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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Events

Aug. 24 - 28: [Academic Job Market Boot Camp | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Aug. 27: [Staff & Faculty CGRS D Information Session | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Sept. 17: [CGPS Faculty Town Hall](#)

Sept. 21 - 25: [Postdoc Appreciation Week](#)

Deadlines

Sept. 10: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | SSHRC Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 14: [Governor General Gold Medal \(Fall\) | Nomination Deadline](#)

Sept. 16: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | CIHR Application Deadline](#)

Sept. 28: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral | Application Deadline](#)

CGPS Faculty Town Hall | September 17, 2026

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) invites all graduate faculty to attend our annual [CGPS Faculty Town Hall](#) on September 17th, from 3PM - 4PM in ESB 46.

This event is an opportunity to:

- Hear updates from CGPS leadership
- Engage in open dialogue about graduate education priorities
- Share feedback on emerging initiatives

Dean Debby Burshtyn will reflect on 2025-26 and provide insights into what's ahead for 2026-27.

This town hall event will take place in a hybrid format. If you are interested in attending virtually, please [register in advance](#).

CGPS Blackout Deadlines for Fall Term Admission Recommendations

International Recommendations - July 17 - NO LONGER PROCESSING ADMISSIONS

CGPS maintains application deadlines for international applicants. CGPS will not process recommendations for the admission of international applicants that are received **30 business days or fewer** before the start of the admission term. ([CGPS Policy 1.14. Application Deadlines](#))

Domestic Recommendations - August 12

We are piloting domestic admission deadlines for fall term admissions. CGPS will not process recommendations for the admission of domestic applicants that are received **15 business days or fewer** before the start of the admission term.

Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral (CGRS-D) | Internal deadline is September 28, 2026

Join CGPS for an informative workshop designed to support applicants preparing for the Canada Graduate Research Scholarship—Doctoral (CGRS-D) program.

Graduate staff and faculty supporting CGRS D applications are encouraged to sign up for the online session hosted by the CGPS Awards team and Awards Committee Chair, George Katselis. This virtual information session for staff and faculty only will touch on the application/adjudication process, tips for supporting applicants, and go into more details from an operational perspective. The session will take place on **Thursday, August 27th at 10AM**. [Learn more and register](#).

New PD Fee for Graduate Students | Coming Fall 2026

Starting Fall 2026, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is introducing a new graduate student professional development (PD) fee of \$60 per student, per year. The fee will directly support a robust suite of professional development opportunities and resources designed specifically for graduate students.

For more information about PD offerings for graduate students, visit: cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/student-resources/professional-development

Graduate Administrators and Graduate Chairs are encouraged to share information about the new PD fee with graduate faculty, in case there are questions from students.

As part of CGPS' PD portfolio, there are several resources available to help graduate faculty support student professional development. To learn more about faculty PD resources, contact grad.pd@usask.ca.

Thesis & Dissertation Requirements

On May 28, 2026, CGPS Faculty Council approved revisions to thesis and dissertation requirements. **The new and revised policy will be implemented effective September 1, 2026**, for all students submitting to the ETD site (electronic theses and dissertation archive) on or after that date. Students are encouraged to start following these updated requirements prior to September 1.

The revisions clarify the requirements for:

- Styles, forms, content, formatting, including requirements for preface
- Required elements of the thesis/dissertation
- Research creation thesis/dissertation in fine- and performing- arts
- Language, copyright, permission to use and disclaimers
- Declaration for the use of generative artificial intelligence

The new and revised policies have been updated in the [CGPS Policy and Procedures Manual](#).

Templates and samples for student use are posted on the [Grad Hub](#).

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

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