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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.



Deadlines

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

May 31: [Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Don Jacques Memorial Fellowship Application Deadline](#)

Events

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

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

May 23: [Living Library: A collaboration between the GradHUB and Indigenous Initiatives portfolios](#)

May 27: [USask 2024/25 Budget Town Hall](#)

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

EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

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

Enjoy an afternoon of oral storytelling and connection at CGPS' first ever Living Library event. Featuring perspectives from graduate students, alumni, faculty, and Elders, this event offers participants an opportunity to listen, ask questions, and learn about the richness of Indigenous graduate experiences.

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](#) is not mandatory, but encouraged to assist with planning and catering. [Learn more.](#)

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. [Learn more.](#)

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 to 7:30PM at the Collider Hub for 'The Yes Factor'. Light food and beverages provided. [Register here.](#)

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 assessment will help you facilitate your learning experience. [Learn more.](#)

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, entrepreneurship, and more. Mitacs Training offers asynchronous and synchronous courses that work with your schedule to help you gain a competitive edge. [Learn more.](#)

AWARDS OPPORTUNITIES

External Awards Opportunities | Research Profile and Impact

External awards at the provincial, national and international level provide opportunities to recognize USask faculty for their research, scholarly and artistic achievements.

The Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) has developed a [directory of external awards](#) available for application. If you are considering someone for an award, contact the Institutional Awards Officer so that they may offer support and track institutional nominations.

Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Bon Jacques Memorial Fellowship

The Saskatchewan Pulse Crop Development Board Don Jacques Memorial Fellowship is open to graduate students conducting research on pulse crop development who are pursuing full-time thesis research at USask. The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2024**. [Learn more.](#)

IN THE NEWS



Mentorship builds community: Dyck awarded Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is proud to award Dr. Erika Dyck (B.A, M.A, Ph.D) with the 2023 Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.

Dr. Erika Dyck is a professor in the Department of History and a Canada Research Chair in the History of Health and Social Justice. As a medical historian, Dyck primarily studies the history of medicine, psychiatry, and drugs. [Read the full story.](#)



USask MSc student awarded Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship

Jeremy Irvine, a MSc student at the University of Saskatchewan's Agriculture and Bioresources, is the recipient of the \$20,000 Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Indigenous Scholarship.

Irvine's research focuses on the evaluation of yield damage caused by the lesser clover leaf weevil in red clover seed production in Saskatchewan. This will help reduce input costs for growers and environmental harm caused by redundant pesticide applications. [Read the full story.](#)



The power of collaboration: Storytellers Challenge winners emphasize the importance of synergy in research

A collaboration between graduate students from the University of Saskatchewan and the University of British Columbia secured a winning spot in the 2024 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Storyteller's Challenge, marking the first time a collaborative entry has placed top five in the contest's eleven-year history.

USask PhD candidate Olivia Abram and UBC PhD student Leah Alfred-Olmedo have been co-writing a chapter about Indigenous-led collaboration in the Indigenous literary arts over the past year. [Read the full story.](#)



Celebrating Indigenous Scholars | Adam McInnes


Dr. Adam McInnes (M.D., M.Sc.) is a Métis PhD student and Vanier Scholar at USask, where he engages in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine research, bridging biomedical engineering and Indigenous medical anthropology.


McInnes is a recent recipient of the Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award, Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, APEGS Friend of the Profession Award, and a USask Indigenous Achievement Award.

Each month, CGPS features a Indigenous USask graduate student to showcase the importance of Indigenous research.

[Read more about Adam and our past features.](#)

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