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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.

Deadlines

Oct. 31: [Deadline to request booth at USask Graduate Studies Fair](#)

Nov. 30: [Tri-Agency Master's National Competition](#)

Events

Oct. 24 - 26: [Canadian Career Symposium](#)

Oct. 24: [Opus Connections: Startup Pivots](#)

Oct. 25: [How to Network When You Don't Have a Network](#)

Oct. 26: [Come & Go Tea | Heather Lukey Retirement Celebration](#)

Oct. 30: [The Misinformation Dilemma: How Did We Get Here & What Can We Do?](#)

Nov. 22: [USask Graduate Studies Fair](#)

Nov. 28: [Future you: How to build a career in environmental sustainability](#)

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

What's happening?

Canadian Career Symposium | Graduate and Postdoctoral Development Network

Each year, the GPDN hosts a career symposium for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows aimed at professional development and career exploration. Presentations by GPDN members and invited experts cover topics including inspirational keynotes, career self-assessments, resumes, and informational interviews and networking.

The 2023 Career Symposium runs from October 24 to October 26 and includes a keynote address by Alex Abdel Malek, a clinical therapist who is an expert in overcoming perfectionism and breaking patterns of procrastination. [Registration is open now](#). The [full program agenda](#) is now available.

Opus Connections: Startup Pivots

Being an entrepreneur isn't an easy path, and sometimes requires a pivot (or two) to overcome challenges along the way. Join Opus for a panel Q&A on October 24th with three Saskatchewan entrepreneurs who have pivoted in their startup journey. Hear what challenges they faced, how they overcame them (or not), lessons they learned and tips on how to adapt and persevere.

Light food and beverages provided. [Register now](#).

Come & Go Tea | Heather Lukey Retirement Celebration

Over her 34-year career at USask, Heather Lukey has helped graduate students feel supported, safe, and capable during the critical early days of their studies. Now, as she transitions into retirement, CGPS is celebrating the impact she's had on the graduate community.

Join CGPS on **Thursday, October 26th at 2PM** in Thorvaldson Building, Room 116 for a [Come & Go Tea](#) to celebrate Heather and wish her well in retirement.

[Learn more about Heather's story.](#)

USask Graduate Studies Fair | Call for Representatives

The central recruitment team is once again working with CGPS to host an in-person USask Graduate Studies Fair on Wednesday, November 22 at 10AM to 3PM in the Arts Tunnel.

If graduate chairs/administrators would like to request a booth, please contact Courtney Schroeder (courtney.schroeder@usask.ca) with your program name(s) and representative by **October 31st**. There is no cost to participate, but booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and spots are limited.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

Graduate Research Showcase: Moving Saskatchewan Forward

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies in collaboration with the Office of Vice President Research hosted the USask Graduate Research Showcase on October 6th, 2023. The event welcomed distinguished guests and elected officials to network with some of CGPS's top research talent to discuss how emerging research at USask works to advance Saskatchewan's economic and social growth.

[Learn more about the researchers involved in the event by reading the full article.](#)

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.

Beyond the Professoriate | Explore your career possibilities

It's the start of a new academic year, and a great time to set goals or your career exploration! Beyond the Professoriate is hosting two upcoming workshops to help you learn proven strategies for your job search in and beyond the professoriate. To register for the a workshop, just [click the link](#), log-in, and register to attend live or receive the replay.

Reminder: You have access to all of Beyond Prof's workshops and career library through our institutional subscription. Find answers to job search questions, attend a workshop, or browse their career video library to hear how other PhDs have moved into meaningful and rewarding careers.

Mitacs Skills Training | Register for Fall term workshops now

Mitacs offers a free professional development program open to Canadian post-secondary students. This program is designed to provide support for post-secondary students as they complete their research and innovation projects, prepare to take on a leadership role in their industry, and improve employability in their respective fields.

Mitacs is happy to share new dates for facilitated sessions for September to November 2023 and beyond. [Learn more and register today.](#)

USask Signature Areas of Research | New website LIVE now!

Signature Areas are areas of research and scholarship that bring the University of Saskatchewan distinct recognition and help to position USask among the most distinguished universities in Canada and among the very best in the world.

These distinct areas are based on our output and achievement, enabled by our research capacity, investments, history and sense of place.

[To learn more about USask's Signature Areas of Research, visit the new website.](#)

Fulbright Canada Student Awards | Opportunities starting September 2024!

The Fulbright Canada Student Awards invite Canadian students to take up an academic year (9 months) of study at any college, university, think tank, research center, or government agency in the United States. Applications will be accepted until November 15, 2023.

Grants are US \$25,000 for one academic year to be taken up in the academic year 2024-2025.

The award covers grant-related expenses such as housing, travel, tuition, and other academic expenditures. Basic health insurance is provided, along with visa, and other professional services. An integral part of the program includes Fulbright enrichment opportunities, which are available on a competitive basis.

[Learn more about the Fulbright Canada Scholar Program.](#)

Connect with the Indigenous graduate community with MS Teams

To help you navigate USask as a new or returning Indigenous grad student, we are excited to announce a new initiative to help you connect with each other. You're invited to [opt-in to MS Teams](#) and join a new collaboration channel called **COUSINS - a grad student community**. Once you have opted-in to Teams, [join the community here](#).

What's your grad school story? We are inviting Indigenous graduate students to share testimonials about their experience pursuing graduate studies for a collaborative project. [Share your 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.
