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## November 2025

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

Dec. 1: [Canada Graduate Research Scholarship \(Master's\) - Application Deadline](#)

Dec. 4: [Graduate Mentorship 2026 Cohort - Application Deadline](#)

### Events

Dec. 4: [Craft Your Research Story for Maximum Impact | 3MT Workshop](#)

Dec. 4: [Individual Development Plan Training | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

Dec. 8: [How to Decide Between an Academic and Nonacademic Career | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Dec. 9: [How to Identify Your Values | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Dec. 10: [How to Identify Your Most Marketable Skills | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Dec. 11: [How to Build Your Network Using On-Campus Resources | Beyond the Professoriate](#)

Dec. 11: [Introduction to Canadian Workplace Culture | LevelUP PD by CGPS](#)

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

## GRAD COMMUNITY

### **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](https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/3mt-usask)

### **Adopt a Senior with CLRC**

The USask Clinical Learning Resource Centre (CLRC) is collecting donations in partnership with Saskatoon Home Support for the holiday Adopt a Senior program. Donations of new items such as toothbrushes, pyjamas and slippers will be accepted at the CLRC front desk in Room 2200 of the Health Sciences Building E-Wing until 4PM, Dec. 15. Arrangements may also be made for CLRC staff to collect donations elsewhere on campus. For more information, email [audra.sinclair@usask.ca](mailto:audra.sinclair@usask.ca).

### **Environment and Sustainability with Dr. Maureen Reed | Seats available for doctoral students!**

Attention PhD students! A limited number of seats are available for students outside of SENS in the upcoming doctoral seminar **ENVS 809.3: Environment and Sustainability**. The

seminar is designed to strengthen the skills of emerging leaders by combining professional development with an advanced understanding of environment and sustainability.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Maureen Reed ([maureen.reed@usask.ca](mailto:maureen.reed@usask.ca)) to express your interest or ask questions about the course.

### **In-Person Productivity Sessions | University Library**

Want to make progress on your work, but struggling to stay motivated? Join our regular productivity sessions to stay accountable and focused on whatever task you need to complete (e.g., research, writing, studying).

- [Dec. 1, 9:00 - 12:30](#)
- [Dec. 3, 9:00 - 12:30](#)
- [Dec. 5, 9:00 - 12:30](#)
- [Dec. 8, 9:00 - 12:30](#)

### **National Student Paper Competition | Submissions close January 30**

Are you a talented Canadian graduate student looking for an opportunity to apply your knowledge to advance the federal public service? Are you interested in building your network by connecting with senior officials in the Government of Canada? Do you have an inspiring and innovative idea that can improve a Canadian policy or program? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, consider applying to the National Student Paper Competition. [Learn how to apply.](#)

The [National Student Paper Competition](#) is an annual competition organized by the Canada School of Public Service in partnership with [Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration](#) and the [Canadian Association for Graduate Studies](#).

**AWARDS OPPORTUNITIES** 

### **Mark your calendars! | Winter Awards Opportunities coming soon**

On Monday, December 1st, winter funding opportunities administered by CGPS will open for application. To prepare for the call for application, graduate students can upload a new CV and make sure their [CGPS Awards HUB](#) profile is up-to-date. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information.

## Mitacs Globalink Research Award | Applications now open

Open to full-time graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, Mitacs Globalink Research Awards (GRA) offers \$6,000 - \$12,000 for 12 - 48 week international research projects under joint supervisor of a home and host professor.

If you are interested in submitting an application, contact USask's International Office at [international.office@usask.ca](mailto:international.office@usask.ca) as early as possible. The internal USask application deadline is **January 16, 2026**.

## The Round Table Harry Hodson Prize | Open for entries

The Harry Hodson prize is an annual award presented by *The Round Table* for a written piece of work to an undergraduate or postgraduate student from any university in the Commonwealth. The awardee will win £1000 cash prize and publication of their article in *The Round Table, The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*. The topic should relate to the contemporary Commonwealth, or a region or country within the Commonwealth.

