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## January 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

Jan. 31: [Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award](#)

Jan. 31: [Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarships](#)

Feb. 1: [Mackenzie King Open Scholarship & Mackenzie King Travelling Scholarship](#)

Feb. 1: [Walter Sumner Memorial Fellowship](#)

Feb. 5: [Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award](#)

Feb. 5: [Robson Bursary for Graduate Students](#)

Feb. 5: [Wanda Young Scholarship in Doctoral Studies](#)

Feb. 10: [Graduate Annual Awards Nomination Deadline](#)

Feb. 20: [CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award](#) (Department nomination)

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)

## Events

Jan. 29: [3MT Deconstruction with the University Library](#)

Jan. 31: [Chip & Chat \(Virtual\)](#)

Jan. 31: [Soup & Bannock](#)

Feb. 5: [What's your 3MT hook? Hosted by Opus](#)

Feb. 12: [The 3MT Narrative with the University Library](#)

Feb. 27: [Grad HUB Living Library](#)

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

## What's happening?

### Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award | Call for Nominations

Graduate students, alumni, faculty, departments, and colleges are invited to nominate outstanding mentors from across the USask for the 2023 Distinguished Graduate Mentor award.

The Distinguished Graduate Mentor (DGM) award is awarded annually by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) to a graduate faculty member with a record of excellent mentorship of graduate students under their supervision. Outstanding mentors inspire their graduate students to be creative in their thinking, push their research in new directions and make a positive impact on the future. They are essential to graduate student success – in the classroom, the laboratory, and beyond.

The deadline to submit nomination forms is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. For more information about the DGM, visit <https://cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/dgm.php>.

**3MT Prep, 3Ways, 3PM | Get a head-start on your 3MT® preparation with this workshop series**

Calling all thesis-based grad students! It's time to start preparing for the annual USask 3MT® competition.

From January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 12<sup>th</sup>, CGPS will be hosting an informational workshop each Monday at 3PM in THORV 118 to help you hone your communication skills and craft your research narrative. Featuring subject matter experts from the University Library and Opus, the workshops will give you all the tools needed to submit a top-notch competition entry.

Learn more about the series and register by visiting the [3MT® Competition page of the CGPS website.](#)

### **GSA Annual Awards | Call for Nominations**

Starting January 31st, 2024, the Graduate Students' Association will begin 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.](#)

### **Applications for the 2024 Opus i2Build program are now open**

Applications for the 2024 i2Build cohort program at Opus are now open! Learn what it takes to launch your deep tech startup by applying before February 5, 2024, to the 10-month i2Build program. Programming starts in April 2024.

Designed as a pre-accelerator, Opus provides access to entrepreneurial programming, infrastructure, and a network of mentors and experts to help you successfully build your venture on campus. Applications are open to aspiring entrepreneurs who are current USask students, faculty or staff with technology in a STEM-related field.

For more info and to apply, visit [opus.usask.ca](https://opus.usask.ca).

### **Soup & Bannock | Hosted in collaboration with the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre**

In collaboration with the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies will be sponsoring a free Soup & Bannock lunch for students, staff, and faculty.

Everyone welcome. One home. One community.

Join the graduate community for lunch on January 31st, 2024 at the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre. [Learn more about the event.](#)

### **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/>

### **ComSciCon Canada 2024 | Applications now open**

ComSciCon is a series of workshops, started at Harvard in 2013, focused on enhancing the science communication skills of graduate students. ComSciConCAN 2024 will be held from **June 14-16, 2024** at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. This three-day meeting will feature invited professional science communicators and will train graduate students through writing review sessions, workshops, and a Show and Tell session where participants present their own innovative projects in science outreach and engagement.

Attendance at ComSciConCAN is limited to current (or recently graduated) graduate students in residence at a Canadian institution. International students who study at a Canadian institution are gladly welcomed. Applicants must be studying in a science-related field.

There is no registration for ComSciConCAN, and food, lodging, and travel support is provided for 50 selected participants from across the country.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.comsciconcanada.org/application>.

## **Lab to Market grants | New Tri-Agency initiative to support entrepreneurial training**

Lab to Market grants are designed to equip researchers and highly qualified personnel with essential tools, resources, and knowledge to transform their academic research into innovations ready for market. This initiative supports Canadian post-secondary institutions in creating and sustaining networks across Canada to offer a comprehensive mix of training, mentorship, and hands-on experience.

The Lab to Market initiative provides stable, long-term funding for all disciplines within the natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities, and health. These grants will provide support ranging from \$1 million to \$10 million per year for a period of up to five years, with a possibility of renewal.

Learn more about this initiative and find out if you're eligible by visiting the [Government of Canada website](#).

## **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 has produced outstanding social impact locally, nationally, or internationally.

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

Nomination Deadline: **March 1, 2024**

## **External Award 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.

As part of this initiative, RPI has launched a website to inform USask researchers and research administrators on award updates, information sessions, and other opportunities. Visit the [External Awards page](#) to learn more.

## 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 awards & scholarship recipients and statistics, visit the [Award Recipients](#) page of the CGPS website.



### **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.](#)

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### **Do you have news to share with the grad community?**

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

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