UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



The University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association Commons is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. The Graduate Students' Association is committed to creating a learning environment that welcomes and supports First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students. We pay our respects to the ancestors of this land and reaffirm our relationships with one another.

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GSA Mission Statement:

The mission of the Graduate Students' Association is to:

- Be the recognized representative body for its Members to the University administration, its faculty, staff, and the external community;
- Ensure its Members have access to quality resources and services that support their academic success;
- Advocate for the unique needs and concerns of its Members; and,
- Build a cohesive community among its Members.

OFFICE LOCATION:

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday September 1 – April 30: 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM May 1 – August 31, December 15 – 23 and during Reading Weeks: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Closed on all statutory holidays

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MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE GSA PRESIDENT

Dear Graduate Students,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all of you to the University of Saskatchewan (UofS) on behalf of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). I am very proud of your decision to pursue graduate-level study at the UofS, which is known as one of the most research-intensive universities in Canada. The GSA Executives are excited to support you this academic year and are looking forward to working together with you.

The GSA represents graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan and advocates on your behalf. The GSA also provides students with various services to assist you on your

journey through graduate school. We are available to support you and are putting in every effort to provide students with the resources they need. We are here to listen and advocate on your behalf to ensure that you have a smooth year ahead.

The GSA also organizes various events throughout the academic year where students have the opportunity to socialize and gain skills to enhance their academic and professional abilities. Although many of these events will be organized virtually this academic year due to COVID-19, we are confident that one day we will be able to return to in-person activity and organize these events at the GSA Commons building.

The GSA Commons is a place for you to attend social activities, hang out with friends, speak with your Executives, or use the space as a study area. However, due to the ongoing pandemic, we are working remotely and trying our best to provide services to students virtually. Should we be provided the opportunity to re-open the GSA Commons, with approval from the university, we would be happy to welcome you back in-person. At present, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email or through our social media accounts.

I wish you all the best in the upcoming academic year and look forward to working with you.

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Rifat Zahan PRESIDENT Graduate Students' Association University of Saskatchewan gsa.pres@usask.ca



MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE DEAN, COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

Welcome to the University of Saskatchewan, largest research-intensive the postsecondary institution in the province. I firmly believe graduate education is a key ingredient to solve the world's problems. I am awed by the sheer volume of discoveries, community-engaged projects and accomplishments of our students and alumni. Established in 1946, the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS) is a strong network of faculty and staff members that work hard to support you from admission to convocation.

As we emerge from the pandemic, our attention turns to opportunities for flexibility and innovation to build a better tomorrow. This year CGPS is tackling a big rethink on graduate funding and scholarships, developing the role of CGPS in decolonization and anti-racism and we will support units to develop new and exciting programs including certificates and micro-credentials. I encourage you to get involved at the departmental, college or university level and bring your student voice to the table.

I am grateful to be able to collaborate with the 2021/22 GSA Executive in their efforts to provide mental health supports for students. I encourage you to take advantage of the many co-curricular opportunities that USask offers that will contribute to your individual learning plan and future marketability – from writing workshops, training for teaching, equity & diversity discovery (including the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation online course, among others. And, remember it is important to take time for yourself – body and mind; to get involved in social, athletic, recreational or cultural activities on or off-campus.

Imagine the possibilities! Have a great year,

Debby Burshtyn, Ph.D. DEAN, COLLEGE OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES University of Saskatchewan



MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

I want to welcome you as you begin, or continue, your academic journey with the University of Saskatchewan (USask). To be sure, it will be a challenging year in these unprecedented times, but I know it will also be rewarding.

Like every university community in the world, we are constantly adjusting to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to make significant changes to our operations to help keep us all safe during this time. The spread of coronavirus has again reminded us how we are all connected globally, and how critical the role research-intensive universities like USask play in confronting humanity's greatest challenges.

As graduate students, you will truly have a chance to make a difference. Your contributions are a key component of USask's connection to the community and to the advancement of research, scholarly and artistic work, as we continue to be the university the world needs. From serving as mentors to undergraduate students, to your work in research studies, you will have the opportunity to be fully engaged as global citizens.

In the 2021/22 academic year, USask graduate students will play a key role in the success of the institution, as we unleash discovery and seek solutions to the world's most pressing problems. We appreciate and thank you for your contributions to our campus community and beyond.

At USask, one of Canada's U15 research-intensive universities, you have access to a wide range of academic programs and a full complement of supports, not to mention some of the most advanced research facilities in Canada, including the Canadian Light Source synchrotron, the Saskatchewan Centre for Cyclotron Sciences, and VIDO, one of the most advanced Level 3 containment and vaccine development centres in the world. With the spread of COVID-19, the work undertaken at VIDO has never been more important.

In all fields of study, you will learn from some of the brightest minds and most innovative researchers in the country, addressing provincial, national and global issues.

As we all know, the world faces enormous challenges, from COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, to climate change, food and water security and sustainability, health and wellness, and the new reality of disruptive technologies. Your curiosity and creativity is needed now more than ever to push the boundaries of knowledge and discovery. I have confidence that each of you will do great things and help USask be the university the world needs.

