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## October 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

Oct. 28: [Robert P. Knowles \(Special Call\) Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 4: [Financial Need Bursaries for International Students Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 4: [Hantelman Humanities Scholarships Application Deadline](#)

Nov. 4: [John Spencer Middleton and Jack Spencer Gordon Middleton Graduate Bursary Application Deadline](#)

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

### Events

Oct. 30: [3MT Deconstruction Workshop](#)

Nov. 4: [LevelUP | Effective Interview Skills, PD by CGPS](#)

Nov. 7: [AgBio Graduate Research & Industry Showcase](#)

Nov. 6: [LevelUP | Effective Interview Skills, PD by CGPS](#)

Nov. 18: [Postdoc Orientation Seminar](#)

Nov. 19 - 21: [Canadian Career Symposium \(Virtual\)](#)

Nov. 21: [LevelUP | Individual Development Planning](#)

Nov. 23: [One Health Symposium](#)

Nov. 29: [3MT Speed Dating Workshop](#)

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

## GRAD COMMUNITY

### **3MT Prep Workshop Series | Four sessions over four months**

Calling all thesis-based graduate students! Hone your communication skills and craft your research narrative. Facilitated by subject matter experts, this 3MT workshop series will give you all the tools needed to submit a top-notch 3MT competition entry. *Attending a workshop does not commit you to competing at the 3MT.*

[Sign up for 3MT workshops now.](#)

### **Open Access Publishing: Challenges, Costs, and Ethical Models for the Future**

In this thought-provoking lecture, Leigh-Ann Butler (Scholarly Communications Librarian, uOttawa) will discuss the complexities of open access, including the financial barriers posed by article processing charges (APCs), and offer insights into the upcoming changes to the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy.

**Date:** November 2, 2024

**Time:** 12:00pm - 1:00pm (with a light lunch available starting at 11:30am)

**Location:** ARTS 102

Don't miss the chance to learn how we can shift towards more sustainable and ethical publishing models, and enjoy a light lunch while networking with like-minded individuals. [Learn more.](#)

Limited seats available! [Register now.](#)

## **2024 Canadian Career Symposium for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars**

Each year, the Graduate and Postdoctoral Development Network (GPDN) hosts a virtual career symposium aimed at professional development and career exploration.

Presentations by GPDN members and invited experts cover topics including inspirational keynotes, career self-assessments, resumes, informational interviews, and networking.

Registration for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars is now open. [Register now.](#)

The 2024 Career Symposium will run online from Tuesday, November 19 to Thursday, November 21, from approximately 1:00pm ET to 4:00pm ET each day. [View full symposium agenda.](#)

## **AgBio Graduate Research & Industry Showcase**

Graduate students from the College of Agriculture and Bioresources have been selected to present their groundbreaking research to industry representatives on **November 7th** at the AgBio Graduate Research & industry Showcase.

This inspiring evening of discovery and innovation will highlight the world-class research being conducted by USask students. Industry representatives will have the opportunity to network, build connections with graduate students, and explore future possibilities for the sector, including potential collaboration.

The event is open to USask graduate students conducting studies or research in these fields and those who are being supervised by faculty in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. [Find more information.](#)

## **Add the CGPS Calendar to your PAWS Feed**

Never miss another deadline. Click the calendar icon in your PAWS dashboard and check off the calendar feeds that are most relevant to you.

**Pro Tip:** CGPS' feed includes graduate scholarships & awards deadlines, and the academic calendar has all your program related dates

## **Data Management Plan (DMP) Creation Guide**

Research data management (RDM) - the planning, maintenance, and documenting of data throughout the lifecycle of a research project - is a growing area of interest. Studies have found that as soon as a manuscript is published, the data underlying that [manuscript immediately starts to lose value](#).

A data management plan (DMP) is a living document that is designed to help researchers plan how their data will be collected, documented, stored, preserved, and shared across the life-cycle of their research. DMPs are becoming essential tools for ensuring that research data is organized, protected, and preserved long term.

To help support the USask research community, Kevin Read (RDM & Open Science Librarian), has created a [Data Management Plan \(DMP\) Creation Guide](#) which can be used by faculty, staff, and students when developing their own DMPs.

In addition to the DMP guide, more resources can be found on the [USask Library's RDM Libguide](#).

## **Love Data Week 2025 | February 10 - 14, 2025**

Mark your calendars! The University Library will be hosting Love Data Week 2025, February 10 - 14. More details to come.

## **Summer RDM Training Program - Update**

The program received nearly 200 registrations from across campus, including 67 faculty members and 132 of their students/staff. When reaching out to participants after the program was over, each said they would develop a DMP again for future research and noted the benefits of creating a DMP in their feedback.

The Summer RDM Training Program will be offered again in 2025.

## **RDM Implementation Team Updates**

We are pleased to announce that our RDM Implementation Team's Governance Structure has been finalized and approved. The Governance structure outlines the four main teams: Sponsors Group, Steering Committee, Working Group, and End-User Advisory Group. The structure was developed in such a way as to remove historical barriers between units. We

have left room and flexibility for other stakeholders to be involved as the opportunities arise.

