

Announcements

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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.

UPCOMING DATES

Deadlines

Aug. 6: ESL Bursary (Fall) Application Deadline

([https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/2024/08/0801-esl-bursary-fall.php?](https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/2024/08/0801-esl-bursary-fall.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_newsletterutm_mediumemail)

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Events

Jun. 24: Falling Walls Lab - Info Session ([https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/2024/06/0624_falling-walls-lab-info-session.php?](https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/2024/06/0624_falling-walls-lab-info-session.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_newsletterutm_mediumemail)

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Jun. 27: National HIV Testing Day (https://students.usask.ca/events-calendar/2024/06/national-hiv-testing-day.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail#:~:text=June%2027%3A%20National%20HIV%20Tes)

Jul. 10: Postdoc Day - McMaster Conference on Education and Cognition
(<https://edcog.pnb.mcmaster.ca/edcog-2024/new-postdoc-day/>)

Jul. 17: What Nonacademic Employers Really Value About Your PhD
(https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/2024/07/0717_what-nonacademic-employers-really-value-about-your-phd.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail)

View all upcoming CGPS events in our calendar.
(https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/resources/college-calendar.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail)

GRAD COMMUNITY 

CoPilot, a secure Generative AI tool | Access through PAWS now

In partnership with Information and Communications Technology (ICT) the College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is pleased to announce that **Copilot**, a secure Generative AI tool, will be available to USask's graduate students starting July 1, 2024.

Microsoft has partnered with OpenAI - ChatGPT and released it under Copilot with improved data protection for organizations. Copilot does not store any data nor does Microsoft claim ownership of the output.

Access Copilot through PAWS here. (https://paws2.usask.ca/copilot?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail)

Graduate students, please comply with your program's guidelines before using GenAI.

Opus Con: Unleashing AI | Register for the June 25th event

Join us for an engaging fireside chat where we will delve into the transformative influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on our world. Discover how AI is revolutionizing the way we make critical choices, and how it can impact our future strategies. The expert panel will discuss the opportunities, challenges, and ethical considerations surrounding AI adoption. Don't forget to bring your questions!

Register for Opus Con. (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/opus-con-unleashing-ai-tickets-923209884617>)

Save the Date | College of Nursing Research & Scholarship Day

The Nursing Unit for Research and Scholarship Excellence (NURSE) is excited to host the College of Nursing Research & Scholarship Day on Wednesday, September 25, 2024. The theme for the event is "The Future of Nursing Education".

More details to follow.

RDM COMMUNICATIONS 

USask RDM Strategy Implementation Team

The RDM Executive Sponsors Group is set to re-establish itself and Terms of Reference are being drafted. The RDM Steering Committee has been meeting monthly and has recently finalized its' Terms of Reference. A Governance Structure for the Implementation Team has been developed and approved by the RDM Steering Committee. The RDM Working Group's composition has been established and kicked off its' first meeting in May! The RDM Coordinator is in the process of formally establishing the RDM End-user Advisory Group, which will begin to take shape in Summer 2024.

The RDM End-user Advisory Group will be comprised of researchers, research support staff (e.g. lab managers, study coordinators), and graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. This group will serve as an advisory body to the RDM Working Group and will provide crucial input and feedback on plans for strategy implementation and delivery of the USask RDM Recommendations.

The RDM End-user Advisory Group will play a pivotal role in the future of RDM services at the University of Saskatchewan. If you are interested in participating in the RDM End-user Advisory Group, please contact the RDM Coordinator (colleen.cochran@usask.ca (<mailto:colleen.cochran@usask.ca>)).

Summer RDM Training Program

The University Library and OVPR collaborated to host a Summer RDM Training Program that was targeted to trainees, research support staff (e.g. lab managers, study coordinators), and researchers. The Program introduces RDM broadly and Data Management Plan (DMP) development training specifically. We are excited to share that we had tremendous interest with 200 participants enrolled and even had a waitlist! We also developed a side-training component for upskilling Librarians and Research Administrative staff on how to evaluate DMPs to better serve our research community.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the program in its current form due to unforeseen events.

Due to the demand from the community (**thank you!**), we have pivoted and instead offered a recorded introductory session and three self-guided workshop activities. Registered participants are welcome (but not required) to submit a DMP for feedback. Once the revised Program has been completed, we will be making the recordings available to the community. Information on where to access the recordings will be distributed once available. Keep an eye out!

We will be developing more RDM training opportunities and will be hosting the Summer RDM Training Program again next summer.

Engagement with the USask Community

The RDM Coordinator is committed to engaging with the USask community. The RDM Coordinator has been meeting with units from across campus to hear directly from staff about their questions, concerns, and needs in relation to RDM. The RDM Coordinator will continue to give presentations on what the institution is doing for RDM. If your unit or department is interested in hearing one of these presentations, please contact colleen.cochran@usask.ca (<mailto:colleen.cochran@usask.ca>).

