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Tansi Cousins,

Congrats on crushing your first month! There is tons of programming happening on and off campus, so please take some time to join in. For the master's thesis students, please consider joining our Tri-Agency workshops! There is a lot of money on the table, and we would love to support your application.

Have a wonderful month and send me an email at aurora.wolfe@usask.ca if you need help registering for events, have questions, or just want to touch base.

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COUSINS Funding Workshops

Tri-Agency Funding Workshop, Master's Level

When:

- October 22nd, 12PM - 1PM | Acquiring Excellent References
- November 3rd, 12PM - 1PM | Editing and Submitting

Tri-Agency is the umbrella term used to describe the three Canadian Government research funding agencies: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

The Indigenous Scholars Awards and Supplements Pilot Initiative runs along the CGRS M. Qualifying Indigenous applicants will receive a \$27,000 award as well as a \$5,000 supplement as part of the current Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's program.

For first-time grant writers or seasoned pros, these workshops are designed to help you submit the best possible application. This schedule will keep participants on track to submit with minimal stress, so it is suggested that students attend all three workshops.

For more information on this award, visit the [CGPS Awards HUB](#). To register for this workshop, [click here](#).

COUSINS Cultural & Community Building Workshops

The following workshops are offered exclusively to Indigenous graduate students currently attending USask.

Indigenous Graduate Leadership Circle

When: November 25th, 12PM - 1PM (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

Indigenous Graduate Leadership Circle, and advisory circle dedicated to strategizing and advising on COUSINS initiatives, addressing student challenges, and guiding programming. This council convenes bi-annually, providing a platform for graduate students to exercise autonomy in shaping the support they receive, thereby fostering investment and engagement with our programming. We are looking for those interested in building community among Indigenous graduate students across campus.

Participation in the council 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 council seeks to draw from a diverse array of experiences and backgrounds, including representatives who are working remotely or at a distance.

[Register now.](#)

Ribbon Skirt/Shirt Workshop with Marilyn Black

When: November 27th at 10AM - 3PM

Learn how to craft your own ribbon skirt/shirt from scratch! No sewing experience required.

Lunch and all supplies provided. [Register here.](#)

Holiday Hampers

When: Pick-up on December 2nd & 3rd

Pantry staples and sweet treats to keep you fed and energized this exam/holiday season!

[Register now.](#)

Turkey Bingo at Gordon Oakes

When: December 3rd, 1PM - 2PM

Everyone welcome! Bring your family and friends and play some bingo to win a bird! This event will follow the Gordon Oakes holiday meal. No registration necessary.

A Lecture by David Suzuki

Humanity Over the Edge: Transformation of Extinction

When: October 16th, 2PM

Where: Convocation Hall, Peter MacKinnon Building

Free and open to the public. Limited capacity, arrive early to guarantee a seat.

[Learn more.](#)

Library: Become the Next Indigenous Storyteller-in-Residence

The residency is a flexible, part-time residency beginning in February 2027 at the University Library (exact start date to be determined in consultation with the Storyteller). This is a paid position of \$1,125 per week for a period of 8-12 weeks. The residency also includes a project budget of up to \$5,000. This opportunity is open to grad students!

The Indigenous Storyteller-in-Residence program has two primary objectives:

To create a deliver programming designed to encourage story-sharing between and among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples both on campus and in the community through a partnership with the Saskatoon Public Library.

To provide time and space for the development of the Storyteller's own creative storytelling practice.

To find out more about the Indigenous Storyteller-in-Residence program, please contact Luke Muller at luke.muller@usask.ca.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, October 23, 2026**. [Learn more.](#)

Elder Hours for Students | Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

Roland Duquette

Plains Cree and Dakota

Mondays: 1 - 3PM

Norman Fleury

Métis

Wednesdays: 1 - 3PM

Linda Young

Plains Cree

Thursdays: 1 - 3PM

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Indigenous student success is strengthened through community, belonging, and meaningful relationships. This program creates opportunities for Indigenous students to connect with one another, access supports, engage with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Storytellers, and be reminded that they are not alone in their educational journey.

At the heart of the program is the tradition of gathering to share a meal together, creating space for conversation, relationship-building, learning, and mutual support. This community is their community, and we encourage students to lean on the collective strengths, knowledge, and support available to them as they pursue their studies and goals.

Sign-up now. Please note that **verification of Indigenous Membership/Citizenship with documentation** is a condition of participation for this program.

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For full details, visit askiy.usask.ca or email askiy@workshops@usask.ca.

Exploring the Treaty Land Sharing Network | November 2026

Learn about this group of rural landholders and Indigenous people who have come together to affirm and implement Treaty relationships.

An Introduction to Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) | December 2026

This introductory webinar will provide an update on KBA Canada's work which highlights new and ongoing efforts to identify KBAs based on species and ecosystems in the Prairies.

Mapping and Discussion Exercise: Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and Indigenous Stewardship | December 2026

Explore the current map of KBAs and build a deeper understanding of diverse values and approaches to prioritizing conservation work in Canada, focusing on the prairie provinces.

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