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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.

UPCOMING DATES

Deadlines

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

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

Events

Apr. 30: [Career Progression Planning for Postdocs](#)

May 2: [Life & Health Sciences Research Expo](#)

May 3: Red Dress Day

May 6: [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Storytellers Event](#)

May 8: [Western Regional 3MT® Competition](#)

May 8: [GradHUB Pancake Welcome Event](#)

May 6 - 10: [11th Annual Online Career Conference for PhDs](#)

May 13: [Vital Friends in Academia: Building Collegiality on Purpose](#)

May 15: [Physical Therapy Career Fair](#)

May 21: [The Yes Factor: Secrets to Building a Fundable Startup](#)

May 21 - 23: [Myrtle Crawford Memorial Lecture Series - College of Nursing](#)

June 4: [A Toast to USask PhDs](#)

[View all upcoming CGPS events in our calendar.](#)

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

Living Library | A collaboration between the GradHUB and CGPS' Indigenous Initiatives portfolio

Discover the richness of Indigenous graduate student experiences with CGPS' Living Library event. Featuring graduate students, alumni, faculty, and Elder perspectives, participants will have the opportunity to listen, ask questions, and learn from one another. Catered by the Bannock Bistro.

The Living Library will take place at Convocation Hall on May 23rd, from 2PM to 4PM. All members of the USask community are invited to attend.

[Registration](#) for the Living Library is not mandatory, but encouraged to assist with planning and catering. [Learn more about the event.](#)

A Toast to PhDs | Students first. Graduates today. Alumni forever.

Earning a doctorate is a pinnacle of academic achievement, marking the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance, and scholarly pursuit. It represents a profound mastery of a specific field of study, often requiring original research that contributes new knowledge to the academic community.

Hosted by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, celebrate with us at a **Toast to USask's PhDs.**

PhD graduates and supervisors, keep an eye on your email for your invitation!

Research Data Management Summer Training Program for Students and Staff

The University Library, the Office of the Vice President Research (OVPR), and the [Summer Undergraduate Research Experience \(SURE\)](#) have partnered to offer a RDM training program for students, research staff, and their supervisors.

The [Summer RDM Program](#) presents a unique opportunity to upskill students and staff to adopt RDM best practices into their work as well as comply with the new Tri-Agency policy. This program will also benefit supervisors by familiarizing them with Tri-Agency RDM policy which may apply to their future grant applications.

Completing this program would count towards a student's hours as part of the SURE program. Staff who complete this program will receive a certificate of completion that can be added to their CVs.

There will be two program components:

- How to Manage your Research Data (week of 13 May)
- How to Create a Data Management Plan: A Workshop (week of 20 May)

For any questions, please contact Kevin Read at kevin.read@usask.ca.

GradHUB Pancake Welcome | Welcome to Term 3

New to USask? New to grad school? Join the GradHUB team for pancakes while we show you how to navigate your program and the university with the GradHUB online platform. The in-person welcome event will take place on **May 8th from 9:00 to 10:30AM in THORV 118**.

[Register to save your spot in the pancake line!](#)

3MT® Western Regional Competition | Support USask's 3MT® champion!

The 3MT® Western Regional Competition will be hosted by UBC Okanagan on Wednesday, May 8th at 2PM (PDT). You can support USask's 3MT® champion, Marin Habbick at Western Regionals by watching the competition by livestream at 3PM CST.

[Learn more about the competition.](#)

Register for 'The Yes Factor' event with Opus

Are you a founder looking to start fundraising, or someone interested in learning more about venture capital? Maninder Dhaliwal joins us from TiE - the world's largest angel investment group - to share the seven secrets to building a fundamentally fundable start-up.

Join Opus on May 21 from 5:30PM - 7:30PM at the Collider Hub for 'The Yes Factor'. Light food and beverages provided. [Register here.](#)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Storytellers Event

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Storytellers Showcase will take place Monday, May 6 from 10:30 to noon at the Remai Modern River View Room as part of the [Science Writers and Communicators of Canada \(SWCC\)](#) conference.

The annual challenge asks postsecondary students across the country to inspire audiences with a compelling research story - in up to 300 words or three minutes - demonstrating how SSHRC-funded research is making a difference in the lives of Canadians. Their research stories involve topics that are important to Canadians and have wide-reaching impacts in our communities across the country.

The 2024 Storytellers Challenge Finalists include **USask's Olivia Abram** who will be competing to be named one of the final five winners. More information about the event is available on the Science Writers and Communicators of Canada (SWCC) [conference website](#). All members of the USask community are invited to attend.