Peter Stoicheff PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR University of Saskatchewan



MESSAGE OF WELCOME FROM HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR OF SASKATOON, CHARLIE CLARK

As the Mayor of the City of Saskatoon, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to our community, located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis.

University of Saskatchewan Graduate students from around Saskatchewan and around the world have made so many contributions, over many generations, to help Saskatoon become the city we are today. We are becoming an increasingly global city, and it is very important to me that anyone moving here for school finds this to be a great second home, and finds a sense of belonging on campus, in our neighbourhoods, and in the community as a whole.

Saskatoon is so fortunate to be home to the U of S—an institution deeply entwined with our community in addressing both pressing global concerns and issues here at home. Students are part of the important research projects and involvement that are bringing our city into the future. VIDO is one example, leading the way in domestic vaccine research and well on their way to becoming Canada's Center for Pandemic Research.

For those of you who are new to our community, I hope that you can enjoy all of what Saskatoon has to offer. The last year has been full of adjustment with courses mainly online and restrictions impacting the way we are able to enjoy our great city. However, there is hope on the horizon as we look to return to more normalized ways of life.

We are home to a thriving arts and culture community with festivals and events throughout the year. Visit our museums and galleries and enjoy our diverse food and pub scene. We also have the beautiful Meewasin River Valley running through the heart of our community, giving residents and visitors access to the natural beauty in our city.

I wish you all the best in your classes and your research, and I hope that you have a wonderful year ahead as we look to start getting back into the classrooms and labs in the months ahead.

Charlie Clark MAYOR City of Saskatoon



DON'T LET IMPAIRED FRIENDS DRIVE.

GSA GOVERNING STRUCTURE

MEMBERSHIP

All graduate students are members of the GSA and thus have the right to vote in elections, referenda and at general meetings. The general membership is the highest decision-making body of the GSA. General meetings provide all graduate students with an opportunity to shape the Policies and Bylaws of the GSA. Graduate students are also entitled to seek positions on all committees of the GSA and some University committees, as graduate student representatives.

GSA COUNCIL

Academic Units with Course Councils nominate Council members to sit on the GSA Council. The Council provides direction to the Executive members on the general activities of the GSA. The Council meets at least once per month in the months of September to April, and bimonthly in the months of May to August. Councilors liaise between Executive members and graduate students within their departments. The responsibilities of the Councilors include: attending monthly GSA Council meetings; informing graduate students in their own department about the activities of the GSA Executive; and advising and giving direction to the Executive on the concerns, issues and needs of graduate students.

GSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The GSA Executive Committee is elected and accountable to the general membership and acts under the direction of the GSA Council. Any currently enrolled graduate student, with the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, is eligible for nomination to the Executive. The Executive members are the official representative voices for graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan.



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GSA GOVERNING STRUCTURE

PRESIDENT

The President is accountable for the actions and guidance of the GSA. This person is the official Public Relations Officer for the organization and acts as a liaison between graduate students and the University community. The President is also responsible for coordinating lobbying activities at the local, provincial and national level.

VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

The Vice-President Finance and Operations oversees the GSA's finances and internal operations. This includes maintaining financial records, monitoring income and expenditures, and working closely with the GSA Office Manager to coordinate the operations of the GSA Commons.

VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Vice-President External Affairs acts as a liaison officer between the GSA Executive and the Canadian Federation of Students, including its sub-bodies such as the National Graduate Caucus, and ThinkGRAD. This position is also accountable for liaising between other national and international student unions and associations and implementing any campaigns. The Vice-President External Affairs is also responsible for organizing the Annual Awards Gala.

VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs is the official GSA advocate on academic and non-academic issues and is responsible for liaising between the GSA Executive and GSA Council. Students who have concerns related to their nonacademic life at the University, for example working conditions or discrimination and harassment, should contact the Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs.

VICE-PRESIDENT INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

The Vice-President Indigenous Engagement shall work to provide transformational, and inspirational, visionary leadership towards the Indigenization of the Association and create experiential and educational opportunities for graduate students to learn about and understand Indigenous cultures and ways of knowing.

GSA SERVICES

ADVOCACY

The GSA provides advocacy: personal support and advising for individual grievances, and lobbies at the departmental, institutional, provincial and national levels. Students, who are experiencing grievances in their program, either at the departmental level or college level, have the right to have an advocate accompany them at any stage of the grievance. Students who have concerns about their academic program should contact the President or Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs. Students who are experiencing nonacademic grievances should contact the President or Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs. Graduate student workers (for example, research assistants and teaching assistants) can refer their concerns to the Union of Graduate and Postdoctoral Workers (PSAC Local 40004). All inquiries will be kept strictly confidential. For assistance or to learn more about the advocacy services the GSA provides, please contact your GSA Executive

BURSARIES

The GSA Bursary Fund was established to provide support for graduate students in financial need. Bursary selection occurs three times per year; October, February and June. All bursary awards are determined by the Bursary Selection Committee and application forms are kept confidential. Applications are available online at the GSA website.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The GSA hosts several social events throughout the year including the Annual GSA Orientation / Welcome Back Social in September. Throughout the year, look for announcements on the GSA social media sites and via emails on upcoming socials. The GSA Executive Committee is always looking for ideas, so if you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in planning events and would like to volunteer, please contact the Vice-President Academic and Student Affairs.

