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March 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.

UPCOMING DATES

Deadlines

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)](#)

May 3: [Vital Friends in Academia: Building Collegiality on Purpose - Registration Deadline](#)

Events

Apr. 3: [Repairing AI for Environmental Justice](#)

Apr. 11: USask 3MT Finals

Apr. 25: GradHUB Virtual Welcome Event

Apr. 30: Career Progression Planning for Postdocs

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

View all upcoming CGPS events in our calendar.

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING ✹

USask 3MT® Finals | Thesis communication competition

3MT competitors are challenged to communicate the impact and essence of their thesis to non-specialists in just three minutes. Join us at **3PM in Quance Theatre (EDUC 1003)** on April 11th. **Learn more about the competition**.

Repairing AI for Environmental Justice | 2024 InterD Keynote Lecture

AI is broken. There are serious ethical concerns related to the design and development of AI that demand repair. How can the AI space be repaired so the environmental consequences don't fall on marginalized communities?

The USask research community is invited to join Dr. Aimee van Wynsberghe (Alexander von Humboldt Professor for Applied Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, University of Bonn), for InterD keynote lecture, **Repairing AI for Environmental Justice**.

The keynote will take place on **April 3, 2024 in Health Sciences, Room 1150**. Join the InterD community at a catered reception at 1:45PM in the E-Wing Atrium. Keynote begins at 2:30PM. Q&A begins at 3:45PM. **Learn more about the event**.

English Language Support | Bursaries available for international students

If English is not your first language, the **University of Saskatchewan Language Centre (USLC)** can help you to improve and develop your English language skills for academic success with **General ESL classes**.

Bursaries are available for international graduate students.

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!

GradHUB Virtual Welcome | Welcome to Term 3

New to USask? New to grad school? Find out how to navigate your program and the university with the GradHUB platform. Join the virtual welcome event via Zoom on **April 25th at 6PM.**

Register to get your unique Zoom link.

Winter 2024 Graduate and Postdoctoral Programming Survey | Have your say and win!

Graduate students and postdocs, you are invited to take a short survey developed by the graduate programming working group that will help inform future offerings aimed at developing your professional toolkit.

As a thank-you for completing the survey, you are invited to enter a draw for a chance to win a branded "bunny hug" (sweatshirt).

Survey closes: **April 12, 2024**

Link: **https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/Z9YDLMZ**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Vital Friends in Academia | Building Collegiality on Purpose

Do you want to gain traction in building your academic portfolio? Not sure how to nurture mentor relationships? Interested in fostering mutually productive networks?

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS), in collaboration with Discovery, Achievement, and Research Excellence (DARE), is hosting a **mentorship session designed for postdoctoral scholars** at USask. Learn how to navigate the research space and become part of a supportive academic community.

Limited seats available. Register by May 3rd: **https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/5L8DHX6**

Career Progression Planning for Postdocs | A self-exploration session

Whether your future is in academia, entrepreneurship, or industry, it's important to know what you're working towards. According to a recent survey, USask postdoctoral scholars want support for navigating next steps for their careers.

On Thursday, April 30th, CGPS is offering a Career Progression Planning session **designed specifically for postdoctoral scholars**. Join us for an opportunity to learn your options, explore your preferences, and build a plan for career success.

Register here: **https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/5Y6GWBT**

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 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, entrepreneuralism 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/**

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 - 10th**, from **12:00 - 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://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**.

POSTDOC OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs for Black and Indigenous Scholars

York University and the University of Toronto are calling for applicants for their respective Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous scholars. These programs were created to address under-representation of Black and Indigenous scholars in many disciplines and fields of research and associated careers.

The deadline to apply for the York University fellowship program is **April 15, 2024**. For more information, visit: **https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/postdoctoral-fellows/prospective-fellows/provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships/**

The deadline to apply for the University of Toronto fellowship program is **April 1, 2024**. For more information, visit: **https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/provosts-postdoctoral-fellowship-program/**

Postdoctoral Fellow on Migration Governance and AI in Canada | Canada Research Chair on Global Migration Processes

The Canada Research Chair on Global Migration Processes is recruiting a postdoctoral fellow for a duration of 12 months starting in September 2024. The selected individual will work on the effects of automation and artifical intelligence in migration governance in Canada.

The deadline to apply is **April 8, 2024**. For more information, visit: **https://cgps.usask.ca/documents/postdocdymig_eng.pdf**

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.
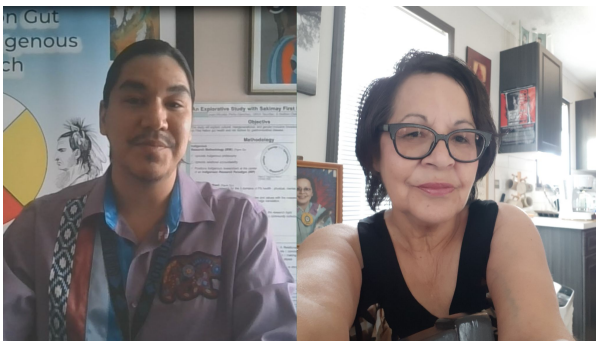
To learn more about recent USask graduate award recipients and statistics, visit the **Award Recipients** page of the CGPS website.

An urban Elder's journey: The role of tradition, community, and education

In October of 2023, Dr. Linda Young (BA'94, BFA'98, MEd'20, PhD'23) earned her doctorate not through a traditional defence, but through Conversation. Her innovative dissertation format, comprised of 10 videos, four bookworks, a glossary of terms, and a gallery show, was developed through carefully followed traditional protocol, a connection to community, and a lifelong relationship with education.

Read her full story.

IAW 2024: Putting community first

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is proud to celebrate two exceptional graduate students who recieved Indigenous Student Achievement Awards in March: Nathan Oakes (Department of Community Health and Epidemiology) and Doris Wesaquate (College of Kinesiology).

Read the full story.

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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