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## pimihâwipîsim (Migrating Moon)

Tansi Cousins,

I hope everything is going wonderfully for you all now that you are getting into the swing of the fall term.

We have lots of spots remaining for our programming this term, including monthly sharing circles (in-person and online), cyanotype making, ribbon skirt/shirt workshops, and many more offerings. Please consider attending one of these events and start building your network with us.

If you are having trouble registering for any programming, you can contact me at [aurora.wolfe@usask.ca](mailto:aurora.wolfe@usask.ca) and I can input the registration manually.

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### COUSINS Programming

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#### COUSINS Monthly Virtual Sharing Circle

**When:** October 14th, 12PM - 1PM

Join us online for a casual circle to network, share your challenges and wins, and set personal goals in a supportive, kinship-based environment.

[Register](#) in advance for this meet-up. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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### **COUSINS Monthly In-Person Sharing Circle**

**When:** October 21st, 12PM - 1PM

**Where:** Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

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### **Join the Indigenous Graduate Leadership Circle!**

The Indigenous Graduate Leadership Circle (IGLC) is an advisory circle dedicated to strategizing and advising on COUSINS initiatives, addressing student challenges, and guiding programming. This circle convenes quarterly, providing a platform for graduate students to exercise autonomy in shaping the support they receive.

We are looking for those interested in building community among Indigenous graduate students across campus. Participation in the circle offers a distinguished leadership role that can be prominently featured on your CV, reflecting your commitment to impactful service with a manageable time commitment. The circle seeks to draw from a diverse array of experiences and backgrounds, including representatives who are working remotely or at a distance. All administrative and logistical tasks will be completed by CGPS' Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator.

Our next meeting is October 16th, 12PM - 1:30PM, lunch included. [Register here.](#)

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### **Panel | *Coming to Know Indigenous Research in the University***

**When:** October 27th, 11AM - 12PM

**Where:** Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre/[Zoom](#)

What does it actually mean to create meaningful space for Indigenous grad students? Join us for a [panel discussion](#) on this topic with UBC Indigenous scholars Drs. Margaret Kovach, Shawn Wilson, Monty Montgomery, and PhD Candidate Lindsay DuPré.

Following this event, we invite Indigenous graduate students to join us for a sharing circle (lunch included) to discuss their needs as students and the challenges faced in their

graduate studies experience. This panel is open to students, staff, faculty, and the Saskatoon public, however, the **sharing circle following the event requires registration**. [Register for the sharing circle here.](#)

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### **Survey | *A Study of Indigenous Graduate Student Support Experiences (Western Canada)***

Indigenous scholars Drs. Margaret Kovach (UBC-V), Monty Montgomery (UBC-V), Shawn Wilson (UBC-O), and PhD Candidate Lindsay DuPré (UBC-O) are conducting research into Indigenous graduate students' experiences with Indigenous-specific graduate student support programming in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

They are interested in learning if, and how, Indigenous graduate student support programs and/or activities are helpful in assisting Indigenous students to successfully complete their graduate degrees. They are also interested in learning if, and how, these Indigenous graduate student support programs influence whether Indigenous graduate students see themselves as future university professors. This research includes a survey and a focus group hosted by their team.

#### **Who should participate in this study?**

- You are a current Indigenous graduate student actively engaged in programming/activities or Indigenous graduate students.
- You are an Indigenous graduate student not actively engaged with Indigenous specific graduate student support programming/activities but are familiar with such programming/activities.
- You are an Indigenous person who has completed their graduate degree but have prior experiences with Indigenous-specific graduate student support programming/activities when you were a graduate student.

The focus of this research is current and former Indigenous graduate students affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, University of Alberta, and University of Calgary. Individuals who are affiliated with other universities in Western Canada (Saskatchewan and Alberta) who meet the criteria above are also welcome to participate.

If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact:

[IndigGradStudy.ed@ubc.ca](mailto:IndigGradStudy.ed@ubc.ca)

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## **Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Workshop**

**When:** November 28, 9AM - 4PM

Create your own ribbon skirt or shirt with Marilyn Black, no sewing experience required!

Lunch included, all costs covered. 10 spots available. [Register here.](#)

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## **Holiday Hampers | Pick up December 3, 2025**

CGPS's gift to you! Pantry staples and sweet treats!

[Register by November 15, 2025.](#)

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## **Indigenous Student Wellness**

### **Beading with Auntie Circle**

Monthly beading circle and protected space designed for Indigenous USask students. All skill levels welcome. Supplies and food are provided.

#### **Fall 2025 Schedule**

- October 23rd, Poppy Pin
- November 25th, Fringe Earrings
- December 15th, Berry Keychains

For more information, email [jusinda.rosenkerr@usask.ca](mailto:jusinda.rosenkerr@usask.ca).

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## **Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre Programming**

### **Mondays**

Grounding Circle with Elders Roland Duquette and Linda Sanderson, 10AM

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## Wednesdays

Community Builder Soup & Bannock, 12PM - 1PM

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## Thursdays (In October)

Open Elder Time, 9:30AM - 12:30PM

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## Join the Indigenous Student Union

Grad students are welcome (and encouraged) to join the Indigenous Student Union. You can follow them on Instagram at [isu.usask](#) for future events.

Any questions can be directed to [isu@usask.ca](mailto:isu@usask.ca). [Sign up here.](#)

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## Funding

### Indspire Building Brighter Futures Bursary

The next deadline to apply for Indspire Building Brighter Futures Bursaries is November 1st.

[Learn more.](#)

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### Indigenous Students with Dependent Children Bursary | Deadline November 1st

Open to Canadian Indigenous students enrolled in any program of study at the University of Saskatchewan (including degree, diploma and certificate programs) with dependent children. [More information here.](#)

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### Tri-Agency Scholarship Program | Master's Level

Tri-Agency is the umbrella term used to describe the three Canadian government scholarship funding agencies:

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Students can apply for the appropriate Tri-Agency scholarship before and during their graduate program.

- \$27,000 for 12 months | [CGRS-M \(Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's Program\)](#) + recipients get a one-time \$5,000 supplement
- Applications for Master's level applications are due December 1, 2025.

Indigenous scholars are fast-tracked to the final rounds of adjudication.

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