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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

May 26: [Tri-Council Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Program - Application Deadline](#)

June 15: [Falling Walls Lab - Submission Deadline](#)

June 21: [NEMESS 2025 Call for Research Abstracts - Submission Deadline](#)

Aug. 1: [ESL Bursary \(Fall\) - Application Deadline](#)

Events

June 5: [Canadian Neuroscience Seminars - Postdoc Series](#)

June 5: [Falling Walls Lab: Information Session](#)

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

GRAD COMMUNITY



Dean Debby Burshtyn, Renewed as Dean of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

We are pleased to announce that USask's Board of Governors has appointed Dr. Debby Burshtyn (PhD) to a second five-year term as Dean of the College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS).

[Read the full announcement.](#)

Students, are you considering applying for a Tri-Agency Doctoral Scholarship this fall?

The newly relaunched [Tri-Agency Doctoral program](#) now allows international doctoral students to apply, and the CGPS submission deadline has moved to September 29.

Don't miss this opportunity—review the [application criteria](#) and get ahead of the application deadlines by visiting:

- [CIHR Doctoral Research Awards](#)
- [NSERC Doctoral Research Awards](#)
- [SSHRC Doctoral Research Awards](#)

Join Vice-President Research Baljit Singh for the next Campus Conversations event on May 28, 2025

Campus Conversations are a series of drop-in, constructive discussions between members of the campus community to promote research, scholarly and artistic work (RSAW) excellence at USask. Join Vice-President Research Baljit Singh on **May 28, 2025 from 12:00 - 12:45PM** in Administration Building C280. All faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and students welcomed. Registration not required.

Academic Requirements for Saskatchewan's first Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology programs - now available!

The School of Rehabilitation Science is proud to announce that the Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Speech-Language Pathology programs have received full academic approvals from the University of Saskatchewan.

Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists are in high demand in our province and offering these two new graduate programs will have a massive impact in Saskatchewan and provide students excellent career opportunities.

For students interested in applying, admissions open this fall. Full academic requirements are available below:

- [Master of Occupational Therapy](#)
- [Master of Speech Language Pathology](#)

Call for Research Abstracts | IEEE Conference in Saskatoon

Expand your skills, connect with leading industry experts, and showcase your work at the **1st IEEE Conference on Nano/Micro Engineering, Molecular, and Environmentally Sustainable Systems (NEMESS 2025)**, taking place in Saskatoon.

Whether your research focuses on **micro/nano**-scale technologies or explores innovative solutions in molecular and environmental systems, we warmly invite you to participate and present your work at this groundbreaking conference.

The deadline for speaker registration is **June 21st, 2025**. Seats are limited - we encourage early applications!

For full details, please visit the official conference webpage: ieee.usask.ca/nemess-2025

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS 

Call for Award Applications | ESL Bursary Fall 2025

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is now accepting applications for ESL Bursaries for the Fall 2025 Term.

The [ESL Bursary for International Students](#) is a support program for international graduate students who would like to strengthen their English Language skills by taking a course offered through the Language Centre. To apply, complete the [online application form](#).

The deadline for applications is **Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:30PM**. Questions? Contact gradstudies.awards@usask.ca.

Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Don Jacques Memorial Fellowship

Those wishing to be considered for the **2025/26 Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Don Jacques Memorial Fellowship** must apply through the application portal.

Eligibility:

- Incoming and continuing graduate students who will be registered in a thesis-based program at the University of Saskatchewan for the 2025/26 academic year;
- Students who, as of September 1, 2025, have completed no more than 12 months (master's) or 36 months (doctoral) in their graduate program;
- Students conducting research on pulse crop development.

Value: \$20,000 for one year

Deadline: May 31, 2025

[Learn more about the award](#). Questions? Contact danielle.baron@usask.ca for more information.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 

Three minutes is all it takes! | Falling Walls Lab 2025

Three minutes is all it takes! [Falling Walls Lab](#) is a world-class pitch competition where students and early career researchers showcase their groundbreaking ideas. This global platform encourages innovation, enhances communication skills and creates a space for an impactful and sustainable community to thrive.

Hosted by academic institutions worldwide, these events highlight the ingenuity and dedication of the brightest minds, challenging them to address significant global issues in front of a distinguished jury and live audience. **Winner of the Edmonton Lab takes home the title, prize money, and receives a sponsored trip to the international finale in Berlin.**

[Learn more.](#)

The deadline to apply for Falling Walls Edmonton is **June 15, 2025**. For more information, contact the CGPS PD Team at grad.pd@usask.ca or [attend a virtual information session](#) on June 5, 2025.

POSTDOC SCHOLARS

Postdoctoral Scholars Leadership Certification | McMaster University

Being a leader is not just a title; it is a skill to be developed. Leadership is fundamental for those that want to succeed in academia or industry. Despite this, many of those in leadership positions never receive any training on how to effectively lead.

This 30-hour certification developed by the McCall MacBain Postdoctoral Fellows Teaching & Leadership Program in collaboration with the DeGroote School of Business was created to better prepare postdoctoral scholars for the ever-changing leadership landscape. From learning how to effectively communicate, to reflections on leadership influence and emotional intelligence, postdocs will reflect upon their individual leadership style and will develop the tools to help them become transformational leaders of tomorrow.

For the second time, this free, intensive, one week offering is open to all Canadian postdocs or postdoctoral scholars working in Canada. The training runs from Monday, July 28th to Friday, August 1st. [Learn more.](#)

Deadline to apply is May 31, 2025. [Apply now.](#)

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



Quality time with Dr. Hill: Distinguished Graduate Mentor 2024-25

Each year, CGPS recognizes a graduate faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership to graduate students, both in academic settings and beyond.

The 2024-25 recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award is Dr. Janet Hill (PhD) from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. [Read more.](#)



Leading with kindness: Hassett awarded Clement Employee Service Award

Each year, CGPS awards the Clement Employee Service Award to a USask staff member who demonstrates exceptional service to the graduate student community.

The 2024 recipient of the Clement Employee Service Award is Amy Hassett (M.Ed, Ed.D) from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. [Read more.](#)

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