Myrtle Crawford Memorial Lecture Series | May 21 - 23, 2024

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Nursing is pleased to welcome **Dr. Lucy Mkandawire-Valhmu (PhD, RN, FAAN), Professor, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota**, as the featured speaker for the **Myrtle Crawford Memorial Lecture Series**. This event, supported by the **Myrtle Crawford Memorial Lectureship Fund**, will be held **May 21-23, 2024**.

All USask faculty, staff and students are invited to attend Dr. Mkanadwire-Valhmu's lecture on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm** (Saskatoon Campus – Health Sciences E-Wing and via Zoom).

Unraveling Colonial Legacies: Transforming Health Education for Equity and Inclusion. [Register by May 17, 2024.](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Career Exploration with Aurora | Designed for PhD students and Postdocs

Join over 200 USask PhD students and postdoctoral scholars who use Aurora, a platform made possible by a partnership between CGPS and Beyond the Professoriate.

Aurora gives PhD students and postdoctoral scholars access to research-based, structured curriculum to help you through each stage of your job search. Video lessons, workbooks, and assessments will help you facilitate your learning experience.

Get instant and free access to this powerful platform here: <https://cgps.usask.ca/onboarding/grad-toolkit/career-exploration-tool.php>

Mitacs Training | Give yourself a competitive edge

Hone your professional skills by participating in Mitacs Training. Open to past and present graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, Mitacs Training courses are free of charge and facilitated by industry leaders.

Learn about management, communication, entrepreneurialism and more. Mitacs Training offers asynchronous modules and synchronous courses that work with your schedule to help you gain a competitive edge.

Learn more about Mitacs Training: <https://www.mitacs.ca/our-programs/training-students-postdocs/>

Visit the [CGPS Calendar](#) to learn about Mitacs Training events you can attend virtually.

The 11th Annual Online Career Conference | Free for USask PhD students and Postdocs!

The 11th Annual Online Career Conference offered by Beyond the Prof will be held May 6 - 10, from 12:00PM - 12:45PM ET daily. The conference is designed to help graduate students and postdocs quickly learn how to build a foundation for their non-academic job search.

Learn more about the event: <https://institutions.beyondprof.com/conference/>

AWARDS OPPORTUNITIES

External Awards Opportunities | Research Profile and Impact

Research Profile and Impact is working to uplift, celebrate, and shine a light on the ground-breaking research, scholarly, and artistic work happening at USask. They support researchers interested in applying for prestigious award recognition for a myriad of reasons, including their ability to serve as a source of pride for the broader community including alumni, donors, and external partners.

To learn more about award updates, information sessions, and other opportunities, visit the [External Awards page](#).

IN THE NEWS

From groundbreaking research to exemplary leadership, our graduate community continues to excel, earning recognition and prestigious awards that highlight their dedication to excellence at USask. Join us in celebrating their accomplishments and sharing their stories with the campus community.

To learn more about recent USask graduate award recipients and statistics, visit the [Award Statistics](#) page of the CGPS website.



USask 3MT® Champion | Congratulations Marin Habbick!

Master's student Marin Habbick (Biochemistry, Immunology & Microbiology) earned 1st place in the USask 3MT® Finals on April 11th. [Watch Marin's 3MT presentation.](#)

Over a thousand viewers worldwide tuned into the livestream to watch the competition and support research communication. To watch all participants' presentations and view competition results, [visit the 3MT® page.](#)



2024 SWAAC Graduate Student Award of Merit | Congratulations Una Goncin!

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies extends its congratulations to Una Goncin, from the College of Medicine, for receiving the 2024 SWAAC Graduate Student Award of Merit! Una was selected as 1 of 4 recipients of this award from across Western Canada. For more information about SWAAC and their awards, you can visit their [website](#). [Learn more about Una.](#)



Kraft earns CGPS Clement Employee Service Award at USask

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) at the University of Saskatchewan has recognized Alison Kraft from the Jane and Ron Graham Centre for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) as the 2023 recipient of the Clement Employee Service Award.

[Read the full story.](#)



Celebrating Indigenous Scholars | A family of educators

Valerie Harper (B.Ed, M.Ed) and her daughters Kari (B.Ed, M.Ed) and Shawn (B.Ed, M.Ed) share a lifelong commitment to Indigenous education.

As they continue to pursue graduate studies together, they are embracing Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. By centering Indigenous wisdom and educational leadership, they honour Indigenous heritage and pave the way for more equitable and inclusive educational systems.

[Read their stories.](#)

