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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

Sept. 29: [NSERC/CIHR Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral \(CGRS D\) - Application Deadline](#)

Oct. 3: [SSHRC Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral \(CGRS D\) - Application Deadline](#) *EXTENDED*

Oct. 9: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award \(NSERC\) - Internal Application Deadline](#)

Get a head start on your Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's application (CGRS M) | Application deadline December 1

Join us online to get a head start on your Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's (CGRS M) application. We will walk you through each section of the CGRS M application using the Tri-Agency Research Portal.

- [October 22nd, 3 - 4PM](#)
- [October 23rd, 11AM - 12PM](#)

Once you've registered, we will send an invitation for you to join the virtual meeting.

Events

Oct. 1: [How to Explore Career Options in Industry | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Oct. 2: [Ethical Use of AI in Higher Education | Live webinar and panel discussion](#)

Oct. 2: [Accessibility Student Town Hall | In person](#)

Oct. 3: [Accessibility Student Town Hall | Online](#)

Oct. 8: [CCRAH Open House](#)

Oct. 14: [Opus Con: From Student to Startup](#)

Oct. 15: [How to Build a LinkedIn Profile for an Industry Job Search | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Oct. 16: [Cultural Adjustment for Graduate Students | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Oct. 21 - 23: [Canadian Career Symposium | Graduate and Postdoctoral Development Network](#)

Oct. 27: [Coming to Know Indigenous Research in the University | COUSINS Panel Discussion](#)

Oct. 28: [Cultural Adjustment Series for Graduate Students | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

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

New Scholarship & Awards Management System

CGPS is launching a new scholarship and awards management system, powered by Blackbaud, called the CGPS Awards HUB during the week of October 6th.

The platform modernizes every step of the graduate centrally funded scholarship and awards process, making it easier for students to find and apply for funding. It also allows students to see all the opportunities they have applied for and the status of each competition.

Coming to Know Indigenous Research in the University | Cousins Panel Discussion

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.

- October 27, 11AM - 12PM

USask's graduate community encouraged to attend. [Register now.](#)

Conflict Management Workshop for Graduate Chairs | October 21, 2025

Graduate chairs, [registration is now open](#) for a conflict management workshop hosted by CGPS. Through practical strategies, this workshop will help you foster a more inclusive and supportive environment while strengthening your leadership and conflict-resolution skills.

- Facilitated by Jae Morgans, USask's Conflict Engagement Specialist
- October 21, 9:30AM - 12:00PM

3MT® Is Back—Are You Ready?

Thesis-based graduate students, it's time to sharpen your storytelling skills! The Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition challenges students to present your research in just

three minutes using one slide and plain language. Win cash prizes, boost your presentation skills, and share your work with a wider audience.

Learn more about this year's schedule and workshops at cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/3mt-usask

Join GIWS and the GIWS Students & Young Researchers today!

GIWS is a leader in interdisciplinary water research at USask aimed at advancing equitable and sustainable water resources for all.

The GIWS–Students and Young Researchers is a student-led organization with the overarching objective of cultivating an inclusive and unified water community of young professionals who collectively strive for growth and shared learning experiences

Learn how you can get involved and become a member: water.usask.ca/students/syr

Opus Con: From Student to Startup | Opus Founder's Journeys

Join Opus for an evening of inspiring stories and practical insights from Opus founders who turned their ideas into successful startups. Whether you're curious, planning, or already building, this event is for you!

- October 14th, 5PM - 7:30PM
- [Register now!](#)

Accessibility Plan Student Town Hall | Oct. 2 & 3

USask students are invited to attend a town hall to help shape a new university-wide accessibility plan. The plan is part of USask's [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Framework for Action](#) and will support access across learning, working and community environments.

Attend in person on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 10:30 am to 12 pm at Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre (free pizza lunch to follow), or online on Friday, Oct. 3 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am via Zoom.

Register at www.surveymonkey.ca/r/usaskaccess or email ediframework@usask.ca for details.

Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health Open House | October 8

Join the Canadian Centre for Rural and Agricultural Health (CCRAH) on October 8th for an opportunity to explore our cutting-edge infrastructure that supports innovative research in rural health and safety. Meet the dedicated experts behind groundbreaking work and

discover how CCRAH is helping USask lead the way in advancing rural health and safety in Saskatchewan and across Canada.

- October 8, 1PM
- [Register now!](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GPDN Virtual Career Symposium for Graduate Students & Postdocs

The Graduate and Postdoctoral Development Network (GPDN) is hosting the [6th annual Canadian Career Symposium for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars](#), October 21-23 aimed at professional development and career exploration.

The keynote is "Motivation...it works!" by Dr. Jacques Forest, psychologist and CHRP; full professor at ESG UQAM. The overall theme of this year's symposium will be "Promising practices: advancing careers in uncertain times". Check out the symposium [program](#) and [agenda](#).

[Register now!](#)

Explore Beyond the Professoriate! Join upcoming PhD webinars this October

Register for live webinars through Beyond the Professoriate, an online platform supporting your transition into academic and non-academic careers.

- October 1, 10AM - 10:45AM | [How to Explore Career Options in Industry](#)
- October 15, 10AM - 10:45AM | [How to Build a LinkedIn Profile for Industry Jobs](#)

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities!

Don't miss the upcoming line-up of LevelUP PD opportunities in October 2025:

- October 16 | [Cultural Adjustment Series](#)
- October 28 | [Cultural Adjustment Series](#)

The cultural adjustment workshop series is a set of workshops that equip international graduate students with knowledge, strategies, and skills to successfully transition to the Canadian cultural context.

You are required to attend **both days** to successfully complete this course.

The Ethical Use of AI in Higher Education | Live webinar and panel discussion

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Administrators will be presenting a joint live webcast event on "The Ethical Use of AI in Higher Education", followed by an interactive panel discussion along with other leading professional development organizations:

- HigherEd+
- The Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS)
- Graduate-Postdoctoral Network (GPDN)
- The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS)

The virtual event will take place on **October 2, 2025** from 11:00AM - 12:30PM CT. [Grab your spot now.](#)

POSTDOC SCHOLARS 

The Postdoc e-Magazine by CAPS/ACPP

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (CAPS) shares a monthly e-magazine for postdocs at Canadian institutions. To access the publication, visit the [CAPS/ACPP 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 



USask celebrates Postdoc Appreciation Week

During Postdoc Appreciation Week at USask, two exceptional post-doctoral scholars highlight the research that earned them the prestigious Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship and the Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship. [Read more.](#)



Three USask students recognized nationally with Vanier scholarships

Three University of Saskatchewan (USask) graduate students have received funding in recognition of their academic excellence, leadership skills, and innovative research potential. [Read more.](#)

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