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## December 2024

This newsletter will be delivered to you on a monthly basis with content curated for USask's graduate community. Scroll through to learn about upcoming events, opportunities, and more.



### Deadlines

Dec. 20: [Clement Employee Service Award Nomination Deadline](#)

Jan. 6: [Dean's International Doctoral Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Barbara Carlton Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Gem & Mineral Foundation of Canada Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Heather Lukey Graduate Student Bursary - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Hope Hunt Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Lafond-Bourgenje Women in Innovation Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Saskatchewan Innovation & Opportunity Scholarships \(SIOS\) Opportunity Fund Bursaries - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 13: [Saskatchewan Innovation & Opportunity Scholarships \(SIOS\) Signature Area of Scholarships - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 20: [Dr. Rui Feng Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 20: [Harvey Graduate Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 21: [SSHRC Storytellers Challenge Submission Deadline](#)

Jan. 31: [Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

Jan. 31: [Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award Nomination Deadline](#)

## Events

Jan. 2: [Grad HUB | In-Person Winter Welcome](#)

Jan. 8: [Soup & Bannock](#)

Jan. 8: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Jan. 9: [Indigenous Graduate Funding Information Session](#)

Jan. 14: [Indspire Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries & Scholarships Information Session](#)

Jan. 20: [Graduate Student Tuition Discussion](#)

Jan. 20: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Jan. 30: [Refine your 3MT Narrative](#)

View all upcoming dates and deadlines in the [CGPS Calendar](#).

**GRAD COMMUNITY** 

### Happy holidays from CGPS!

On behalf of CGPS, we wish you a safe and restful holiday season and all the best in the new year.

Please note that the university will be closed as of December 25, 2024, and will reopen on January 2, 2025. For more information, visit the [Academic Calendar](#).

## **Calling all postsecondary students - be a Storyteller!**

Tell us about the social sciences and humanities research at your institution to be among the Top 20 finalists who will each receive \$3,000. Finalists then compete to earn a spot as a Final 5 winner.

Let your creativity shine through! Submit a song, poem, infographic, short essay, video or audio clip - the choice is yours.

Submissions deadline: **January 21, 2025**

For more information on the Storytellers Challenge, visit the [SSHRC 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 2025 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 **December 20th, 2024**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

## **Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award | Now accepting nominations**

The Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award honours USask graduate faculty who have demonstrated exceptional mentorship. These outstanding mentors inspire creativity in their students, encourage innovative research, and guide them 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 **January 31st, 2025**. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

## **3MT Prep Workshop Series | Sign up for two upcoming workshops**

Calling all thesis-based graduate students! There are two more opportunities for you to get feedback on your 2025 3MT submission. *Attending a workshop does not commit you to competing at the 3MT.*

On January 30, 2025, join Jill McMillan, USask's Learning and Graduate Writing Specialist, to refine your 3MT narrative and learn how to make an impact on the judges. Then, on February 19, 2025, you'll have the chance to take the stage at Quance Theatre for an open mic workshop where you can get immediate feedback from a mock judging panel. [Find out more about 3MT workshops now.](#)

### **Grad HUB Winter Welcome Events | Registration now open**

Discover the CGPS grad student onboarding tool, the Grad HUB. Designed for new and returning grad students, this platform offers resources, advice, and a community for students to find success at USask.

This winter, CGPS is offering both virtual and in-person opportunities to tour the GradHUB and learn how to navigate your graduate program. Visit the [Hub Community](#) to learn more and register.

### **GPS 981: Academic Preparation for International Graduate Students | Open for registration**

Are you an international student new to USask? Registration is now open for GPS 981: Academic Preparation for International Graduate Students.

GPS 981 is a non-credit course designed to prepare international graduate students for the Canadian academic environment. Students will learn techniques for improving their writing, managing their reading loads, and conducting and managing research.

To learn more about this course offering, review the [Course Catalogue](#). Questions about GPS 981? Contact [Jill McMillan](#) from the University Library for more information.

### **Graduate Professional Skills Certificate | Register for Winter 2025**

The [Graduate Professional Skills Certificate](#) is a non-credit program for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from all colleges and schools, focusing on strengths-based professional skills and development. The certificate program is offered at no cost.

