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November 2024

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

Dec. 2: [Tri-Agency Master's Deadline \(CGS-M\) Application Deadline](#)

Dec. 2: [ESL Bursary \(Winter\) Application Deadline](#)

Dec. 20: [Clement Employee Service Award Nomination Deadline](#)

Jan. 21: [SSHRC Storytellers Challenge Submission Deadline](#)

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

Events

Dec. 4: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

Dec. 5: Graduate Faculty Annual Townhall

Dec. 9: Campus Conversations

Dec. 19: [Grad HUB | Virtual Winter Welcome](#)

Jan. 2: [Grad HUB | In-Person Winter Welcome](#)

Jan. 8: [Stitching Stories | Cousins Network](#)

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

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



Calling all postsecondary students - be a Storyteller!

Tell us about the social sciences and humanities research at your institution to be among the Top 20 finalists who will each receive \$3,000. Finalists then compete to earn a spot as a Final 5 winner.

Let your creativity shine through! Submit a song, poem, infographic, short essay, video or audio clip - the choice is yours.

Submissions deadline: **January 21, 2025**

For more information on the Storytellers Challenge, visit the [SSHRC website](#).

Clement Employee Service Award | Now accepting nominations

The Clement Employee Service Award was established in memory of Kelly Clement to recognize the outstanding contributions of USask staff members to USask's graduate student community.

Nominees will demonstrate their commitment to supporting graduate students by pursuing goals and objectives that align with at least one of the three 20205 aspirational areas of the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: achieving inclusive academic excellence, creating knowledge and skills, and rejuvenating relationships.

The call for nominations is open until December 20th, 2024. For more information, visit the [CGPS website](#).

Distinguished Graduate Mentorship Award | Now accepting nominations

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](#).

CGPS Faculty Townhall | December 5, 2024

Reminder to all CGPS faculty that the annual townhall event will be taking place on **December 5, 2024**. An email was sent to all faculty members with more information. Questions can be directed to cgps.comms@usask.ca.

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.](#)

Grad HUB Winter Welcome Events | Registration now open

Discover the CGPS grad student onboarding tool, the Grad HUB. Designed for new and returning grad students, this platform offers resources, advice, and a community for students to find success at USask.

This winter, CGPS is offering both virtual and in-person opportunities to tour the GradHUB and learn how to navigate your graduate program. Visit the [Hub Community](#) to learn more and register.

You're invited to the next Campus Conversations event on December 9, 2024

Campus Conversations are a series of constructive discussions between members of the campus community regarding research, scholarly and artistic works at USask. You're invited to join Associate Vice-President Research (Engagement) Dawn Wallin on **December 9, 2024**

from 12:00 - 12:45pm in Administration Building C280 for the next discussion. All faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows and students welcome.

Adopt a Senior with the CLRC

The USask Clinical Learning Resource Centre (CLRC) is collecting donations once again in partnership with Saskatoon Home Support for the holiday Adopt a Senior program. Donations of new items such as crosswords and puzzles, bodywash and lotion, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, pyjamas, and slippers will be received at the CLRC front desk in Room 2200 of the Health Sciences Building E-Wing until 4pm, Dec. 17. Arrangements may also be made for CLRC staff to collect donations elsewhere on campus. For more information, email audra.sinclair@usask.ca.

Let your voice be heard about community-university stakeholder budgetary justice

This research gathers and examines perspectives from campus and community stakeholders about their relationships with budget decision making processes at USask that affect them. The survey will focus on how budgetary processes at USask shape campus and community equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization initiatives and how relationships with stakeholders can be improved. The survey should take between 30-45 minutes to complete. Survey participants may also choose to participate in subsequent interviews and/or focus groups.

Eligible participants include university stakeholders, directly and indirectly associated with the university and/or influenced by it. Your participation is greatly appreciated; you may enter a draw for a \$50 gift card.

Please [submit your response](#) before the survey deadline of **11:59PM December 1st, 2024**.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 

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

Call for Travel Grants for MA and PhD students attending ICARP IV Summit

The University of the Arctic is inviting Master, PhD students, and early career researchers (within five years of the PhD award) to apply for travel support if they have abstracts that have been accepted to be presented during the International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP) IV Summit held in Boulder, Colorado from March 25 - 28, 2025.

The deadline to apply is December 15. [Visit the website to learn more.](#)

Postdoc Opportunities at Simon Fraser University

Simon Fraser University is currently recruiting for postdoc opportunities in a variety of disciplines. For more information and to apply, visit the [Simon Fraser University website.](#)

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

SPS Travel Award Announcement | Fall 2024

The SPS Travel Award aims to support postdoctoral scholars by enabling them to attend and present their research at national or international conferences, workshops, or other academic events.

Applications for this award were reviewed by expert reviewers in the relevant field of each applicant, using a blind review process. Applicants were graded from a scale of 1 - 100 based on a variety of criteria, and the top three applicants were selected to receive the awards. Visit the [SPS website](#) to learn more about the awardees and the review process.

Congratulations to the awardees and best wishes for continued success in their academic endeavors. The SPS also thanks all applicants for their interest in the Travel Assistance Award and encourage them to apply again for future funding opportunities.

Current and Former Postdocs in Canada: Participate in the National Postdoctoral Survey

Calling all current and former postdocs in Canada! Your participation is requested in the [Fifth National Postdoctoral Survey](#).

National Postdoctoral Surveys are issued only every 3-4 years. This data will be used to highlight areas, issues, and trends to help improve the Canadian postdoctoral system.

What information do they collect? Postdoc demographics, funding, working conditions, career goals, and career outcomes.

For more information, visit the [Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars 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

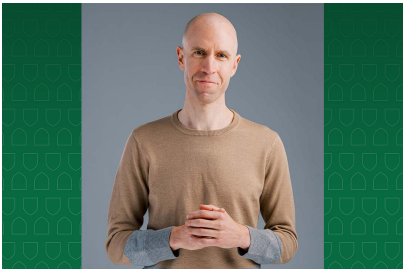
Visit the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) webpage for information about the society, representatives and employment resources. [Click here to visit their website.](#)

IN THE NEWS 



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.](#)



'Community is a verb'

Joel Bernbaum, a USask PhD student, used his dissertation to work together with the people of Pleasant Hill, one of Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods.

[Read the full story.](#)



Leading the way: Governor General's gold medalist advocates for reconciliation in pharmacy education

Dr. Jaris Swidrovich (PharmD, PhD) is Canada's first and only Indigenous faculty member in pharmacy, and his doctoral work has resulted in dramatic institutional changes across the country.

[Read the full story.](#)



Indigenous USask graduating student uses art, degree to build community

A Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree was a way for Aurora Wolfe (BA'22) to officially recognize what she was already doing - beading, community artwork, and outreach.

[Read the full story.](#)

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