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## Important graduate studies information for programs and units

### 2021-2022 Graduate Student Tuition Offset

As you may recall from the last term, a tuition offset was applied to continuing international graduate students' tuition accounts to offset the increase to the international differential. These offsets are available to students who began their program in the 2020-2021 academic year or earlier.

The graduate student tuition offset will once again be applied to the accounts of eligible continuing graduate students. However, with the recently announced updates to the add/drop deadline, the offset timeline has changed slightly. The offset will now be applied to students' accounts no later than January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. All students currently eligible for the offset were notified on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) and Master of Sustainability (MSEM/MSs) programs will offer offsets for continuing domestic and international graduate students. These offsets will be in place for the 2021-2022 academic year only. Further offset details are available [here](#).

### Important Upcoming Awards & Scholarships Deadlines

[Dean's scholarship Round 2](#)

Monday, January 31, 2022

[Wanda Young Scholarship in Doctoral Studies](#) Monday, January 31, 2022

[Canadian Federation of University Women](#) Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Mackenzie King [Open & Travel](#) Scholarships Tuesday, February 1, 2022

[Walter Sumner Memorial Foundation](#) Tuesday, February 1, 2022

[Indigenous Graduate Leadership Award](#) Monday, February 7, 2022

[Robson Bursary for Graduate Students](#) Monday, February 7, 2022

### **Admissions Blackouts**

As a follow-up to recent conversations at both Grad Admin Forum and Grad Chair Forum, CGPS will be implementing a pilot admissions blackout period beginning in the Spring 2022 term. What this means is that for the 15 days leading up to the start of a term, we will only be processing admissions for students who are either current USask students or already located near Saskatoon and who have applied to begin in that term. For example, units must recommend all international students prior to April 15 for a spring term start, prior to August 15 for a fall term start and prior to December 10 for a winter term start. If a student is recommended after those dates, we will work with the unit to determine a subsequent start term that is convenient for the program/supervisor and student.

Please note that even if we receive a recommendation to admit an international student before the blackout period unless the student is already in Canada, it is unlikely that they will have time to submit their study permit application and receive their permit prior to the start of term. You can check the Government of Canada study permit processing times [here](#). All study permit-related questions can be directed to [ISSAC](#).

### **Reminder Regarding Application Fee Refunds**

The GS application fee is non-refundable. However, there are a few specific situations where a refund will be considered, including:

1. If a program pauses applications after the student has submitted their application and paid the fee or if an application is not correctly closed in the RMS Recruit system on the particular application deadline;
2. If an internal administrative error negatively impacts the applicant; or

3. If a program was incorrectly advertised/misrepresented on our website.

We will still make every attempt to transfer a student's application fee to an alternate graduate program as far as is reasonably possible in situations where the student applied to the wrong program.

If you believe an applicant is eligible for a refund or if an applicant to your program wishes to have their application transferred to another graduate program, please reach out to your program advisor before contacting the applicant.

**Updates to Program Pages on grad.usask.ca**

Working with our colleagues in TLSE we have begun our annual review of grad.usask.ca. This review includes a chance for units to request updates to the content on individual program pages. Graduate Program Administrators and Chairs received an email from Marc Usunier last week with further details and timelines. The deadline to request updates is Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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