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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. 28: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Doctoral | Application Deadline](#)

Oct. 19: [Canada Postdoctoral Research Award | NSERC Application Deadline](#)

Events

Oct. 1: [Graduate Faculty Council](#)

Oct. 7: [Grad Fall Fair](#)

Oct. 13: [CGRS M Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Oct. 14: [CGRS M Application Workshop | Graduate Awards & Scholarships](#)

Oct. 21: [Individual & Career Development Workshop | Level UP](#)

Oct. 28: [Resume & CV Writing | Level UP](#)

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



Connect, explore and learn at the Grad Fall Fair | October 7, 2026

Graduate students are invited to take a break from their studies and join us for the Grad Fall Fair! Whether you're new to USask or have been part of the graduate community for a while, we hope you'll join us!

Join us at the Murray Library where you can visit info booths from grad student supports on campus, play games, win prizes, meet fellow graduate students, and more. No registration required! [Learn more.](#)

Connect with the Library this Summer!

The Library is here to help you meet your academic and personal goals. Connect with us this October and get the support you need.

- Register for [writing and communication workshops](#)
- Sign up for [1-1 English academic language coaching](#) or attend the [Academic Reading Clinic for EAL students \(ARCEAL\)](#)
- Get tips for taking the [IELTS](#) or [CELP](#) exams
- Learn how to [critically evaluate literature](#), choose [appropriate AI tools for research](#), and how to use [Zotero and Research Rabbit literature mapping software](#)
- Explore subject-specific and topic-specific [Library Guides](#)

- Work toward your goals during productivity sessions ([in-person](#) or [online](#))
- Express yourself at monthly [Creative Write-Ins](#)

Visit the Library's [Learning Hub](#) to learn more.

The AI Ready Researcher Series | University Library

Help create an environment that supports AI ready research by joining your fellow researchers in conversation and experimentation to explore the opportunities and risks of using GenAI in research, scholarship and artistic works at USask. This will help inform future USask supports and guidance for researchers.

This series will be held every Thursday from Oct. 8th to Oct. 29th. It consists of two facilitated discussions and two experimentation sessions. Please join us for all sessions or just the ones you're interested in. [Learn more.](#)

2026 THRIVE Summit for Graduate Students and Postdocs | Register now

THRIVE is a national Summit dedicated to cultivating the knowledge, skills, and professional competencies essential for graduate student success in research, scholarship, leadership, and career development. [Learn more.](#)

October 14, 2026 | 9AM - 1PM (CST)

Online via MS Teams

Tickets: \$15

Hosted annually in a virtual format by rotating Canadian universities, the Summit brings together graduate students from all disciplines, degree programs, and backgrounds to learn directly from graduate supervisors whose expertise spans research, practice, mentorship, and community. [Register now.](#)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) | University Summer Course Grants for Canadian Graduate Students

DAAD New York is pleased to announce the upcoming University Summer Course Grants for undergraduate, master's and PhD students from Canada. These scholarships offer students the chance to participate in three- to four-week summer courses in Germany in 2027.

Apply by **October 30th, 2026**. For full details on eligibility, funding, and application procedures, please visit: daad-canada.ca/en/university-summer-course-grant

The USask International Office is hosting an info session about the DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service program on **September 29 at 1PM in GEO 255**. Questions can be directed to international.office@usask.ca.

Graduate Student Experience Survey! | Graduate Students' Association

Faculty members are encouraged to share the [Graduate Student Experience Survey](#) with their graduate students and invite them to participate.

The Graduate Students' Association is gathering this information to better understand graduate students' experiences at USask and help inform our advocacy, programming, and priorities throughout the academic year. This survey has a subsection on the UPASS, this particular data will be shared with Saskatoon Transit as the GSA engages in UPASS negotiations.

Students who complete the survey can enter to win a group prize: (1) a Filosphi meeting with their supervisor, (2) a pizza party for their lab or graduate student group, or (3) breakfast/lunch for a seminar or lab meeting.