Applicants should enter pieces of between 1000 and 2000 words via email to [secretary@commonwealthroundtable.co.uk](mailto:secretary@commonwealthroundtable.co.uk), marked 'Hodson Memorial Prize' by **December 31, 2025**. [Find out more.](#)

## Saskatchewan - Shastri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants | Applications now open

The Shashtri-Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) invites applications for the [Shashtri Scholar Travel Subsidy Grants 2026-26](#), a flagship initiative that promotes scholarly exchange and institutional collaboration between Saskatchewan and India.

- **Value:** \$1,500 CAD for airfare
- **Eligibility:** Full-time faculty members/instructors, researchers, doctoral students, or postdoctoral researchers
- **Restrictions:** Only eligible representatives from Saskatchewan post secondary institutions can apply
- **Deadline:** Accepted on a rolling basis until further notice

The program supports Saskatchewan's efforts to expand academic, research, and innovation linkages with India. [Learn more.](#)

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## USask's Graduate Mentorship Program 2026 | Call for Applications

USask's graduate mentorship program (developed by the [professional development team](#) at CGPS) allows graduate students to receive support and guidance from current professionals to enrich their academic and professional journeys. Through these mentoring relationships, graduate students develop and enhance the skills, knowledge, attitudes, and connections they need to support their successful career transitions. **Interested? [Apply to the program](#).**

If selected, prospective mentees may be required to attend an interview and will attend an onboarding session to prepare for participation. Selected mentees will be matched with USask alumni or other partners in industry or academia based on mutual interests and experiences as well as goal orientation, career path, career values, and education journeys.

Application deadline is **December 5, 2025**. Questions? Contact [grad.pd@usask.ca](mailto:grad.pd@usask.ca).

## Explore Beyond the Professoriate PD Offerings

Join our upcoming PhD webinars this November:

[How to Decide Between an Academic and Nonacademic Career](#) | December 8th - 11th

- December 8 - [Introduction to Your Optimal Career Pathway/How to Decide](#)
- December 9 - [How to Identify Your Values](#)
- December 10 - [How to Identify Your Most Marketable Skills](#)
- December 11 - [How to Build Your Network Using On-Campus Resources](#)

Register for these live webinars now through [Beyond the Professoriate](#), a premier platform dedicated to supporting your transition into academic and non-academic careers.

## Upcoming Professional Development Workshops

Mark your calendars for our December workshop sessions.

- December 4, 1:30PM - 3:30 PM - [Individual Development Plan Workshop](#) (Part 2)
- December 11, 10:00AM - 12:00PM - [Introduction to Canadian Workplace Culture](#) (Virtual)

Seats are filling fast! Secure your spot today.

[Visit our website](#) for a full calendar of professional growth opportunities - your future starts here with CGPS PD!

## POSTDOC SCHOLARS

### **Apply for a University of Toronto Data Sciences Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Applications are open for [Data Sciences Institute \(DSI\)](#) Postdoctoral Fellowships, which support multi/interdisciplinary training and collaborative research in data sciences that include faculty from the University of Toronto and researchers from DSI [external funding partner institutions](#).

To be considered, applicants must pursue a research project that has a data sciences focus, through the development of novel methodology or the innovative application of existing approaches. Proposed projects must be categorized within at least one of four methodological pillars.

Apply by **January 23, 2026**. [Learn more.](#)

### **Mitacs Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship Grants | Apply now**

Mitacs is offering an Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship (iPDF) grant valued at \$75,000 per year.

This funding model supports collaborative research projects between postdoctoral fellows and partner organizations (incorporated for-profit, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities and hospitals). It aims to strengthen connections between academia and industry while providing postdoctoral researchers with valuable applied research experience.

This special funding opportunity will be available for a limited time only and applications must be submitted internally by **December 5th**. For more information and to apply, contact [zpapp@mitacs.ca](mailto:zpapp@mitacs.ca).

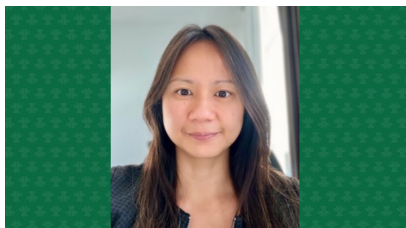
### **The Postdoc e-Magazine by CAPS/ACPP**

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](#).

## 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




### Governor General's Gold Medallist uses VR to level up nursing education

This year's Governor General's Gold Medallist at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) is transforming nursing education with immersive virtual reality. [Read more.](#)

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