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January 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

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

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

Feb. 3: [Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award](#)

Feb. 3: [Mackenzie King Open Scholarship & Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship](#)

Feb. 3: [Walter Sumner Memorial Fellowship](#)

Feb. 3: [Wanda Young Scholarship in Doctoral Studies](#)

Feb. 10: [CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award](#)

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

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

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Events

Feb. 3: [Graduate Student Tuition Discussion](#)

Feb. 5: [Graduate Studies Fair Winter 2025](#)

Feb. 5: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Feb. 12: [Reimagining Arts Graduate Programs | Panel Discussion](#)

Feb. 10 - 14: [Love Data Week](#)

Feb. 19: [3MT Open Mic Workshop](#)

Feb. 27: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

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

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

GRAD COMMUNITY 

Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award | Submit your nomination now

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.](#)

Reimagining Arts Graduate Programs | Panel Discussion

On **February 12, 2025**, join CGPS for an engaging panel discussion exploring innovative approaches to graduate programming in the arts. Hear from USask academics in the social science, humanities, and arts disciplines as they discuss the future of arts education and its impact on society. [Reserve your spot.](#)

Opus i2Build | Applications now open!

Applications for the [Opus 2025 i2Build cohort program](#) are now open! Learn what it takes to launch your deep tech startup and receive access to entrepreneurial programming, infrastructure, and a network of mentors and coaches to help you successfully build your venture on campus.

Programming will begin in mid-March for future founders who are current USask students, staff, or faculty with technology in a STEM-related field. To apply and for more details on the program and application, visit opus.usask.ca. The application deadline is Feb. 7, 2025 at midnight.

Volunteer Opportunity: Foundations Learning

Did you know 33% of Saskatchewan adults struggle with literacy? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer experience where you can make a positive impact in your community? Be part of a caring and trained volunteer network that helps adults and families with their reading, writing, and other literacy skills - together we can make a difference!

Gain valuable volunteer experience and develop essential skills beneficial for your academic and professional growth. We provide free volunteer training and support to ensure everyone feels like a part of the team. To learn more about us and the work we do, please join Foundations Learning for [Volunteer Orientation on Wednesday, February 6th from 12 - 1PM \(online\)](#). We look forward to meeting you!

Future You: Transforming research instincts into a successful business | Webinar Series

Meet researchers who turned their curiosity and ambition into a thriving new company - and find out how you can do it too!

Has your research inspired a new product or service? Looking for guidance on how to launch your business idea? Learn how Canada is the ideal place to innovate and start your entrepreneurial journey. Get inspired by hearing how researchers-turned-entrepreneurs carved a path to become successful business owners. Find out about their ups and downs, learn from their vast experience, get tips on how to start your company and leave feeling inspired to take your ideas to the next level!

Join the Canada Foundation for Innovation on **February 11, 2025 at 2PM EST** to learn more. [Register online.](#)

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.

RDM COMMUNICATIONS

What is Love Data Week?

Love Data Week is an international celebration of data that takes place every year during the week of Valentine's Day. During the event, universities, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, associations and individuals gather to participate in data-related events and activities. Learn about all things data and research at [USask's Love Data Week 2025](#) from **February 10 - 14!**

This is USask's first year participating, and our sessions are open to everyone on campus - students, faculty, and staff. Many sessions are also open to the broader community. The focus of our events will be research data management and security, data sharing, Indigenous Data Sovereignty, data finding, and data visualization.

Who is hosting Love Data Week?

Love Data Week is hosted by the University Library and generously co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) and the Information Communications and Technology (ICT) unit.

How do I register?

[Register here](#) for all of the available sessions.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development for Postdocs | McCall Macbain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching and Leadership Program

The [McCall Macbain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching and Leadership Program](#) is hosting open online offerings for all postdocs. Topics range from concepts related to teaching practices and pedagogy, to leadership, vocational skills and more. [Register online](#). For more information and a full schedule, visit their website:

<https://mccallmacbain.mcmaster.ca/schedule/winter-2025-schedule/>

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

French Embassy of Canada | Applications open to support French-Canadian scientific cooperation

The cooperation service of the French Embassy in Canada has opened two calls for applications to support French-Canadian scientific cooperation in 2025:

- The Mourou/Strickland program, for tenure-track researchers from France and from Canada (outside Quebec), provides seed grants to encourage new bilateral cooperation in all disciplines. The scholarship includes a round-trip flight Canada to France and a contribution towards subsistence costs. **The call for applications is open until January 26, 2025. [Apply now.](#)**
- High Level Scientific Fellowship program, for PhD candidates and postdocs working in Canadian universities (outside Quebec), offers scholarships to foster research mobility to France. The aim of this program is to facilitate and strengthen collaboration with academic researchers, working in priority in the following fields: Emerging Technologies (AI, quantum, etc.), Health (One Health, public health policy, genomics, etc.), Ocean and Polar Sciences (oceanography, biodiversity, marine ecology, etc.) Energy (renewable energy, net zero transition, sustainability, etc.). **The call for applications is open until January 26, 2025. [Apply now.](#)**

2025-26 Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship

The deadline to apply for the 2025-26 Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship is January 22, 2025. The fellowship offers generous funding for postdocs to conduct research in any academic discipline at eligible Israeli institutions. View the full [call for applications](#) for more information. [Apply now.](#)

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.

Heart & Stroke Personnel Awards for Black & Indigenous Scholars

For the second year, the [Heart & Stroke Foundation](#) is offering awards for Master's and Doctoral students with the goal of reducing financial barriers to increase the representation of Black and Indigenous researchers focused on studying heart and brain health in Canada.

More information can be found on their [website](#) and questions can be directed to research@heartandstroke.ca.

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.](#)



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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