Stay tuned! More updates to follow in September.

Mark your calendar | What Nonacademic Employers Really Value About Your PhD

Beyond the Professoriate is hosting a virtual professional development session for doctoral students, PhDs and postdocs from all academic disciplines who are wondering: What do employers look for in job candidates? How do you determine what an employer wants? How do I show I'm the right person for the job?

The webinar will be held via Zoom on July 17th from 10AM to 10:45AM.

Advanced registration is required

(<https://institutions.beyondprof.com/webinar-what-nonacademic-employers-really-value/>).

Mitacs Training | Give yourself a competitive edge

Hone your professional skills by participating in **Mitacs Training** (<https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/training-students-postdocs/>). 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

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**

(https://research.usask.ca/awards/external_awards.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpusaskcautm_newsletterutm_mediumemail). If you are considering someone for an award, contact the **Institutional Awards Officer** (<mailto:brittany.walch@usask.ca>) so that they may offer support and track institutional nominations.

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

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.

(<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3A0h1vbXD4y72C-1ShiUMRagYw6GYkdIC3VNWRAp9E8O81%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=ddf77639-10e0-4a24-9a83-6b8b9bb0f090&tenantId=24ab6cd0-487e-4722-9bc3-da9c4232776c>)

The McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching and Leadership Program

The **McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching and Leadership Program** (<https://mccallmacbain.mcmaster.ca/>) is offering some exciting opportunities for postdoctoral scholars this summer, during the **12th annual McMaster Conference on Education and Cognition** (<https://edcog.pnb.mcmaster.ca/>):

Postdoc day! (July 10th, 2024) FREE to all postdoctoral scholars who wish to attend. The event centers around "knowledge translation" and postdoctoral professional development. If you are interested in networking with postdocs around Canada and improving your understanding of knowledge translation, join us online or in-person. **Click here to register** (<https://edcog.pnb.mcmaster.ca/edcog-2024/new-postdoc-day/>).

Wellness event (for postdocs and other academics) (July 10th evening) FREE to all postdocs and academics who need to recenter, reset and rejuvenate. Join author Carla Labella and yoga expert Alexa for a unique wellness experience.

EdCog Conference (full conference July 11-12) Join expert speakers and attend dynamic workshops (offered online or in-person) to expand your knowledge on educational practices in higher academia. Postdocs will receive a 50% discount at registration with code POSTDOC50. **Click here to register.** (<https://edcog.pnb.mcmaster.ca/edcog-2024/registration/>)

Falling Walls Lab | Pitch your groundbreaking idea

In a unique collaboration with the University of Alberta, USask postdoctoral scholars and graduate students are invited to participate in the Falling Wall Lab pitch competition.

Falling Walls Lab (<https://falling-walls.com/lab/>) is a world-class pitch competition and networking forum that brings together a diverse and interdisciplinary pool of early-career professionals and grads by providing a stage for breakthrough ideas both locally and globally.

Benefits to Postdocs and Early Career Researchers?

- You get to showcase your solutions to pressing global challenges before a distinguished jury, peers, and the wider public
- Chance to secure a coveted spot in the global finale held in Berlin on November 7, along with a ticket to attend the prestigious Falling Walls Science Summit. This conference offers unparalleled networking opportunities with influential figures in science, business, and policymaking.
- Chance to win prize money and the opportunity to pitch your idea on the esteemed Falling Walls Breakthrough Day stage

Registration is now open. (<https://falling-walls.com/wp-content/uploads/lab24edmontonposter.pdf>).

Learn more about Falling Walls Lab by attending a virtual info session hosted by the University of Alberta on June 27, 2024. **Register now.** (https://ualberta-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqceivqDwsGNcyYDezr93VxuKXv24x-J_x#/registration).

Advancing health science: A look at USask's 2024 Governor General's Gold Medal recipients

The Governor General's Gold Medal is awarded annually to graduate students who display outstanding academic performance in their program. This year's recipients from the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies are Dr. Scott Dos Santos (PhD) and Dr. Keely Shaw (PhD). **[Read more.](#)**

https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/news/28_governor-general-gold-medal-2024-dos-santos-shaw.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail



USask fellowship breeds sustainability

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is proud to welcome Dr. Salvador Osuna Caballero (PhD) as the 2024 Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellow. Funded through the USask International Blueprint for Action, this competitive fellowship is intended to bring exceptional international postdoctoral scholars to USask. **[Read more.](#)** (**https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/news/29_misiweskamik-fellowship-caballero-2024.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail**)

https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/news/29_misiweskamik-fellowship-caballero-2024.php?utm_source=paws&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=httpscgpsusaskcautm_snewsletterutm_mediumemail