CAMPUS REC/GSA Guppies

The GSA values the importance of physical activity for our members. We sponsor recreational teams for graduate students to participate in the spring / summer term, the fall term and the winter term. If you enjoy socializing and meeting new people, while being physically active, then the GSA Guppies is the perfect experience for you. Check out our social media posts and your email regarding registration. For more information, contact the Vice-President External Affairs.

HEALTH CHAT

The GSA holds several health chat sessions throughout the year. The sessions are normally one (1) hour in length and attempt to cover activities that introduce strategies for mental, physical and emotional well-being. These can range from laughter therapy, art therapy, to Zumba sessions. They are at no-cost to graduate students. Check out our social media posts and your email for these sessions! For more information, contact the Vice-President External Affairs.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD (ISIC)

The ISIC is an internationally recognized proof of full-time student status and is a student discount card used in more than 70 countries, including Canada. The card provides many benefits, including student discounts on air travel purchased through

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Travel CUTS, a 35% discount on VIA Rail travel and a 25% discount on Greyhound bus trips. As well, reduced rates can be obtained for accommodations, admission historical sites. museums to and entertainment attractions. If you are a fulltime graduate student at the University of Saskatchewan, you are eligible for a free ISIC card through membership with the Canadian Federation of Students. Please visit the GSA website for more information.

GSA UNIVERSAL BUS PASS (UPASS)

UPASS offers student's huge savings for transportation on Saskatoon Transit. The UPASS is mandatory for full time graduate students at the University. The benefits to having the UPASS include;

- •You pay less per month than the adult bus pass offered by Saskatoon Transit.
- •Taking the bus reduces your carbon footprint and helps reduce pollution in general.
- •Increased use of transit can reduce traffic on campus and in surrounding areas making them friendlier to pedestrians and cyclists.
- •Transit provides access to most areas of the city, mitigating the need for cash-strapped students to own cars.
- •You don't have to pay for expensive parking on campus.

The UPASS is offered for:

- •Term 1: September 1—December 31
- •Term 2: January 1—April 30

To claim your UPASS sticker, please visit the USSU Information Centre in Upper Place Riel. Ensure that you have already registered for your courses and that you have your student ID. For more information on opt-outs and important dates, please visit the GSA website. If you have any questions, please email the GSA Office Manager.

UFILE

FREE online tax preparation and filing for all Canadian post-secondary students.

To be eligible for this special offer...

You must be a resident of Canada, have paid tuition fees and have attended school for at least one month during the year. You must also be designated as the FAMILY HEAD (the primary member of the family) for purposes of your tax file in UFile.ca.

To take advantage of this offer...

- 1. Sign in to a new or existing UFile.ca account for the current tax year.
- 2. Enter your tuition fees and months at school and click NEXT.
- 3. Locate the "Special offer" form in UFile's left hand navigation. (You may need to scroll down the screen.)
- 4. Enter the following Canadian Federation of Students "Free for Students" special offer code: CFS1981
- 5. Click NEXT.
- Enter the rest of your tax information and then you can print or NETFILE your return whenever you are ready — free of charge!

In the month of April, the GSA offers a free tax clinic. Stay tuned for more information! If you have any questions, please email the Vice-President Finance and Operations.

NOTARY SERVICES

A Notary Public is an official of integrity appointed by the Minister of Justice, to serve the public as an impartial witness in performing a variety of official frauddeterrent acts related to the signing of important documents.

A Notary's duty is to screen the signers of

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important documents for their true identity, their willingness to sign without duress or intimidation and their awareness of the contents of the document or transaction. Some notarizations also require the Notary to put the signer under an oath, declaring that the information contained in a document is true and correct.

Notary Services is available by appointment only. Please contact the GSA Office Manager to book your appointment. Notary services are at no cost to GSA members and are available at \$5.00/page fee for other students, faculty and non-members. Appointments will vary in length depending on each individual request for service.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE FOR CONFERENCES

The purpose of the University of Saskatchewan Travel Award is to provide financial assistance to full-time undergraduate and graduate students who are participating in a conference, competition or extra-curricular (not for credit) activities off-campus in Canada or abroad. Please note that if you are planning to participate in an academic study abroad program, you should submit an application for the Global Engagement Scholarship instead.

Applications must be submitted no later than one month before the start date of the planned activity. Due to a high number of applicants, all applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only complete applications will be accepted. Students are eligible to receive one Student Travel Award every 12 months. Please read the Terms and Conditions in the application portal for more information. Please visit https://students.usask. ca/academics/study-abroad/awards. php#USaskStudentTravelAward for more information.

CRISIS FINANCIAL AID

Crisis financial aid, including crisis loans and grants, is designed to help students through an unexpected, temporary financial crisis. By definition, a student's experiences are considered unexpected if he or she did not know that the situation was coming and could not have planned for it.

