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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.



Deadlines

- Mar. 28:** [2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo - Registration Deadline](#)
- Mar. 28:** [2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo - Call for Judges Deadline](#)
- Mar. 30:** [SPS General Election - Submission Deadline](#)
- Mar. 31:** [USask Internationalization Recognition Awards - Nomination Deadline](#)
- Mar. 31:** [Apply to Graduate - Application Deadline](#)
- Mar. 31:** [SPS Spring Travel Awards - Application Deadline](#)
- Apr. 7:** [Herbert Percy Toop Memorial Prize in Scientific Writing - Nomination Deadline](#)

Apr. 7: [USask Graduate Thesis & Dissertation Awards - Nomination Deadline](#)

Apr. 7: [WAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award - Nomination Deadline](#)

Apr. 7: [WAGS ProQuest Innovation in Technology Award \(Thesis or Dissertation\) - Nomination Deadline](#)

Events

Apr. 2: [What PhDs need to know about the academic job market](#)

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

Apr. 10: [Best practices in graduate student mentorship | a new series hosted by CGPS](#)

Apr. 16: [Using AI in your job search](#)

Apr. 16 - 17: [Saskatoon Regional Science Fair](#)

Apr. 17: [USask 3MT Finals](#)

Apr. 17: [JSGS Indigenous Nation-Building Certificate Information Session](#)

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

Graduate Students, have you applied to graduate?

If you have completed or anticipate completing your program requirements by April 15th, you are eligible to apply for graduation. **The deadline to apply to graduate is March 31st.**

Thesis-based students have until April 15th to submit final documents and upload their thesis to the ETD site.

[Read important dates and deadlines.](#)

GRAD COMMUNITY

USask 3MT® Finals | Door prizes, refreshments, and People's Choice voting!

What can dogs teach us about skin cancer? How does TikTok change the way we look at mental illness? Can access to traditional land protect Indigenous stories?

Join CGPS at the **3MT Finals on April 17th**, where 12 graduate students have taken up the challenge to communicate their complex thesis research in a concise and accessible way in just 3 minutes. The winner of the competition will move forward to represent USask at the Western Regional Finals at UVic in May.

Doors open at 2PM. Attend in-person at Quance Theatre for refreshments, door prizes, and a chance to cast your vote for the People's Choice Award. [Get your free tickets.](#)

Call for Judges | 2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo

USask faculty, trainees, and research facilitators with a PhD or equivalent are encouraged to register to adjudicate research poster presentations at the 2025 Life & Health Sciences Research Expo taking place on **May 1, 2025**.

Competition categories will explore basic, translational, clinical, and applied science as well as social and population health. Optional themes include Indigenous health research, interdisciplinary/interprofessional collaboration, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). **Please register now to help ensure that all student researchers receive professional adjudication!**

Visit healthsciences.usask.ca/research-expo to register or learn more.

JSGS Indigenous Nation-Building Certificate

Be a part of the Indigenous nation-building process with our [Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Nation-Building](#). Jointly offered by the First Nations University of Canada and JSGS, the three-course graduate certificate program is design for students to gain knowlegde about the Indigenous landscape in Saskatchewan and beyond.

[Learn more at the info session](#) on **April 17, at 2PM via Zoom**. Questions? [Connect with JSGS admissions staff](#) or drop a message at studyatJSGS@uregina.ca.

Best practices in graduate student mentorship | A new series hosted by CGPS

As a leader, how often do you notice when you are reacting to situations or taking on more than you should? What do you do when you observe that your team is feeling stressed, anxious, or overwhelmed? how do you handle these emotions - do you address them or hope they will resolve on their own?

Emotional intelligence is a vital skill that enhances self-awareness, allowing you to respond to situations more skillfully and improve your connection with others. In this session, you'll discover that a better understanding and management of your emotions will make you a more effective leader and supervisor. [Learn more.](#)

Apply now for a Research Fellowship at RWTH Aachen in Germany

Are you a PhD or postdoc and would love to experience life and work in a state-of-the-art German research ecosystem for some time? If so, the AROP program might be just what you are looking for.

AROP is an RWTH Aachen University funding program that offers travel grants and scholarships to support research stays of international PhD students and postdocs from strategically relevant international universities or research institutions. Among other purposes, you may use your research stay to work on joint research projects and publications and to initiate joint projects in the field of capacity building.

The deadline to apply is **March 31**. [More information can be found on the website.](#)

Metascience and AI postdoctoral fellowships | Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

SSHRC is pleased to announce that it is partnering with the United States' [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#) and the United Kingdom's UK Research and Innovation to support the Metascience and AI postdoctoral fellowships. As part of this joint initiative, SSHRC will support up to four Canadian postdoctoral fellows working at Canadian institutions, at \$140,000 over two years.

Early career researchers in the social sciences and humanities (with particular emphasis on philosophy, sociology of science, and metascience) who are interested in understanding the implications of artificial intelligence (AI) for the science and research ecosystem are invited to apply.

Submissions are due **April 10, 2025**. [Apply now.](#)

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 

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 impact careers and engaged lives, wherever smart people are needed.

Register for two upcoming workshops now:

[What PhDs Need to Know About the Academic Job Market](#) | April 2, 2025

[Using AI in Your Job Search](#) | April 16, 2025

Exciting News Ahead | Our PhD Mentorship Program is launching soon!

Unlock invaluable insights and guidance from seasoned mentors ready to help you thrive.

Check our website for PD opportunities at CGPS: cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/student-resources/professional-development

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.

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

SPS General Elections | Call for Candidates

The SPS is pleased to invite nominations from all eligible postdoctoral scholars, to participate in the general elections for the executive board.

The SPS executive is composed of a council of 5 officers.

- i. Managing Director
- ii. Director of Operations
- iii. Director of Finance
- iv. Director of Communications
- v. Director of Member Relations

The new executives will be elected for the term beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026. Submission deadline: **March 30, 2025 (5PM CST)**

For more information and submitting nomination, visit the [SPS website](#).

SPS Spring Travel Awards Now Open for Application

SPS Travel Awards spring application now open. The Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) in collaboration with the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) established a Travel Award to promote scholarly engagement and networking opportunities for USask's Postdoctoral Scholars. [Get details.](#)

Application deadline: **March 31, 2025**

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](#).

Skills for Health and Research Professionals (SHARP) Training at Columbia University

Registration is open for summer trainings! The SHARP Program consists of short, intensive boot camps led by field experts to teach in-demand research skills and methods to investigators at all career levels and from any organization. [Learn more.](#)

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



ITEP alumnus empowered by past, present and future generations

Family and education are grounded in stone for USask graduate Edward Mirasty, who was honoured with an Indigenous Achievement Week award for community engagement. [Read more.](#)

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