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December 2025

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

Feb. 2: [Canadian Federation of University Women Award - Application Deadline](#)

Feb. 2: [Mackenzie King Open Scholarship & Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship - 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](#)

Events

Jan. 6 - 7: [TA Success Days](#)

Jan. 13: [Design a Slide that Speaks | 3MT Workshop](#)

Jan. 14: [Why a Successful Job Search is Focused on Job Research | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

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

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

GRAD COMMUNITY

TEDxUniversityofSaskatchewan | Meet the Speakers

What do school lunches, digital agriculture and competitive sports have in common? They are all part of the big ideas featured at TEDxUniversityofSaskatchewan. On **February 1, 2026**, 13 of USask's leading faculty researchers and students will hit the stage to explore the edges of research, scholarly and artistic works. Tickets will be available early January and will go fast. You won't want to miss it!

Learn more about this year's speakers and their groundbreaking ideas: research.usask.ca/tedx/2026

National Student Paper Competition | Submissions close January 30

Are you a talented Canadian graduate student looking for an opportunity to apply your knowledge to advance the federal public service? Are you interested in building your network by connecting with senior officials in the Government of Canada? Do you have an inspiring and innovative idea that can improve a Canadian policy or program? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider applying to the National Student Paper Competition. [Learn how to apply](#).

The [National Student Paper Competition](#) is an annual competition organized by the Canada School of Public Service in partnership with [Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration](#) and the [Canadian Association for Graduate Studies](#).

Innovate2Build at Opus | Applications now open

Opus, USask's startup incubator, has launched applications for its 2026 i2Build cohort. Applications are open until **February 8th at 11:59PM**.

Learn more about the program and apply here: opus.usask.ca/programs/innovate2build

State of Canada Series | Transition to the Carney Era: One Year In

The Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy presents the next lecture in their State of Canada Series, "[Transition to the Carney Era: One Year In](#)".

One year into his mandate, Prime Minister Mark Carney is navigating a period of increased public and political attention. Has his leadership delivered on key promises around economic reform, climate action, housing, and reconciliation? This lecture provides a critical assessment of Carney's governance style, policy decisions, and political strategy as it relates to a Saskatchewan context. Through expert analysis we explore the emerging legacy of Canada's new leader and what his first year signals for the country's future.

More information and registration: schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/news-events/events/2026/02/state-of-canada-series-transition-to-the-carney-era

AWARDS OPPORTUNITIES

Mitacs Globalink Research Award | Applications now open

Open to full-time graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, Mitacs Globalink Research Awards (GRA) offers \$6,000 - \$12,000 for 12 - 48 week international research projects under joint supervisor of a home and host professor.

If you are interested in submitting an application, contact USask's International Office at international.office@usask.ca as early as possible. The internal USask application deadline is **January 16, 2026**.

The Round Table Harry Hodson Prize | Open for entries

The Harry Hodson prize is an annual award presented by *The Round Table* for a written piece of work to an undergraduate or postgraduate student from any university in the

Commonwealth. The awardee will win £1000 cash prize and publication of their article in *The Round Table, The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*. The topic should relate to the contemporary Commonwealth, or a region or country within the Commonwealth.

Applicants should enter pieces of between 1000 and 2000 words via email to secretary@commonwealthroundtable.co.uk, marked 'Hodson Memorial Prize' by **December 31, 2025**. [Find out more.](#)

Saskatchewan - Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants | Applications now open

The Shashtri-Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) invites applications for the [Shashtri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants 2026-26](#), a flagship initiative that promotes scholarly exchange and institutional collaboration between Saskatchewan and India.

- **Value:** \$1,500 CAD for airfare
- **Eligibility:** Full-time faculty members/instructors, researchers, doctoral students, or postdoctoral researchers
- **Restrictions:** Only eligible representatives from Saskatchewan post secondary institutions can apply
- **Deadline:** Accepted on a rolling basis until further notice

The program supports Saskatchewan's efforts to expand academic, research, and innovation linkages with India. [Learn more.](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Featured Webinars | Beyond the Professoriate PD Offering

Registration is open for these live webinars through [Beyond the Professoriate](#), a premier platform dedicated to supporting your transition into academic and non-academic careers.

Why a Successful Job Search is Focused on Job Research

Date: January 14, 2026

Time: 11:00AM - 11:45AM

How to Identify and Research Non-Academic Employers

Date: February 4, 2026

Time: 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Upcoming LevelUP Professional Development Workshops | Register now

Mark your calendars for Winter Term workshops! Check out [our website](#) for topics such as:

- [Resume & CV Writing](#)
- [Effective Interview Skills](#)
- Individual Development Plans, and more!

Here's what your fellow graduate students have to say about their experience with CGPS LevelUP workshops:

- "The resume workshop helped me transform my CV into a powerful tool!"
- "I gained invaluable insights from the interview skills session - it boosted my confidence!"
- "Participating in CGPS workshops helped me clarify my career goals and provided actionable steps."

Stay proactive in your professional journey, sign up for workshops, participate in webinars, and connect with your peers. Your future starts here with CGPS.

TA Success Days | January 6th and 7th

[TA Success Days](#) is a two-day in-person event of short sessions to support TAs in developing specific skills and knowledge.

Topics include: marking effectively, tips for facilitating labs, tutorials, and seminars, and navigating Canvas.

Attendance will be recognized on your co-curricular record when you attend three or more sessions. [Learn more.](#)

English as an Additional Language Resources | University Library

Looking to boost your English speaking and presentation skills? The University Library offers customized programs and resources to support graduate students with English as an additional language (EAL) to gain confidence in their listening and speaking.

Learn more about how you can boost your English and build your confidence: library.usask.ca/studentlearning/eal

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars

The [Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars](#) will support up to 2 successful applicants this year. With a salary of \$70,000 provided each year for a two-year term, scholars will be able to dedicate their time to pursuing a proposed project, working alongside a supervisor and other mentors, while also gaining access to guidance from faculty, students and alumni.

The deadline to apply is April 1, 2026. [Learn more.](#)

McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program | Free events for postdocs in Canada

The [McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program](#), offered by McMaster University, is offering a variety of free virtual events for postdocs in Canada. Take advantage of this opportunity to engage and network with seasoned faculty, industry experts, and other PDFs.

Check out the [full schedule](#) for Winter 2026.

Apply for a University of Toronto Data Sciences Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship

Applications are open for [Data Sciences Institute \(DSI\)](#) Postdoctoral Fellowships, which support multi/interdisciplinary training and collaborative research in data sciences that include faculty from the University of Toronto and researchers from DSI [external funding partner institutions](#).

To be considered, applicants must pursue a research project that has a data sciences focus, through the development of novel methodology or the innovative application of existing approaches. Proposed projects must be categorized within at least one of four methodological pillars.

Apply by **January 23, 2026**. [Learn more.](#)

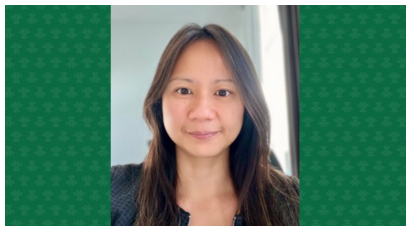
The Postdoc e-Magazine by CAPS/ACPP

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS) shares a monthly e-magazine for postdocs at Canadian institutions. To access the publication, visit the [CAPS/ACPP website](#).

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



Governor General's Gold Medallist uses VR to level up nursing education

This year's Governor General's Gold Medallist at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) is transforming nursing education with immersive virtual reality. [Read more.](#)

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