In the case of a loan, students must have a plan as to how the loan will be repaid. To be eligible for a crisis loan, a student must:

- be a registered student at the University of Saskatchewan
- have an academic record sufficient to suggest promotion eligibility
- demonstrate that financial resources are becoming available in order to ensure that the loan will be repaid
- have used all available assets and resources to support their education prior to application for a crisis loan

Crisis loans are not intended to cover overdue fees and debts from other University departments (e.g., tuition, student fees, residence fees, library fines, etc.). WWW.USASK.CA/CGPS/ONBOARDING

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GSA HEALTH & DENTAL PLAN

WHAT IS IT?

To help University of Saskatchewan graduate students pay for the health services they need, the GSA has partnered with Studentcare in order to provide students with extended health and dental coverage. The Plan is designed specifically for students to cover many services not covered by Saskatchewan Health and other basic health-care programs.

WHO IS COVERED?

All graduate students registered fulltime in Term 1 who are GSA members, including international students, are automatically enrolled in the GSA Health & Dental Plan.

WHO IS NOT COVERED?

These graduate students are not automatically covered, but can enroll themselves during the appropriate Change-of-Coverage Period:

- Part-time, off-campus and maintenance of status students, who are also GSA members.
- •New winter term or spring/summer term graduate students, who are also GSA members.

These individuals, upon payment of GSA Membership Fees, can enroll themselves during the appropriate Change-of-Coverage Period:

•They are a postdoctoral fellow at the University, or a registered graduate student in any of the University's Federated or Affiliated Colleges.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The total cost of the Plan is **\$459.03** for students starting in September (**\$222.51 for health coverage and \$236.52** for dental coverage). The policy year is from Sept. 1, 2021 – Aug. 31, 2022 The cost of the Plan is automatically included in your tuition and other fees.

CAN I CHANGE MY COVERAGE?

If you are covered by another extended health and/or dental plan (e.g. a parent's or spouse's employee plan), you can combine both plans to maximize your overall coverage and reduce or eliminate out-of-pocket costs.

Alternatively, if you have other equivalent coverage, you can opt out of the GSA Health portion, the Dental portion, or the GSA Plan in its entirety during the Change-of-Coverage Period from **Sept. 3rd– 30th, 2021.** You will receive a credit to your student account for the Plan.

If you are eligible, the Change-of-Coverage Period is also when you can enroll yourself and your spouse and/or dependent children in the Plan. Only new Term 2 students starting in January can enroll themselves and their spouse and/ or dependent children between Jan. 3rd – 18 th, 2022 for coverage from Jan. 1 – Aug. 31, 2022. If you start school in May, you can enroll yourself and your spouse and/or dependent children in the Plan from May 9th – 23rd, 2022 for coverage from May 1 – Aug. 31, 2022.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Information is available online at www.studentcare.ca or by calling the Studentcare Member Services Centre at 1 877 795-4428, Mon. – Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm. You can also stop by the Health & Dental Plan Office in Room 121, Main Level, and Place Riel Student Centre.

GSA Health & Dental Plan*



Make the most out of it

The Plan is designed to fill the gaps in provincial health care.

Who's automatically covered?

Full-time graduate students in the Fall Term who are GSA members including eligible international students

Change-of-Coverage Period

Fall Term (enrolments and opt outs): Sept. 1 - 30, 2021

Winter Term (enrolments for new students only): Jan. 3 - 18, 2022

Spring Term (enrolments for new students only): May 9 - 23, 2022

Follow the instructions at www.studentcare.ca.

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- Massage Therapy
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For complete coverage details and eligibility, visit www.studentcare.ca.

Please note that at the time of printing, benefits and dates for 2021-2022 were still subject to change. For complete details, visit www.studentcare.ca in August.



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GWENNA MOSS CENTRE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Gwenna Moss Centre is committed to supporting and improving teaching and learning at the University of Saskatchewan. We have a variety of programming and resources to help faculty, instructors and grad students. The Gwenna Moss Centre supports teaching and learning through a variety of events, workshops, and ongoing programs. Much of our programming is customized to the academic unit we work with.

Our mission is to support the achievement of the University's Learning Charter and our mandate by:

- Responding to needs and opportunities with our institutional and community partners
- Ensuring effectiveness in our programs and services
- Being strategic in our priorities
- Inspiring and enabling indigenization and inclusivity across the University Modeling

our values and the practices we promote

• Supporting professional learning and development

Our mandate is:

- Supporting instructors in the continuous development of scholarly (discoveryled), inclusive, teaching and learning practices.
- Supporting the provision and use of learning technology to achieve local and institutional aspirations in teaching and learning.
- Facilitating curriculum development and renewal at the course and program level including implementation of high impact practices.
- Providing opportunity for personal and professional learning for groups of faculty, graduate students and staff.
- Contributing to the creation of an environment that fosters professional learning and continuous enhancement of teaching and learning.



BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

TEACHING COURSES

GPS 989: Intro to University Teaching - For graduate students preparing to teach.

GPS 982: Mentored Teaching

PhD students who have received a Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Fellowship from CGPS.

GPS 986: Teaching Preparation Certificate

For students already completed GPS 989 or 982, or have prior teaching experience.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS COURSES

GPS 984: Thinking Critically -Interactive multidisciplinary course; required for GPS 974 GPS 974: Graduate Professional Skills Certificate -Create goals and document your professional growth as you work to meet them.

