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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Events

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](#).

Graduate Applications Portal Opening | Wednesday, September 23

The Graduate Application Portal for upcoming admission terms will open on the evening of Wednesday, September, 23rd.

Please ensure that your application deadlines have been reviewed in the RMS Test Dashboard and updated as needed prior to the portal opening. Any changes required should be submitted directly to [RMS via TDX](#).

If you have questions or encounter any issues related to your application portal settings, please submit a ticket directly to [RMS](#) as soon as possible.

Important Convocation Dates

Fall 2026 Convocation Planning is underway. Please note the following key dates and deadlines:

- **September 7** - College staff gain editing access to Banner convocation screens. GPSO's will be sharing the list of students who have applied to graduate with graduate administrators.
- **September 22** - Deadline for graduate administrators to have their convocation checks back to their GPSOs.
- **September 24** - CGPS will have a closed-door date to prepare for convocation.
- **September 29** - CGPS will have their last close-door day for convocation preparation.
- **October 8** - Convocation list of graduates goes to Graduate Council to vote on the graduating students.
- **October 14** - Faculty vote due at noon.
- **October 15 and 16** - Colleges receive graduate lists for review and confirmation of accuracy.
- **October 19 by 4PM** - Final graduate lists and student award recipient names due to Convocation Office.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the convocation process. Your collaboration, diligence and attention to detail helps ensure a smooth process and a memorable celebration for our graduates.

IRCC Verification Process Change

Effective August 31, 2026, all Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) verifications of graduate student letters of admission, confirmations of enrolment, and funding letters will be carried out by the TLSE Undergraduate Admissions Office. Any questions regarding the IRCC verification status of particular students accepted to your program(s) can be directed to danielle.epp@usask.ca or kailee.rachar@usask.ca.

Duolingo, TOEFL, GRE and IELTS Testing in Iran

The U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has suspended the ability of Duolingo, TOEFL and GRE to offer testing services to individuals in Iran or using Iranian ID effective September 1.

IELTS no longer offers testing in Iran but Iranian nationals located in other countries (aside from the USA) remain able to take the IELTS test either online or at a testing centre using their Iranian ID.

This is an evolving situation and we will share additional information about these changes as it becomes available.

Graduate Program Recruitment Event Highlights

The central recruitment team will be representing graduate studies at the following regional recruitment events this academic year. If you have any questions about these events, or how your specific program(s) can partner with central recruitment, please contact Courtney Schroeder (courtney.schroeder@usask.ca) or William Eichorst (william.eichorst@usask.ca).

Alberta Fairs:

- October 5 - Concordia University of Edmonton Grad Studies Fair, 10AM - 2PM
- October 7 - Mount Royal University Grad Studies Fair, 10AM - 2PM
- October 8 - University of Calgary Grad Studies Fair, 11AM - 3PM

USask Grad Fairs:

- General Grad Fairs, October 28, 10AM - 2PM
 - Winter Fair in Jan/Feb

- Agriculture and Engineering, November 4, time TBD
- Health Sciences Fair, November 17, time TBD
- Indigenous Graduate Students Night, TBD
- Professional Programs Events
 - Saskatoon (USask Campus), October 29
 - Regina (JSGS TBC), November 3
 - Prince Albert (PA Campus TBC), November 18

USask Career Services Fairs:

- Careers Day, September 16
- Pharmacy Career Fair, October 14
- Computer Science Career Fair, January 2027
- Education Career Fair, January 2027
- Indigenous Student Career Fair, March 2027

Reach out to [Kim Matheson](#) and [Laurie Johnston](#) at Career Services to get booths at these events.

Thesis and Dissertation Requirements

The new and revised thesis and dissertation requirements policies are now effective for all students submitting to the ETD site (electronic theses and dissertation archive).

The requirements are outlined in the Thesis Requirements section of the CGPS [Policy and Procedures Manual](#). For templates and samples of thesis and dissertation requirements, including the GenAI declaration, visit the [Grad HUB](#).

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

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