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Tansi Cousins,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

For those of you who are new - Cousins encompasses over 500 Indigenous graduate students from 40+ programs. This monthly newsletter keeps you up-to-date on specific Cousins workshops, other workshops and events happening on campus, funding and scholarships, jobs and other opportunities. If you have something you would like included in the newsletter, please send me an email and I will do my best to include it.

For those of you returning, welcome back! It's going to be another awesome year of discover, overcoming challenges, and learning. We can do hard things!

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.

- Aurora

COUSINS Funding Workshops

Tri-Agency Funding Workshop, Doctoral Level

When: September 11, 1PM - 2PM

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)

This workshop will provide an overview of the application process and will be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the process.

These awards are for \$40,000 a year for three years, plus an Indigenous scholars supplement amount of \$5000 for one year, and a CGPS top up of \$7500. The internal deadline for USask is **Monday, September 28th**.

If you are planning to apply for this award, please start the application process now to give your references plenty of time to write their letters.

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

Tri-Agency Funding Workshops, Master's Level

When:

- Overview & Writing an Effective Proposal | October 7th, 12PM - 1PM
- Acquiring Excellent References | October 22nd, 12PM - 1PM
- Editing & Submitting | November 3rd, 12PM - 1PM

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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 3 workshops.

Lunch will be included at all workshops for in-person attendees. [Register for a session](#).

COUSINS Cultural & Community Building Workshops

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

Medicine Making Workshop with Elizabeth Zdunich

When: September 18, 10:30AM - 1PM

Learn how to craft a salve using traditional Indigenous medicines. Lunch and supplies provided. [Register now.](#)

Natural Dyeing Silk Scarf Workshop with Melanie Monique Rose

When: October 2, 12PM - 3PM

Lunch and supplies included. [Register now.](#)

Holiday Hampers

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

[Register now.](#)

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

Knowledge Sovereignty | September 2026

Learn alongside kēhtē-ayak (elders) about the ethically responsible ways in which traditional knowledge is accessed, earned, and shared.

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.

Job Boards

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