TA SUCCESS SERIES AND DAY(S)

Sessions are focused on developing specific skills and knowledge relevant to those in Teaching Assistant (TA) roles.

Instructional Preparation Certificate

Competency-based teaching certification for graduate students.

The Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning (GMCTL) offers courses and many one-off workshops to graduate students. Learn more by visiting our website listed in Events and Workshops or by email request.

GMCTL@USASK.CA

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STUDENT CENTRAL

Student Central provides undergraduate and graduate students with centralized assistance with finances, registration and academic life. Student Central Officers:

- troubleshoot registration problems
- process late registrations, audit registrations and section changes
- help students navigate PAWS
- provide information on scholarships, bursaries and other financial information
- provide confirmation of enrolment for federal and provincial student loans
- provide assistance and information about crisis financial aid and financial appeals
- provide information about exams, transcripts and convocation

Staff can also help complete Canada Pension Plan forms, provide information on student records to third parties with appropriate authorization and assist with legal name changes. In addition to these direct services, Student Central Officers are information specialists who guide students to campus-wide services and resources.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND STUDY ABROAD CENTRE

The International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC) is a resource and campus partner for all students, staff, and faculty. ISSAC is dedicated to fostering a welcoming, globally aware and engaged campus community.

Through ISSAC's various programs and services, the Centre is a place where international students:

- •receive support to transition into student life in Canada or abroad, including immigration information
- •get involved in intercultural events and activities
- make friends from around the world

ISSAC is located in Room 80, Lower Place Riel. International students are encouraged to use services, programs and activities offered by ISSAC.

ACCESS AND EQUITY SERVICES

AES is guided by Saskatchewan's Human Rights legislation and the duty to accommodate individuals requiring accommodations based on disability, religion, family status and gender identity. We encourage you to register with Access and Equity Services as early as possible if you identify with one or more of the following broad categories:

- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Brain Injury or Concussion
- Chronic Health Issues (Bowel Diseases Epilepsy, Migraines)
- Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health (Anxiety, Depression, Schizophrenia, Eating Disorders)
- Mobility / Functional Issues
- Low Vision / Legally Blind
- Temporary Issues (Broken limbs)

In order to register with AES as a student with a disability you must have a Medicalbased or Learning Disability. By law, AES defines disability according to Section 2(1) (d.1) of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code:

- Medical-based Disabilities any degree of physical disability, mental disorder(s), infirmity, malformation or disfigurement.
- Learning Disabilities: any intellectual disability or impairment, learning disability or a dysfunction in one or more of the processes involved in the comprehension or use of symbols or spoken language (this does not include struggling with English as a second language).

If you require accommodation based on your religion, family status (including pregnancy) or gender identity, please

contact aes@usask.ca or phone 306-966-7273. By law, AES defines, prohibited grounds' according to Section 2(1) (m.01) of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code.

Access to most services and programs provided by AES is restricted to students who have registered with a disability with the office. Services include:

- Exam/Academic Accommodations
- Notetaking
- Alternate Format Textbook
- Classroom Changes
- Assistive Technology
- Definitions of Accommodation

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER CENTRE

The SECC contributes to student success by empowering students/alumni with the necessary tools, resources and supports to make a successful transition from education to career.

The SECC can help you:

- search and apply for jobs,
- create and refine your resume, cover letter, CV, or LinkedIn profile,
- prepare for interviews,
- meet with employers at career fairs and networking events,
- learn about internships, co-ops and opportunities to gain experience,
- take a career assessment to help you explore career possibilities and,
- access career coaching to discuss your career goals and develop an action plan.

G50 Lower Marquis Hall 306-966-5003 secc@usask.ca www.usask.ca/secc

It's never too early or too late to start preparing for your career, and Career Services can help!

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STUDENT WELLNESS CENTRE

The Student Wellness Centre offers urgent and non-urgent physical and mental health care to U of S students and their spouses and children.

The following services are provided by family physicians, medical specialists, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, nurses, social workers, and a dietitian:

- Doctor and nurse appointments
- •Mental health assessment, consulting and counselling
- •Nutritional counselling
- •Sexual health care including contraception counselling and STI prevention, testing and treatment
- Physiotherapy
- Massage therapy
- •Chiropractic care

Some of the following services are also available but may have restrictions or associated fees:

• Chiropractic, physical therapy, and massage therapy services

These services are not free but fees are partially covered by USSU/GSA student health and dental plans and most personal health plans.

The center also educates the campus community on a variety of wellness topics.

- Mindfulness meditation classes- drop in sessions every Monday 3:30-4:30, STM Chapel
- •Volunteering opportunities as a Peer Health Mentor
- •Health initiatives and events around campus
- •Online resources

Self-care, social support, online mental health resources and mindfulness meditation are effective tools to help students cope with the demands of university.

LANGUAGE CENTRE

Since 1980, we have offered English language programs for both students who wish to study at the U of S and the broader community. If you wish to attend the University of Saskatchewan, but don't meet the minimum language requirements, we offer full-time programs to prepare you for university studies. You can still receive conditional admission to your university program of choice while you attend the Language Centre.

ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' CENTRE

The Aboriginal Students' Centre is dedicated to supporting the academic and personal success of Métis, First Nations and Inuit students. The Centre offers personal, social, cultural and academic support through programs, services and events held throughout the academic year.

USSU PRIDE CENTRE

The USSU Pride Centre is a welcoming, vivacious, and celebratory campus community. We provide a friendly environment with a diverse group of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The Pride Centre seeks to work with people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in an open and progressive environment that advocates, celebrates and affirms sexual and gender diversity.

The USSU Pride Centre is located in room 104, Memorial Union Building.

USSU WOMEN'S CENTRE

The Women's Centre is a safe, dynamic, comfortable, positive space to organize around feminism and activism. It serves as a resource and information centre, with

a large library of feminist titles. There's a lounge to hang out in and meet likeminded people. It is a place of inspiration, enlightenment, and encouragement. We are a pro-choice organization and recognize the strengths of the diverse and vibrant community at the U of S and Saskatoon.

The USSU Women's Centre takes a vibrant and proactive approach to educating and informing the campus community about issues affecting women. We strive to provide a safe and positive environment to promote equality while recognizing and celebrating differences within our diverse and dynamic community.

The Women's Centre is located in room 103, Memorial Union Building.

USSU FOOD CENTRE

The USSU Food Centre was established in 2003 by the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union, in conjunction with the Saskatoon Food Bank in response to hunger on campus. Student hunger has become more prevalent because of increased tuition and limited student funding.

Students holding a valid Saskatchewan Health Card and Student ID, both undergraduate and graduate, can request an emergency food hamper at the Food Centre located in the USSU Main Office, in the Place Riel Student Centre.

SAFEWALK

Safewalk is a joint initiative of Student Affairs and Services and the USSU. People can receive an escort to and from their car or place of residence in close proximity to campus. Walkers are equipped with twoway radios, safety vests, identifying jackets, and flashlights.

The Safewalk program is not a reaction to crime, it is a proactive way for students,

staff, and faculty to prevent crime. We are lucky to be on one of the safest campuses in Canada. However, like any area of the City of Saskatoon, the campus community is susceptible to some crime. Safewalk provides security in numbers, and through their patrols, the volunteers also act as an extra set of eyes and ears for Protective Services.

On average, Safewalk provides approximately 300 walks per year to U of S staff, students and visitors. Safewalk has approximately 35 volunteers each year. All volunteers are given police background checks and must pass through an interview process.

For more information on this service please contact the **Safewalk coordinator at 306-966-8038, or the USSU at 306-966-6960.**

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

UNIONS

The University Library is here to meet graduate students' research and learning needs. Visit one of our seven branches: Education & Music, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Murray (Humanities & Social Sciences), Science, or Veterinary Medicine.

RESEARCH + EXPLORE

- Explore our rich digital and print collections, journal article databases, and specialized collections and services (Data and GIS, Government Publications and Special Collections & Archives)
- Connect with a librarian for research consultation or access our point-of need assistance at any branch library. Help is also available online through the AskUs service.
- •Whether you are looking for active common areas, group study rooms for collaboration or quiet spaces for study and reflection, there are library spaces within the branches to help you focus on your research.

LEARNING + SUPPORT

- •The Peer Assisted Learning program offers Grad Help workshops delivered by graduate student peer mentors.
- The Writing Help Centre in the Murray Library offers free workshops, drop-in tutoring, and online tutoring. Online tutoring involves more in-depth consultations and better discipline-specific help. Read more about these services and find graduate student-specific resources at libguides.usask.ca/writing-help/graduate.
- The Math and Stats Help Centre at the Murray Library offers guidance and assistance to graduate students, determined by the level and focus of your mathematical and statistical topics. Please visit our website for more information on graduate support.
- The Library Researcher Series is a drop-in workshop series on interdisciplinary topics of relevance to the research of graduate students.

library.usask.ca studentlearning.usask.ca library.usask.ca/research.php

CAN I JOIN A UNION?

The Saskatchewan Employment Act protects your right to join and to organize a union--whether you are a Canadian resident or an international student. Working students often need unions to protect their rights and to win better working conditions. Unions also protect workers from harassment and discrimination in the workplace. Unions give workers a collective voice with which to deal with employers and the provisions of a contract. Unions give workers access to due process and to rights in the workplace making it a more democratic setting. If you are harassed or intimidated because you support a union, contact the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board right away. Employers are also not allowed to try and interfere in the union. You can download the Saskatchewan Employment Act from www.publications.gov. sk.ca. You can find out more about the Labour Relations Board at:

www.sasklabourrelationsboard.com

UNION OF GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL WORKERS

The Union of Graduate and Postdoctoral Workers is a Local of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, a national union with a membership of over 180 000, 30 000 of which are University sector workers from campuses across the country. UGPW is the exclusive bargaining agent for Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, Student Assistants and Post-doctorate Workers at the University of Saskatchewan.

