able to show proof of registration when crossing the border into Canada. This is not a requirement but is an additional way of confirming for the Canadian Border Services Agent their intention to study at the port of entry.

However, if students register before receiving their study permit, have their study permit application rejected, and then forget to withdraw from classes, this becomes problematic for the student and results in extra work for the unit, the Registrar's Office, and CGPS to correct the student record.

Further information for international students regarding their first arrival is available in the [Prepare for your arrival](#) section of the IRCC website.

Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award | Submit your nomination now

The Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award honours USask graduate faculty who have demonstrated exceptional mentorship. These outstanding mentors inspire creativity, encourage innovative research, and guide graduate students toward making a meaningful impact on the future. Their influence is vital to the success of graduate students, both in academic settings and beyond.

The call for nominations is open until **February 27, 2026**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

Clement Employee Service Award | Now accepting nominations

The Clement Employee Service Award was established in memory of Kelly Clement to recognize the outstanding contributions of USask staff members to USask's graduate student community.

Nominees will demonstrate their commitment to supporting graduate students by pursuing goals and objectives that align with at least one of the three aspirational areas of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: achieving inclusive academic excellence, creating knowledge and skills, and rejuvenating relationships.

The call for nominations is open until **February 27, 2026**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

Canada Impact+ Research Training Awards | More information coming soon

Reminder: [The Canada Impact+ Research Training Awards](#) (CIRTA) has recently launched, with application details coming out soon.

To get ahead of the federal release and help researchers plan, CGPS has provided some guidance for those considering submitting a nomination. Learn more on the [Tri-Agency page](#) of the CGPS website.

Living Skies Postdoctoral Fellowship | Apply by February 23rd

The deadline to apply for the third round of applications for [Living Skies Fellowship](#) funding is **February 23, 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.

Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship | Applications due February 9th

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!

Information was sent to graduate administrators and graduate chairs regarding upcoming **Student Recruitment events** aimed at future graduate students. The relevant dates are as follows:

- **Winter Graduate Studies Fair** | February 11, 2026
- **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

For more information and to get involved, contact william.eichorst@usask.ca.

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

