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Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Events

- Oct. 7: [Grad Fall Fair](#)
- Oct. 13: [CGRS M Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)
- Oct. 14: [CGRS M Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)
- Oct. 14: [Technology Maturation | Entrepreneurship Skills Series for Researchers](#)
- Oct. 21: [Individual & Career Development Workshop | Level UP](#)
- Oct. 28: [Resume & CV Writing | Level UP](#)
- Nov. 4: [Project Management | Entrepreneurship Skills Series for Researchers](#)

Deadlines

- Oct. 19: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | NSERC Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Gary Rempel Graduate Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Hantelman Humanities Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Hope Hunt Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [John Larson Cancer Research Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Robert Guy Memorial Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Roman & Sonia Stratychuk Graduate Scholarship | Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 2: [Samit & Reshma Sharma Graduate Award in Water Security | Application Deadline](#)

RMS Migration & Downtime

RMS Recruit is going to be migrated to a cloud service rather than running on our own servers as it has been.

The production system will be down for migration starting on November 1 (time TBD) for up to 6 days. This downtime has been approved by the Recruit Oversight Committee. We will have a better estimate of the downtime required once the test migration has been done.

We recognize that the timing of this outage is less than ideal. We have worked closely with the system provider to explore alternatives and minimize disruption; however, this is the best available option for completing the migration. Please know that we do not take the impact of this outage lightly and are actively planning to support and communicate with affected users throughout the transition.

Updated Proof of Financial Support for Study Permit Applicants

Reminder that effective September 1, 2026, [Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada again increased](#) the minimum proof of financial support a single student must demonstrate as part of their study permit application to \$23,448.

Fall 2026 Convocation E-Vote Process

The Fall 2026 convocation list and link to vote will be distributed on Thursday, October 8th. Please keep in mind that a 50% + 1 majority is required to ensure students are eligible for fall convocation. All members of CGPS Faculty Council are expected to review the list and

vote, regardless of whether students from your academic unit/program are graduating. The deadline to vote will be 12PM, Wednesday, October 14th.

GenAI Literacy in Graduate Education: Rethinking Assessment

Grad Admins and Grad Chairs: Please share this opportunity with faculty members and instructors in your department who teach or supervisor graduate students.

Join CGPS and GMCTL on October 15 from 1PM - 3PM for an interactive session exploring the role of generative AI in graduate education. Using the USask AI Literacy Framework, participants will consider where AI use may be appropriate in graduate assessment and supervision, explore strategies for adapting assessments and research milestones, and hear practical examples from USask Assessment Champions Ella Ophir and Mark Klassen.

Bring a laptop and an assessment, research milestone or supervision challenge you'd like to think through. [Register here.](#)

Thesis & 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](#).

Immigration updates and reminders from the International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC)

Work Permit Holders Studying at USask

Effective September 4, 2026 a temporary IRCC public [policy](#) allows some work permit holders to study without a study permit **only if the course or program of study is six months or less in duration**. This exemption **does not** apply to USask degree, diploma, certificate, master's or PhD programs, all of which exceed six months in length. Students admitted to these programs must obtain a study permit **before** beginning their studies, even if they currently hold a valid work permit.

If questions arise regarding study permit requirements, please direct students to ISSAC for [immigration advising](#).

Refugee Claimants and Protected Persons Studying at USask

Refugee Claimants and Protected Persons must have valid immigration authorization to study and/or work in Canada until they become permanent residents. Students enrolled in USask academic programs longer than six months are required to hold a valid [study permit](#) before beginning and throughout their studies. Eligible Refugee Claimants and Protected Persons can apply for a study permit from within Canada, and are exempt from the study permit application fee.

If you encounter a student in this situation, please refer them to ISSAC for [immigration advising](#).

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