To get involved in your union, or if you have any questions regarding the Collective Agreement, Human Rights, Occupational Health and Safety, or general workplace fairness, please contact the Local. We are on Facebook, and our email address is psac40004@gmail.com. If you would like to meet with a representative in person, we are located in Room 131 of McLean Hall. All conversations will remain confidential.



Q: Are you a Teaching Assistant , Research Assistant, Student Assistant, PostDoctoral Fellow or Research Associate?

If so, you are a member of a UNION!

PSAC Local 40004 represents **Graduate Student Workers**, **Post-Doctoral Fellows** and **Research Associates** at the University of Saskatchewan. Our members have used their collective power to successfully bargain for binding contracts with your employer that outline your rights and benefits in the workplace.

Do you have questions about your **working conditions**? Do you have concerns about your **occupational health and safety** at work? Are you interested in attending union training and taking part in conferences and conventions within our national union and the greater labour movement?

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Mitacs was founded in 1999 as a Canadian Network of Centres of Excellence, dedicated to supporting applied and industrial research in mathematical sciences and associated disciplines. In 2003, Mitacs launched a research internship program designed to increase deployment of highly educated graduates into the private sector. Open to all disciplines since 2007, Mitacs has expanded in response to industrial and university needs, including programs in R&D management, professional skills development, and international research training. Fully independent since 2011, Mitacs remains committed to its core vision of supporting research-based innovation and continues to work closely with its partners in industry, academia, and government.

From aerospace systems to childhood literacy rates, Mitacs-funded research helps to strengthen connections, improve economic performance, and create jobs. Over the past 18 years, Mitacs has supported more than 20,000 research internships, trained more than 33,000 student and postdoc careerskills participants, and supported more than 3,600 international research collaborations.

Mitacs has 25 offices across Canada, a robust leadership team, and a coastto-coast business development team dedicated to building and supporting new partnerships.

There are many different programs:

- •Accelerate: Put your talent to work with a paid internship at an organization that needs your expertise. Funding starts at \$15,000, and your partner organization's financial contribution starts at \$7,500.
- Globalink: Take your research abroad with Mitacs Globalink. Globalink offers travel funding between Canada and several international partners.
- Elevate: Build your career through this competitive annual fellowship for up to two years. Elevate includes a research management training program and a postdoctoral fellowship. Your partner organization's financial contribution starts at \$30,000.
- Canadian Science Policy Fellowship: Form mutually beneficial relationships between government decision makers and academic researchers in support of policy challenges in Canada and enhance science communication, collaboration, and policy capacity in government departments and agencies.
- •Online and in-person professional development training.

To find out more about our history, leadership, and programs, visit: https://

www.mitacs.ca/en

SERVICES IN SASKATOON

IMPORTANT SASKATOON EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies	9-1-1
Police (non-emergency)	
Fire	
Fire (non-emergency)	306-975-2520
M.D. Ambulance	306-975-8800
RCMP (rural)	306-310-7267
Poison Control	
SaskPower (24 hr.)	306-310-2220
SaskEnergy (24 hr.)	306-975-8500
Saskatoon Light & Power	
City Yards	
Emergency Measures	
SPCA	
Safety and Property Maintenance I	
Sask. Environment Spill Report Cei	nter
	1-800-667-7525

SASKATOON HOSPITALS

Emergencies	9-1-1
Royal University Hospital	306-655-1000
103 Hospital Drive	
City Hospital	306-655-8000
701 Queen Street	
St. Paul's Hospital	06-655-5000
1702-20th Street West	
Healthline (non-emergency)	8-1-1

SASKATOON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Frances Morrison Branch	306-975-7558
311-23rd Street East	
Alice Turner Branch	306-975-8127
110 Nelson Road	
Carlyle King Branch	306-975-7592
3130 Laurier Drive	
Cliff Wright Branch	306-975-7550
1635 McKercher Drive	
Dr. Fred Ahenakew Branch	306-975-7508
100-219 Avenue K South	
J. S. Wood Branch	306-975-7590
1801 Lansdowne Avenue	
Local History	306-975-7578
311-23rd Street East	
Mayfair Branch	306-975-7591

602-33rd Street West	
Round Prairie Branch	.306-986-9700
170-250 Hunter Road	
Rusty MacDonald Branch	.306-975-7600
225 Primrose Drive	
The Gallery	306-975-7579
311-23rd Street East	

SASKATOON SHOPPING MALLS

Midtown Plaza	306-653-8844
201-1st Avenue South	
The Centre Mall	306-955-6611
3510-8th Street East	
Confederation Mall	306-382-2631
300 Confederation Drive	
Lawson Heights Mall	306-933-242
134 Primrose Drive	
Market Mall	306-374-2644
2325 Preston Avenue	

LEISURE CENTRES

Cosmo Civic Centre	306-975-3344
3130 Laurier Drive	
Terry Fox Track	306-975-3354
150 Nelson Road	
Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre	306-975-3321
1110 Idylwyld Drive	
Lakewood Civic Centre	306-975-7873
225 Primrose Drive	
Saskatoon Field House	306-975-3354
2020 College Drive	
Shaw Centre	306-975-7744
122 Bowlt Crescent	