The Sponsors Group, Steering Committee, and Working Group are up and running. The Working Group has begun working on the RDM Recommendations. We are still in the process of establishing the End-User Advisory Group. Unfortunately, this is taking longer than initially anticipated due to competing priorities. However, we have a rolling recruitment for folks to volunteer to participate. Please contact the RDM Coordinator ([colleen.cochran@usask.ca](mailto:colleen.cochran@usask.ca)) if you have any questions about participating.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Effective Interview Skills | Nov. 4th & November 6th, 2024

Join the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) for their [Effective Interview Skills](#) professional development workshops! Participants can choose to attend an in-person session on either **November 4th** (ARCH 112) at 1:30pm or **November 6th** (ARTS 206) at 10:00am.

Participants will be equipped with the strategies they need to ace their next job interview and learn how to approach responding to common interview questions. This workshop is open to all postdocs and grad students across USask in conjunction with their [LevelUp Professional Development](#) event series. [Register for free today!](#)

Questions? Contact [Kenisha Blair-Walcott](#), CGPS Professional Development Specialist.

### LevelUP your skills | Professional Development offered by CGPS

Seamlessly integrated with USask's Learning Management System, our LevelUP dashboard offers you a diverse selection of [professional development](#) (PD) options. Choose from a variety of self-directed or face-to-face offerings tailored to your needs. [Sign up!](#)

Check out the [CGPS calendar](#) to learn about upcoming LevelUP workshops open for registration.

### 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

### **Robert P. Knowles Scholarship | Special Fall Call for Applications**

Dr. Robert P. Knowles, a world renowned forage crop breeder, had a 50-year distinguished career with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. As a result of his generous legacy, the University of Saskatchewan is able to award this scholarship (PhD or M.Sc.) through the [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship](#) Fund.

The deadline to apply is **October 28, 2024**. [Learn more.](#)

### **2025 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships | Apply now**

The [Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation](#) has launched its annual doctoral scholarship competition, which aims to highlight excellence in the humanities and social sciences, **and will accept applications until November 25, 2024, at 4:00 PM EST.**

More than just a scholarship, the three-year program offered by the Foundation aims to train engaged leaders with the skills required to turn their ideas into actions and contribute concretely to addressing the challenges of their communities, Canada, and the world. They will benefit from exchanges, networking, and events with the Foundation's Fellows and Mentors, all of whom are leaders in their respective fields. [Learn more.](#)

### **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

## **Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) Travel Award | Applications due October 27**

In collaboration with CGPS, the SPS has established a Travel Award to support postdoctoral fellows to alleviate financial barriers and facilitate their participation in key academic conferences relevant to their fields. By promoting scholarly engaging and networking opportunities, the award underscores the SPS's commitment to enhancing postdoctoral scholars' professional development and research impact within the university community.

Find the complete information and application form in the [SPS Teams Channel](#) under the 'Files' tab.

## **Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SPS) | Call for Executive Members-at-Large**

The SPS executive board is excited to announce the opening for up to 7 members-at-large to represent the postdoctoral community within and outside the university. Appointed by the executive committee, members-at-large will be responsible for specific initiatives undertaken by the SPS and will have voting rights on business resolutions.

The 'member-at-large' resolution was recently adopted by the SPS executives as part of its efforts to expand the reach of the society's programming to the postdoctoral community and opening up more opportunities for postdocs to engage in service and representation of the community.

Please email your questions and interest in serving as member-at-large to Maria Rodriguez ([mar895@mail.usask.ca](mailto:mar895@mail.usask.ca)) or Saurabh Biswas ([saurabh.biswas@usask.ca](mailto:saurabh.biswas@usask.ca)).

## **Researcher Identity Survey | Help other researchers by completing a survey!**

PhD students and young researchers are invited to complete a 10-15 minute [survey](#) that aims to understand your unique journey and how your PhD supervision has shaped your development as a researcher.

The research project, titled "I See a Need - Researcher Identities on the Move", is led by Dr. Marie Gruber (PhD) and Prof. Catherine Beaudry from Polytechnique Montréal, as well as Prof. Thomas Crispeels from Vrije Universiteit Brussel. The project seeks to uncover the key

factors that shape your growth as a researcher, and your insights will contribute to improving PhD trajectories and understanding how supervision affects academic identity.

The survey is available in both English and French. [Complete the survey now.](#)

### **Postdoc Orientation Seminar | Register for the hybrid session**

Postdocs are invited to attend a seminar to address important topics such as Benefits & Wellness, Immigration, Collective Agreement (PSAC), SPS Engagement, & STRAC (Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern).

There will be opportunity to learn more about these areas, relevant to the tenure and life of a postdoc but also an opportunity to network and connect with other postdocs and the wider USask community.

This session will be hybrid (in-person and via zoom), [registration is now open.](#)

### **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.](#)



### **USask Toxicology students gain research experience abroad**

For three USask Toxicology students, the Goethe Research Experience Program (GREP) provided an opportunity to experience a new country and culture, while gaining valuable research experience in a new lab environment.

[Read the full story.](#)

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