PAW 2026 Pre-Congress Workshop | Meet the ACU

Join the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) for an interactive pre-congress session exploring the benefits of ACU membership, international funding opportunities, and the organization's policy and advocacy work. Attendees will learn about ACU funding programs, strategies for developing successful applications, how they curate programs and secure funding through Horizon Europe, and how the ACU engages with governments and High Commissioners to advance international higher education and research collaboration. [Learn more.](#)

Date: Monday, October 19, 2027

Time: 1PM - 4PM

Registration Deadline: October 9, 2026

[Register now](#)

Graduation Photography Presented by Edge Imaging

Celebrate the milestone with professional graduation portraits at our new on-campus studio. Whether you're making the occasion with family and friends or just want a great photo to remember the day, we'll help you capture it your way. Book your session online at edgeimaging.ca/uofsask, or visit us in the studio Monday-Friday between 9:00am - 4:00pm.

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LevelUP | Professional Development for Grad Students and Postdocs

Looking to level up your skills as a grad student or postdoc? CGPS has a full suite of PD opportunities to help you prepare for your career – with even more coming soon! From online workshops to self-directed resources, start exploring how you can reach the next level. [Learn more about PD at CGPS.](#)

Questions? Contact grad.pd@usask.ca for more information.

Slogotski Hunt Centre for Entrepreneurship | Entrepreneurship Series for Researchers

Curious how research skills translate into entrepreneurial ones? This fall, the [Slogotski Hunt Centre for Entrepreneurship](#) (SHCE) and the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) are launching the **Entrepreneurship Skills Series for Researchers**, a free lunchtime series for graduate students, postdocs, and the wider grad community. Join us for the first lunch and learn on **Technology Maturation** on Wednesday, Oct. 14. [Learn more.](#)

Followed by a three-part **Project Management** series on Wednesdays, November 4, November 18, and December 2. Sessions run 12PM to 1PM in the Murray Library. Lunch is provided. [Learn more.](#)

Beyond Graduate School | Upcoming Webinars

USask now has access to [Beyond Graduate School's Master's Career Training Platform](#) - a powerful resource designed specifically for master's students.

Through this platform you'll find on-demand career training, a master's level career interview library, job search strategies tailored to master's students.

Self learning topics include:

- [I'm submitting resumes but not hearing back. What should I do?](#)

- [I'm an international student. Do I need to approach my job search differently?](#)
- [Do I really have to network?](#)

Master's students are highly encouraged to [log in via your institutional account](#) and explore the platform.



Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's (CGRS M) Workshops

Join CGPS for an informative workshop designed to support applicants preparing for the Canada Graduate Research Scholarship - Master's (CGRS M) program.

The CGPS Scholarships and Awards Team will kick off the session with a brief presentation highlighting practical tips and strategies to strengthen your application. Following the presentation, the remainder of the workshop will be dedicated to an open Q&A, giving participants the opportunity to ask questions and receive guidance tailored to their individual circumstances.

USask students, support staff, and faculty are welcome.

Session dates:

- Tuesday, October 13th, 10AM - 11AM (THORV 205A)
- Wednesday, October 14th, 1PM - 2PM (THORV 124)

All sessions will be in-person and one hour in length. Limited seats available. [Register now.](#)

Apply now: New Funding Opportunity on the Changing Nature of Security and Conflict

The [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada \(SSHRC\)](#), in partnership with [NordForsk](#), is now accepting applications to its [Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity on "The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict."](#)

These thematic grants will enable researchers to synthesize existing research knowledge on the topic and identify gaps to advance evidence-based decision-making. This funding

opportunity will award up to \$40,000 to successful applicants in the domestic stream and up to \$78,000 for applicants in the international stream.

Information webinar will be held on October 8; the application deadline is **December 3, 2026**. For more information, contact KSG-SSC@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca or [read summaries of past grant recipients](#).



Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) Competition | NSERC Applications still open

The 2026 Canada Postdoctoral Research Award (CPRA) competition for NSERC is still open. The program provides **\$70,000 annually for two years** to outstanding early career researchers.

Tri-Agency Deadlines:

- **NSERC:** October 19, 2026

Graduate faculty: The standard 5-business day internal deadline for colleges and schools to approve applications through UnivRS applies in advance of the agency deadline. [View deadlines here](#). Faculty supervisors and applicants are encouraged to begin preparations early to ensure all approvals and documentation are completed before submission deadlines.

Each agency (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) has distinct requirements, timelines, and submission processes. Please review agency-specific guidance early. To learn more about the application process, review this [flowchart](#).

To learn more about the CPRA, visit: cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/canada-postdoctoral-research-award

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



'It's basically all perception'

USask Master of Fine Arts candidate Shona Dietz (BFA'01) explores the passage of time, altered realities, and the aging brain in her new exhibition.

[Learn more.](#)

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