ATTRACTIONS AND PARKS

Saskatoon Forestry Farm, Park and Zoo		
1903 Forestry Park Drive	306-975-3382	
Civic Conservatory	306-975-3300	
950 Spadina Crescent East		
Pike Lake Provincial Park	306-933-6966	
102-112 Research Drivest		
Wanuskewin Heritage Park	306-931-6767	
RR4- Penner Road		
Meewasin Valley Authority	306-665-6887	
402 3rd Avenue South		

SERVICES IN SASKATOON

OTHER SASKATOON RESOURCES

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Diefenbaker Canada Centre	306-966-8384
University of Saskatchewan	
Sasktel Centre	306-975-3155
101-3515 Thatcher Avenue	
RemaiModern	306-975-7610
102 Spadina Crescent East	
St. Thomas Art Gallery	306-652-5310
University of Saskatchewan	
Kenderdine Art Gallery	306-966-4571
University of Saskatchewan	
The Museum of Antiquities	306-966-7818
University of Saskatchewan	
Ukrainian Museum	306-244-3800
910 Spadina Crescent East	
Children's Discovery Museum	306-683-2555
Market Mall	
Western Development Museum	
2610 Lorne Avenue South	306-931-1910
Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame	
Field House	306-975-3354
Saskatchewan Railway Museum	
West on Highway 7	
Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Cent	
120-33rd Street East	306-244-1146
Royal Canadian Legion	306-374-6303
3021 Louise Street	
Museum of Natural Science	306-966-5729
University of Saskatchewan	
Musée Ukraina Museum	306-244-4212
202 Avenue M South	
The Glen Scrimshaw Gallery	306-668-2226
255-2nd Avenue North	
Saskatoon Farmer's Market	306-384-6262
2600 Koyl Avenue	
Strawberry Ranch	306-384-4842
325 Valley Road	
Berry Barn	306-978-9797
830 Valley Road	
Canadian Light Source Inc	306- 657-3500
44 Innovation Blvd	

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN SERVICES

GENERAL RESOURCES

Saskatchewan Health Card Application 1-800-667-7551 http://www.ehealthsask.ca/

Saskatchewan Driver's License https://www.sgi.sk.ca/

Graduate Retention Program http://www.saskatchewan.ca/

SCHOLARSHIP, BURSARIES, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Saskatchewan Health Bursary Program http://www.saskatchewan.ca/

Other Bursaries, Scholarships, Grants http://www.saskatchewan.ca/

Canada and Saskatchewan Student Grants http://www.saskatchewan.ca/

STUDENT JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

Student Summer Works (SSW) http://economy.gov.sk.ca/ssw

Internship and Student jobs http://www.careers.gov.sk.ca/studentjobs

GradWorks Intern Development Program http://www.gradworks.ca/

Miscellaneous information https://www.saskatchewan.ca/

COVID-19 http://www.saskatchewan.ca/

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SERVICES

FINANCIAL SERVICES

National Student Loans Services Canada (NSLSC) 1-888-815-4514 www.canlearn.ca

Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) 1-800-959-8281 www.cra-arc.gc.ca

General Inquiries 1-800-622-6232 www.canada.ca

Parliament of Canada www.parl.gc.ca

IMMIGRATION & TRAVEL

Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Phone: 1-888-242 2100 www.cic.gc.ca

Passport Canada 1-800-567-6868

Saskatoon Service Canada Centre Market Mall Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4 PM

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GSA IMPORTANT EVENTS

Fall Orientation September 2021

Halloween Social October 2021

Multicultural Night November 2021 Holiday Hangout December 2021

Winter Orientation January 2022

Graduate Student

February 2022

Research Conference

Three Minute Thesis Competition March 2022

Annual Awards Gala April 2022

INCOMING GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCE CHECKLIST

This document is intended to bring awareness of resources available to new graduate students, and to assist faculty members recruiting such individuals to the University of Saskatchewan. Please visit the GSA website (Resource Checklist) for further details.

Aboriginal Student Centre (ASC): https://students.usask.ca/ aboriginal/#Culture

Access and Equity Services (AES): students.usask.ca/health/centres/accessequity-services.php

College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS):

cgps.usask.ca/

Graduate Students' Association (GSA): gsa.usask.ca/

GSA Health & Dental Plan:

studentcare.ca/rte/en/Universityof SaskatchewangraduatestudentsGSA_Home

Gwenna Moss Centre for Teaching and Learning (GMCTL):

https://teaching.usask.ca/events/graduateteaching.php

Housing and Child Care: students.usask.ca/essentials/housing. php#Offcampussupport

Information Technology Service Catalogue:

https://servicecatalogue.usask.ca/it/index. php International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC):

students.usask.ca/international/index.php.

Physical Activity Complex (PAC): rec.usask.ca/

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC): https://usask-age.com/

Saskatchewan Health Card: skhealthcard.health.gov.sk.ca/

Student Central: students.usask.ca/student-central.php

Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC):

https://students.usask.ca/jobs/centres/secc. php#Services

Student Learning Services: https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/

Student Wellness Centre: students.usask.ca/health/centres/wellnesscentre.php

Student Supervisor Agreement: students.usask.ca/documents/graduate/ student-supervisor-agreement.pdf

University Library: library.usask.ca/

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