



## Upcoming Deadlines

Feb. 28: [Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship](#)

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Mar. 4: [Dr. Roger Rimmer Award for Excellence in Graduate Research](#)

Mar. 4: [Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship](#)

Mar. 8: [Graduate Thesis Awards/Governor General's Gold Medal](#) (Department nomination)

Mar. 9: [MT180 Entry Deadline](#) (French-speaking graduate students)

Mar. 19: [USask 3MT Preliminary Round Submission Deadline](#)

Apr. 8: [Herbert Percy Toop Memorial Prize in Scientific Writing](#) (Department nomination)

Apr. 8: [WAGS Distinguished Master's Thesis Award](#) (Department nomination)

Apr. 8: [WAGS ProQuest Innovation in Technology Award \(Thesis or Dissertation\)](#)  
(Department nomination)

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## Admissions

1. Effective May 2024, the blackout period for admissions will be extended to three weeks. This adjustment is required to provide GPSOs with sufficient time to handle applications before the start of the semester. New requests, especially international admissions, will not be reviewed during this period. For domestic admissions, it is recommended to submit applications three weeks before the semester starts; however, exceptions may be considered when necessary.
2. A reminder that if an applicant does not meet all the admission requirements and the unit wishes to admit the student, [please submit an exception to the policy Jira ticket](#). A rationale supporting the decision must be included as well as the Grad Chair approval.

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## Announcements

### **Sensitive Technology Research Affiliations of Concern (STARC) Policy and Admissions**

Considering the recently announced federal policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern (STRAC), program admission committees will be starting to think about how this may impact their programs and review of applicants. As committees review their admissions, a few new pieces of information that should be considered:

- Does the applicant have a potential affiliation with a [Named Research Organization](#) (NRO)
- Is the applicant proposing to conduct research in a [Sensitive Technology Research Area](#)
- How might having a student with potential affiliations to an NRO conducting research impact your broader program/department? If you would like some assistance in determining how to assess associated risks, please contact Lisa Belhumeur ([Belhumeur.lisa@usask.ca](mailto:Belhumeur.lisa@usask.ca)).

### **Doctoral Candidacy Assessment**

Approved by CGPS Faculty Council last November for implementation on May 1, the rationale for reframing comprehensive examinations to a candidacy assessment is to reflect better the modes of assessment used by programs to assess the competencies required to become a PhD candidate. The introduction of the 24-month time limit to satisfy the candidacy assessment will help students move through their program in a timely manner and address areas of concern earlier rather than later in the program.

For more information: <https://cgps.usask.ca/operational-info/policy-procedure/doctoral-candidacy-assessment.php>

### Upcoming Winter Grad Admin Forum (hybrid)

- Date: February 29, 2024
- Time: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
- Location: Room 104, Arts building. In-person attendance is highly encouraged.
- Teams Meeting ID: 284 107 867 713 & Passcode: 5XAWDn

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