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## Important graduate studies information for programs and units

### Credential Evaluation Update

We continue to work with the CE Team to enhance and improve the credential evaluation process. As part of this work, they are preparing new international calculators but have also noticed an increase in evaluation requests for domestic transcripts. As such, they are planning to develop some additional domestic calculators for institutions that graduate units are finding particularly problematic/confusing. If there are specific domestic institutions for which you would find a calculator useful for calculating entrance GPAs, please send the name of the institution (and a copy of a transcript if possible) to [marc.usunier@usask.ca](mailto:marc.usunier@usask.ca). Marc will collect this information and share with the CE team.

Please note that due to summer vacation there will be no CE coverage between July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>.

### RMS Recruit Q & A Session

If you are new to Recruit or interested in asking a few specific questions based on your experience working with the system, the Q&A sessions hosted by SIS and CGPS recordings are available within Canvas.

## **International admission offers and requests for unconditional letters**

We've been receiving an unusually high number of requests to reissue unconditional offer letters after an applicant satisfies all conditions listed in their offer letter. As a result of this increase, we've been working with our colleagues in ISSAC to track and better understand why we are receiving these requests. ISSAC has been meeting with each admitted student to get a better understanding of their request. Based on the individuals they have met with thus far, all requests are coming from admitted students who are working with agents that are following outdated guidelines - the 2018 paper study permit application process. However, paper applications are no longer accepted by IRCC and the process has changed. All study permit applicants must apply online. ISSAC continues to provide updated information to these applicants and assist them through the process.

Based on ISSAC's knowledge and experience, international students can apply for study permits with both conditional and unconditional offers, although conditional offers are far more common. Study permit application reviews involve more than just the offer letter. The onus is on the applicant to prove they meet the requirements set by the IRCC for a successful study permit application, which also includes proof of funds and identity, criminal and medical checks, travel history, examples of social and economic ties to home country, etc.

Please continue to direct all study permit related questions to [international.students@usask.ca](mailto:international.students@usask.ca).

## **Registration in MSTA 001 Courses**

As a follow up to a discussion at the recent Graduate Administrator Forum we've reached out to Student Central to confirm the process when a student needs to be registered in an MSTA 001 prior to the add/drop deadline. In these cases, this request should be sent by the department/unit/program to Student Central via email. The 'Request a Class Override' Jira form should only be used when a student needs to register in an MSTA 001 course after the add/drop deadline.

## **2022-2023 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships Competition**

Launched by the Vanier-Banting Secretariat, this program offers funding for individuals with PhD, PhD-equivalent or health professional degree completion between September 15, 2019 and September 30, 2023 (inclusive) and is open to both Canadian and international researchers. The Banting PDF competition is highly competitive and includes a rigorous internal review and selection process.

Important dates:

- June 15, 2022 – USask Notification of Intent (NOI) package deadline
- July 25, 2022 – Full Draft Application deadline (for applicants selected at the NOI stage)
- September 21, 2022 – Final submission to Banting (must be endorsed by USask)

[Find competition details here.](#)

### **Scholarship Competition - Spring/Summer Term Deadlines**

August 1, 2022

[English as a Second Language \(ESL\) Bursary – Fall 2022](#)

[John Spencer Middleton & Jack Spencer Gordon Middleton Graduate Bursary](#)

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