



Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship

CGPS is still accepting applications to the Misiwêskamik International Postdoctoral Fellowship as the deadline has been moved to February 9th. Funded through [USask's International Blueprint for Action](#), this competitive fellowship has a mandate of bringing international postdoctoral scholars to the University of Saskatchewan. The Fellowship may allocate up to one award in the following [Signature Areas of Research](#):

1. [Indigenous Peoples](#): Engagement and Scholarship
2. [One Health](#): Solutions at the Animal-Human-Environment Interface
3. [Agriculture](#): Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future

The fellowship is valued at \$50,000/year for two years and one fellowship is awarded annually. For details about the application process, please visit: <https://cgps.usask.ca/postdocs/postdoc-funding/misiweskamik-international.php#Background>

Please share this information broadly with anyone who would be interested.

Changes to financial sufficiency requirements for study permit applicants

Effective for students applying for a new study permit on or after January 1, 2024, the minimum amount of financial sufficiency they are required to demonstrate has changed. Going forward, a single applicant will be required to demonstrate that they have access

to \$20,635 in addition to their first year of tuition and travel costs. Applicants can prove funds with a combination of the following:

- proof of a Canadian bank account in their name, if they've transferred money to Canada
- a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) from a participating Canadian financial institution
- proof of a student or education loan from a bank
- their bank statements for the past 4 months
- a bank draft that can be converted to Canadian dollars
- proof they have paid tuition and housing fees
- a letter from the person or school giving you money, or
- proof of funding paid from within Canada, if they have a scholarship or are in a Canadian-funded educational program

If a student's home country has foreign exchange controls in place, they must also be able to prove that they will be allowed to export funds for all expenses.

Further information regarding these changes and financial requirements can be found [online](#).

Admissions

New Three-week blackout period effective **May 2024**

To allow Graduate Program Service Officers (GPSOs) sufficient time to review applications, CGPS is extending the admission blackout period to three weeks starting in the May 2024 term. If applications are submitted to GPSOs during the three weeks preceding May 1st, 2024, they will not be reviewed. Please submit your list as early as possible!

Admissions Reminders

Admissions Checklist:

- Check for missing items such as GPA calculator and transfer credit institutions on transcripts before submitting to CGPS.
- Advisors double-check admission averages. Start at the end of the transcript and work backward.
- Include institution name, student information, highlighted classes on transcripts used for GPA, and grading scale.

Transcript Grading Scale:

- Include grading scale for all transcripts except U of S.

Editing GPA Calculations:

- Edit GPA in recruit by opening the Application Review, clicking "Edit Review" on the right, then adjusting GPA and adding notes.

CGPS Conditions:

- Do not alter conditions such as PST, DGUA, DGMA, ENPR.

Admitting Students with References:

- If 2/3 references are provided (and the unit wishes to admit), submit a rationale in RMS. If only 1/3 of references are available, submit an exception to policy in Jira before recommending admission.

Checking Student's Claim of Degree:

- Verify degree accuracy by reviewing transcripts. A student's claim of a 4-year degree may not be accurate, for example.
- Admission Decision Codes:
- Fully Admitted (11) - CGPS has all the necessary files.
- Conditional (12) - Check for outstanding items post-admission.
- Probational (13) - Ensure terms are noted in Department Review.

Updates

Government of Canada's January 22 [announcement](#) of 2 years cap on international student visas and requirement of an attestation letter from the province where students wish to study.

- The University of Saskatchewan (USask) is awaiting further information from the Government of Saskatchewan regarding the process for study permit applicants to get an attestation letter. This process is expected to be in place by March 31, 2024. USask's website will be updated as soon as a process has been established.
- Please note that the [Government of Canada website](#) indicates that if you apply for a study permit without an attestation letter, your application will not be returned if you

are a student in a master's, PhD, or other post-graduate program. Currently, we interpret the message to mean that if you are registered in a graduate program, you do not need an attestation letter.

CGPS is hosting a combined **Grad Admin and Grad Chair Forum** on February 15th, 3-4:30 pm in ARTS 241. The topic for discussion is *candidacy assessment (revised policy) implementation*.

The next **Grad Admin Forum** is scheduled on February 29th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in room 104, Arts building. You are encouraged to attend in person. Hybrid option is available, and a Teams link will be shared on the invite.

Thank you for sending your requests via Jira and minimizing communication through email and Team chats. Please continue to reach us through the Jira Service Desk and always include the student's BID with your request.

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