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February 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. 21: [Images of Research Contest - Submission Deadline](#)

Feb. 24: [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship](#)

Feb. 28: [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship](#)

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Mar. 3: [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Mar. 10: [Rhea Ritchie Scholarship in Human Nutrition](#)

Mar. 10: [Robert R. Moffat Memorial Scholarship](#)

Mar. 10: [3MT Preliminaries - Submission Deadline](#)

Mar. 17: [Dr. Roger Rimmer Award for Excellence in Graduate Research](#)

Mar. 17: [Indigenous Graduate Student Recruitment Scholarships - Nomination Deadline](#)

Mar. 28: [2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo - Registration Deadline](#)

Mar. 31: [USask Internationalization Recognition Awards - Nomination Deadline](#)

Events

Feb. 26: [Beyond Your Subject Matter Expertise: Communicating Your Skills to Employers](#)

Feb. 26: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Mar. 4: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Mar. 5: Campus Conversations

Mar. 6: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Mar. 6: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

Mar. 14: [Beyond the Job Board: Where to Find the Hidden Job Market](#)

Mar. 19: [Interview Skills Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Mar. 26: [Interview Skills Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Mar. 27: [Graduate Faculty Council](#)

Apr. 3: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

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

GRAD COMMUNITY 

USask 3MT® 2025 Preliminaries | Open for submissions!

80,000. That's how many words are in a typical PhD thesis. Years of grueling research, sleepless nights, and history-making breakthroughs. Presenting something of this scale would take approximately nine hours. **3MT competitors do it in 3 minutes.**

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition is an annual event held at over 200 universities, including USask. Open to thesis-based graduate students, students are challenged to

present their research in a simplified format that a lay audience can engage with, using only 3 minutes and 1 static slide.

Registration deadline is March 10th, 2025, at 4:30PM.

To access resources to help you craft your presentation or to submit your entry, visit:

<https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/3mt-usask.php>

Enter USask's 11th Annual Images of Research Contest to win cash prizes!

Knowledge is beautiful and USask students, staff, faculty, and alumni know it better than anyone. You are invited to enter photography and imaging of your USask research, scholarly and artistic work to the 11th Annual Images of Research Contest by **February 21, 2025 (4:00PM CST)** to share its beauty and impact with the world and for a chance to win cash prizes.

To learn more about the contest, explore the submission categories and enter your images, visit: [Images of Research Contest - Research | University of Saskatchewan](#).

Register for the 2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo

Registration is now open for USask's annual Life & Health Sciences Research Expo, taking place in-person on May 1, 2025.

- Submit an abstract for the research competition
- Submit a paper for the best paper award
- Nominate an outstanding supervisor for the best supervisor awards
- Open to all USask graduate students, undergraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and dentistry and medical residents.
- **Over \$8,000 in prizes available!**

Registration and materials submission deadline: March 28, 2025

Visit healthsciences.usask.ca/expo for more information.

Join the next Campus Conversations event on March 5, 2025

Campus Conversations are a series of drop-in, constructive discussions between members of the campus community regarding research, scholarly and artistic works at USask. Join Associate Vice-President Research (Ethics and Infrastructure) Dr. Terry Fonstad (PhD) on March 5, 2025 from 12:00 - 12:45PM in Administration Building C280. All faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows and students welcomed. Registration not required.

Apply to join the 2025 GROWW Cohort

GROWW strives to positively impact the lives of all people who identify as women and to inspire individuals who are dedicated to propelling women's health.

The GROWW Cohort program annually accepts a group of 20 clinical trainees, graduate students, postdoctoral scholars, and ECRs from across Canada chosen through a competitive application process. Cohort members will have the opportunity to be involved in workshops and retreats, a structured mentorship program, experiential learning, educational workshops, institutes, and have potential for funding opportunities.

The GROWW (Guiding interdisciplinary Research on Women's and girls' health and Wellbeing) program is a Health Research Training Platform (HRTTP) supported by the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health, Indigenous People's Health and Human Development, Child and Youth Health.

For more information and how to apply, visit their website at growwprogram.com. The application deadline is **April 14, 2025**.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research

There are two active calls for applications for postdoctoral fellowships based in Japan: the JSPS PDF Standard Program, and the JSPS PDF Short-Term Program. These exciting programs offer researchers the opportunity to conduct research in Japan.

The application deadline is **April 1, 2025**. More details, including eligibility and submission instructions, are available at nserc.ca/japan/short-term.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Effective Interview Skills Workshop Series | LevelUP PD by CGPS

Want to gain tips and strategies on how to ace your next interview?

In this workshop series, you'll learn:

- Techniques to prepare for Canadian interviews
- How to answer behavioural interview questions, using the STAR technique
- What Canadian employers look for in their ideal candidate

The in-person workshop series takes place on March 19th (1PM - 4PM) and March 26th (10AM - 1PM). You are required to attend **both days** to successfully complete this course.

[Register online.](#)

Beyond the Professoriate | Virtual Workshops for PhDs & Postdocs

Did you know that as a USask PhD student or postdoc, you have access to free virtual workshops offered by [Beyond the Professoriate](#)? Beyond the Professoriate's mission is to empower PhDs to build impactful careers and engaged lives, wherever smart people are needed.

Register for two upcoming workshops now:

[**Beyond Your Subject Matter Expertise: Communicating Your Skills to Employers**](#)

Wednesday, February 26th, at 1:30PM

Sometimes PhDs and postdocs start their job search by focusing on their academic subject matter expertise, but this only limits the career opportunities that are available to them. Non-academic employers are typically less concerned about your knowledge in one specific subject matter, and more interested in the set of skills you can bring to your workplace.

So how can PhDs effectively communicate their skills and training to non-academic employers?

In this workshop you will reflect on the work you've done in academia, identify transferable skills, and learn how to communicate your value in job documents and interview. [Learn more.](#)

[**Beyond the Job Board: Where to Find the Hidden Job Market**](#) (open to all grad students)

Thursday, March 14th, at 12:30PM

Nearly 70% of companies hire through employee referrals. These job openings may not be posted online and employers choose not to advertise them publicly. Instead, they approach employees and internal networks as trusted sources to help fill open positions.

As a job seeker, you need to find a way to break into this "hidden" job market. It is one of the most effective ways to get hired quickly, make a career transition, or land your first professional job.

In this workshop, you'll learn how to take advantage of the hidden job market and be the first to learn about new opportunities. [Learn more.](#)

To learn more about Beyond the Professoriate and their online offerings, [visit their website.](#)

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

Nominations Open for USask Internationalization Recognition Awards

As part of the University of Saskatchewan Blueprint for Action, the International Office announces the **J.W. George Ivany Internationalization Award, Global Research Leadership Award for Faculty, Global Research Leadership Award for Students, and International Engagement Service Award for Staff**. These awards are to recognize the achievements of faculty, staff and students who provide outstanding contributions to the internationalization of USask. Nominate a deserving colleague for an Internationalization Award!

Nomination deadline: March 31, 2025, 4PM CST

Value: \$1500

Visit internationaloffice.usask.ca/awards for details.

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

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](#).

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



USask researchers harness collaboration in remote field work

Venturing out for a long day of sample collection on a remote island 3,500 km away from the University of Saskatchewan (USask) might be daunting for some researchers, but USask graduate student Victoria Crozier and her colleague, undergraduate student Olivia Andres, jump at the opportunity to explore the sandy shores of Sable Island, Nova Scotia. [Read full story.](#)

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