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## Deadlines

May 1: [Elmer J. Shaw - Application Deadline](#)

May 1: [Gem & Mineral Foundation - Application Deadline](#)

May 1: [SK Gerontological Association Scholarship - Application Deadline](#)

May 21: [Tri-Council Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Program - Application Deadline](#)

Visit [CGPS' calendar](#) for events, workshops, and more upcoming deadlines.

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## Admissions

Processing times

Between March 1st and April 19th, our GPSOs completed 830 admissions. Our goal is to maintain the 10-day processing period even during the busy season, although a few programs may have experienced delays. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to email [shakiba.jalal@usask.ca](mailto:shakiba.jalal@usask.ca)

### **Code Requirement for References**

We received many complaints regarding references encountering difficulties submitting their forms due to expired codes. Following discussions with the RMS team, we have revised the email template for references. The updated message now indicates that the code will expire shortly and includes instructions on how to request a new one. Also, we are exploring extending the expiry time from 15 minutes to 2 hours or more. These changes have made a significant difference in other institutions.

If references continue to contact you about code expiry issues, please do not hesitate to reach out to [shakiba.jalal@usask.ca](mailto:shakiba.jalal@usask.ca)

### **Master's Entrance Requirements**

Please refer to Policy 1.3 for the master's entrance requirement that reads: "A four-year honours degree, or equivalent, from a recognized college or university in an academic discipline relevant to the proposed field of study..."

In cases where an applicant holds a three-year degree along with a certificate, CGPS requires approval from the credentials evaluation (CE) team regarding the certificate's equivalence to a full academic year.

However, there is no need for an exemption from the policy submission. Please include a note in the application stating that the CE team was consulted and that the unit acknowledges the applicant's lack of a four-year degree. This will expedite the application approval process.

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## **Convocation**

The Spring 2024 convocation is scheduled from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>. A graduate student list was emailed to Grad Admins on April 11<sup>th</sup> for verification, corrections are due April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Closed Dates:** - The GPSOs will be focusing primarily on convocation checks on April 25th and 30th. To make it through this work as quickly and efficiently as possible, GPSOs will not be responding to non-urgent inquiries or support requests that are unrelated to convocation checks on those days. If something urgent comes up on the 25th and 30th that must be addressed immediately, please contact me directly via email.

**Volunteer Signup:** - Thank you for all the amazing work you do to support our students! If you wish to attend the convocation as a volunteer to line up students and cheer them on, please sign up by May 10th at <https://forms.office.com/r/cDwByEJpZw>

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## Tuition

On April 11, 2024, the University posted the 2024-25 tuition rates. Details are available at

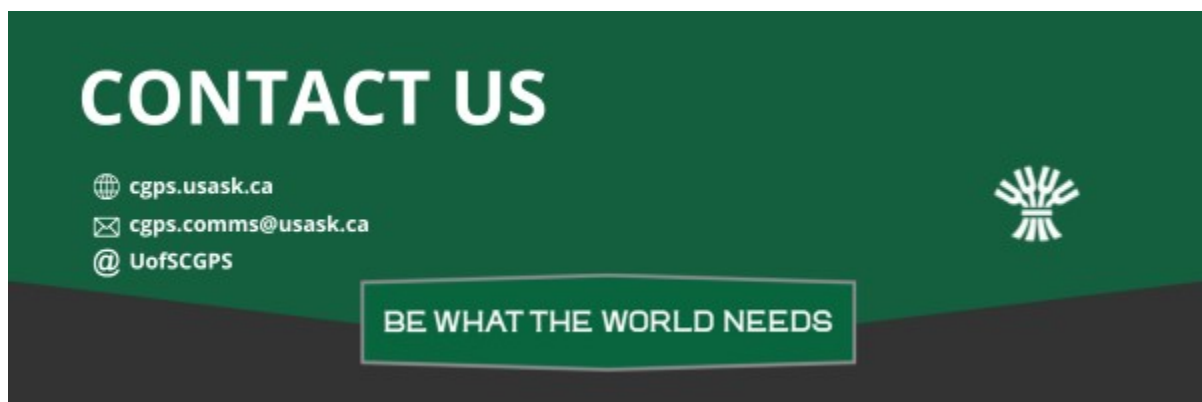
- USask [2024/2025 tuition rates](#)
- [Introduction to tuition and financial information](#)
- Outcomes of USask's most recent [tuition consultations](#).

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## Policy

### Candidacy Assessment Reminder

Effective May 1, 2024, the requirement for a doctoral candidacy assessment to be completed within 24 months replaces the requirement for comprehensive exams. Visit [Candidacy Assessment Changes](#) for more information.



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