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This newsletter will be delivered to you on a monthly basis with content curated for USask's grad community. Scroll through to learn about upcoming events, opportunities and more.

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What's happening?

Graduate Professional Skills Certificate | Registration now open

The [Graduate Professional Skills Certificate](#) is an innovative, non-credit program for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows focusing on strengths-based professional skills development. The certificate program is offered at no cost to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from all colleges and schools.

The Graduate Professional Skills Certificate can be completed in-person or online, depending on which mode of delivery works best for you and your schedule. Course offerings can be viewed through the [Registration channel in PAWS](#). To learn more, reach out to career.services@usask.ca.

2024 SSHRC Storytellers Challenge | Submissions open now

SSHRC is once again challenging postsecondary students to show Canadians how social sciences and humanities research affects our lives, our world and our future for the better.

Students are tasked with telling the story of a SSHRC-funded research project - their own or a researcher's - in up to three minutes or 300 words. A jury will select 20 finalists, who will each receive \$3,000, specialized training in research communications, and be invited to present at a showcase event in spring 2024, for an opportunity to receive an additional \$1,000 (top five winners) in recognition of their communications skills.

For more information on the challenge, visit their [website](#) or contact storytellers@sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.

Clement Employee Service Award | Call for Nominations

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Clement Employee Service Award.

Established in memory of Kelly Clement (1979-2021), the Clement Employee Service Award annually recognizes the outstanding contributions of a USask staff member to the graduate student community. Nominees will typically demonstrate their commitment to supporting graduate students by pursuing goals and objectives that align with at least one of the three 2025 aspirational areas of CGPS: *Achieving Inclusive Academic Excellence, Creating Knowledge and Skills and Rejuvenating Relationships*.

The deadline to submit nomination forms is December 14th, 2023. To learn more about the award and nomination eligibility, visit cgps.usask/grad-life/events/staff-award.php.

GPS 981: Academic Preparation for International Students | Register now

Are you an international student new to USask? Registration is now open for [GPS 981: Academic Preparation for International Graduate Students](#). Students will learn techniques for improving listening and note-taking skills; managing their reading loads; sharpening critical thinking; and conducting and managing research. Students will also learn about the role of supervisors, professors, and graduate chairs, and will gain practical instruction in academic integrity.

The course will be offered in-person on Fridays from 10AM to 12PM, running from January 5th to March 8th. For more information on GPS 981, visit the [Course Catalogue](#).

Saskatchewan's largest health research study is seeking your participation!

Hosted by the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, Healthy Future Sask (HFS) seeks participation from over 7,000 Saskatchewan residents aged 30 to 74 to enroll in our 50-year legacy health study. As a cohort of the Canadian Partnership for Tomorrow's Health, HFS is focused on studying Saskatchewan residents' biology, behaviors, and environments to learn more about the causes of cancer and chronic disease.

Involvement involves:

- Completion of a health and lifestyle questionnaire; and
- (optional) in-person visit to provide physical measures and/or a blood or saliva sample.

For more information on the study or to enroll, please visit <https://healthyfuturesask.ca/>.

GSA Graduate Research Elevator Pitch Competition | Call for Registration

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) invites University of Saskatchewan graduate students to participate in the Graduate Research Elevator Pitch Competition 2023 on **November 30th, 2023 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM**. The Elevator Pitch competition aims to prepare University of Saskatchewan graduate students to share their research orally with people from various backgrounds in under 60 seconds without using presentation slides. There are five Best Elevator Pitch Awards of \$200 available to win.

Please submit your [registration form](#) by **November 27, 2023 at 11:30PM**. Please visit GSA website for more information about the [Graduate Research Elevator Pitch Competition](#).

TA Success Day | January 3, 2024

Attention Teaching Assistants (TAs) - **TA Success Day** for the upcoming winter term will be offered **online**, Wednesday, January 3rd. The event will be one day of short and snappy sessions focused on developing your skills and knowledge to support your role as a TA.

[Details and registration information available online.](#)

GSA Graduate Research Conference 2023 | Call for Registration

The Graduate Student's Association (GSA) is delighted to announce the forthcoming Graduate Student Research Conference, scheduled for **December 14, 2024 from 10AM to 5PM**. Please submit your [registration form](#) by **December 7, 2023**. There are four Best Poster Awards of \$500 available to win.

If you have any questions about the GSA Graduate Research Conference, please do not hesitate to contact the GSA VP of Finance and Operations at gsa.fin@usask.ca or visit the [GSA website](#) for more information.

Future you: How to build a career in environmental sustainability

Hear about the varied and rewarding careers STEM graduates have built in the field of environmental sustainability - and how they got there. And bring your questions!

[Register now for the November 28 webinar.](#)

Bonus, you could also win an iPad Pro just for attending! Learn about the [contest details](#).

Hosted by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, graduate students are invited to learn more about funding available in the areas of climate change and environmental sustainability through monthly webinars and their [website](#).

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 31st, 2024. For more information about the DGM, visit cgps.usask.ca/grad-life/events/dgm.php.

2023-2024 National Student Paper Competition | Canadian Association for Graduate Studies

The National Student Paper Competition is now open for submission! The competition is hosted by the [Canada School of Public Service](#), in partnership with the [Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration](#), the [Institute of Public Administration of Canada](#), and [Canadian Association for Graduate Studies](#).

The competition is an opportunity to network and share innovative ideas with the federal public service. The top five authors will be chosen to present their papers to senior executives, with a grand prize winner earning a four-month internship with the Government of Canada. The application period closes on **December 15th, 2023**.

[Learn more about the competition.](#)

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.

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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