



February 2024

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

Feb. 26: [Robert P. Knowles Scholarship](#)

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)

Events

Every Wednesday in March: [How to Decide Between an Academic and Nonacademic Career](#)

Mar. 22: [World Water Day @ USask](#)

Apr. 11: [USask 3MT Finals](#)

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

What's happening?

USask 3MT® Competition | Now accepting entries for the Preliminary Round

Your task? Translate your thesis and its impact to an audience of non-specialists in just 3 minutes using only one static slide.

All thesis-based Master's and PhD students are invited to take part in the annual Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition. CGPS is accepting entries into the virtual preliminaries until March 19th, 2024.

Are you a French-speaking graduate student? You're eligible to participate in the MT180, a French alternative to the 3MT® competition, offered in collaboration with the University of Regina and Acfas Saskatchewan.

To learn more about the 3MT® and the MT180, visit: <https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/3mt-usask.php#top>

CGPS Professional Development Survey (Postdoctoral Fellows) | Tell us what you think!

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is in the process of planning for targeted professional development (PD) supports for postdoctoral fellows at USask. As a result, CGPS would like to hear from all postdocs and gain insights about your PD needs.

Please take four minutes to complete a short survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/6PSQKDC>

The survey will close on **March 8th, 2024**. The data gathered from this survey will be used to inform the design, development, and delivery of PD supports for current and future postdocs.

In appreciation of your time, you may enter a **draw to win a CGPS sweater** by adding your email at the end of the survey.

GSA Annual Awards | Call for Nominations

The Graduate Students' Association is now accepting nominations for the GSA Annual Awards. The GSA Annual Awards are intended to celebrate graduate students, as well as honour faculty that have generously supported graduate students in research, scholarly and artistic pursuits.

Award recipients will be honoured at the GSA Annual Awards Gala on April 27th, 2024 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel.

Learn more about the awards and find out if you're eligible by visiting the [GSA website](#).

Career Exploration with Aurora | Designed for PhD students and Postdocs

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

Aurora gives PhD students and postdoctoral fellows 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/>

Publicly Engaged Scholarship Team Award | Call for Nominations

The Office of the Vice-President Research invites nominations for the Publicly Engaged Scholarship Team Award that recognizes tenured and tenure-track faculty members who lead teams of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and community partners who have engaged in public scholarship over the last five years that have produced outstanding impact locally, nationally, or internationally.

For further information, please see the [terms of reference](#).

Nomination Deadline: **March 1, 2024**

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](#).

Health Sciences Postdoctoral Fellow Opportunity | Apply by March 31st

The Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Lethbridge is accepting applications for a postdoctoral fellowship on a research study currently funded by CIHR called *Patient Oriented Innovative Nutrition Trial (POINT)*.

Learn more and apply: <https://uleth.peopleadmin.ca/postings/7152>

If you have questions about this or other postdoctoral fellow opportunities, contact postdoctoral.studies@usask.ca.

Images of Research | Submit images of your research for a chance to win cash prizes!

What does research look like to you? Celebrate the diversity of research, scholarly, and artistic work on campus and beyond.

Submit photography and imaging of your USask research to the 10th annual **Images of Research** contest by **February 29th** for a chance to win cash prizes up to \$500!

Full contest details and submission forms available at: <https://research.usask.ca/research-stories/images-of-research.php>

Financial Need Scholarship for USask International Students - Winter 2024

USask is excited to announce that the SIOS International Student Scholarship is available for the Winter 2024 semester. This scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to continuing international or refugee students at USask, who are in good academic standing and unable to continue or complete their studies due to unforeseen financial barriers.

The application deadline for the Winter 2024 semester is **Sunday, March 17th, 2024**. Learn more about eligibility criteria and complete an application by visiting the **Scholarships and Bursaries channel on PAWS**. Contact awards@usask.ca if you have any questions.

World Water Day @ USask | Call for Poster Abstracts

Are you a student, postdoctoral fellow, or early-career researcher doing water-related research at USask? Share your findings at the March 22nd World Water Day @ USask poster session!

Submit your abstract at:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0GyrJH5llkebw9qcQj3blo-hqkW7hZBsHH-YfNOLXRUQjBGRVNORkJUMTBQOEZaSzRZSU1GQk5RQiQIQCN0PWcu>

Want to learn more about World Water Day @ USask? Visit:

<https://water.usask.ca/events/2024/03/world-water-day-at-usask.php>

4 Seasons of Reconciliation | Online course for Graduate Students

The deadline to register for GMTCL's 4 Seasons of Reconciliation course has been extended to February 28th, 2024.

Interested in learning about Indigenous Peoples and the need for reconciliation in Canada? This asynchronous online course offers graduate students a way to easily fit learning into your schedule.

The course will include a mixture of short videos, slides, and read materials, as well as a chance to connect with a small group of peers on a weekly basis. This is a community-guided resource with facilitators who help ensure that everyone has a strong learning experience.

There are a limited number of seats available so act fast!

Learn more about the course and register, visit <https://gmc-tomcat.usask.ca/eventsRegistration/public/viewCurrentMonth?currentSystemId=2> and select 'February 28, 2024'.

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 Recipients](#) page of the CGPS website.



Nicole Mercereau | Celebrating Indigenous Scholars

Each month, CGPS is featuring an Indigenous graduate student and putting a spotlight on their exceptional achievements. This month, we're celebrating Nicole Mercereau.

Nicole Mercereau is a Métis-Ukrainian Master's student in the USask Department of Educational Administration. Her research focuses on Métis education in publicly funded education through a contemporary and historical lens by revisiting generations of Nicole's family's educational experiences as Métis learners.

Read Nicole's full story: <https://cgps.usask.ca/indigenous/spotlight.php>



Scholars receive prestigious History of Healthcare funding to explore health and society

In 2023, AMS Healthcare recognized 11 historians who are working to enhance the impact and value of the history of healthcare in Canada and beyond. Justin Fisher (PhD candidate) and Matthew Barret (Postdoctoral Fellow) from USask's Department of History were among the outstanding 11 award recipients.

Read the full story: https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/news/23_ams-funding-history-of-healthcare.php

Do you have news to share with the grad community?

We want to hear it! Contact cgps.comms@usask.ca to learn how you can be featured in next month's newsletter.

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