The certificate requires you to complete two courses and demonstrate evidence of building your professional skills. The courses should be taken either at the same time or in this order:

1. *GPS 984: Thinking Critically* - This highly interactive non-credit course provides a supportive and challenging setting for you to uncover and explore personal and professional beliefs and values as you candidly explore diverse issues with peers from various disciplines.

2. *GPS 974: Graduate Professional Skills Certificate* - This is an umbrella course for the certificate that supports you with setting goals in alignment with a recognized set of professional skills. You must register for GPS 974 to join the certificate program and remain registered until you complete your portfolio and perform a final demonstration of your skills.

Required courses are offered both online and in-person. Register in the course format that best accommodates your schedule and learning style. To register, use the [Registration channel in PAWS](#).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Mitacs Training | Give yourself a competitive edge**

Hone your professional skills by participating in [Mitacs Training](#). Open to past and present graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, Mitacs Training courses are free of charge and facilitated by industry leaders.

Learn about management, communication, entrepreneurship, and more. [Mitacs Training](#) offers asynchronous and synchronous courses that work with your schedule to help you gain a competitive edge.

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Indigenous Graduate Funding Information Session | Register on Zoom**

Thinking about applying for the Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award or the Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor's Indigenous Scholarship? Join CGPS' Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator and the Graduate Awards office for an informational session on how to create an engaging application package.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the application process and ask questions for two upcoming major graduate awards. The session will be hosted on **January 9th, 2025 at 12PM** on Zoom. [Register on Zoom](#).

### **Indspire Building Brighter Futures: Bursaries & Scholarship Info Session**

Since 1996, [Indspire](#) has provided over \$217 million in financial support through more than 66,000 bursaries, scholarships and awards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students.

On **January 14, 2025**, join Thalia Bomberry from Indspire at a virtual informational session for an overview on awards available for graduate students and the application process. Use this opportunity to ask questions and get ahead of application deadline. [Register on Zoom](#).

### **External Awards Opportunities | Research Profile and Impact**

External awards at the provincial, national and international level provide opportunities to recognize USask faculty for their research, scholarly and artistic achievements.

The Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) has developed a [directory of external awards available for application](#). If you are considering someone for an award, contact the [Institutional Awards Officer](#) so that they may offer support and track institutional nominations.

## **POSTDOC SCHOLARS**

### **Researcher Identity Survey | Help other researchers by completing a survey!**

PhD students and young researchers are invited to complete a 10-15 minute survey that aims to understand your unique journey and how your PhD supervision has shaped your development as a researcher.

The research project, titled "I See a Need - Researcher Identities on the Move", is led by Dr. Marie Gruber (PhD) and Prof. Catherine Beaudry from Polytechnique Montréal, as well as Prof. Thomas Crispeels from Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The project seeks to uncover the key factors that shape your growth as a researcher, and your insights will contribute to improving PhD trajectories and understanding how supervision affects academic identity.

The survey is available in both English and French. [Complete the survey now](#).

### **Postdoctoral Scholars on MS Teams | Start a conversation**

Postdoctoral scholars, there is a new way to collaborate with your colleagues across campus. Get access to the Postdoc Link (MS Teams) and start a conversation!

[Join the Postdoc Link now](#).

### **Society of Postdoctoral Scholars | Visit our website**

Visit the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) webpage for information about the society, representatives and employment resources. [Click here to visit their website.](#)

## IN THE NEWS



### **Celebrating Indigenous Scholars | Kayla Benoit**

Kayla was born raised near Humboldt, Saskatchewan, and is an urban member of Biigtigong Nishanaabeg in Ontario. Kayla's thesis research originated from a project with the City of Saskatoon, where she identified biases embedded in language within job descriptions.

By integrating Indigenous perspectives within the field of management, Kayla's work challenges Eurocentric assumptions, decolonizes management knowledge, and fosters more inclusive organizational practices. These contributions help create systems that value relationality, community, and equity, and address systemic inequities that persist in contemporary management practices. [Read more.](#)



### **Winning words: USask researchers reach new heights in communication competitions**

This year, University of Saskatchewan (USask) researchers across various disciplines have found success in communications competitions in 2024. Learn how they approached the challenge. [Read more.](#)

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