



GSA Newsletter July 2025

Win a gift card: 2-minute survey about GSA events

What kind of events are you interested in seeing at GSA? Share your opinion and be entered into a drawing for one of five \$20 grocery store gift cards! The GSA Executives are working to plan events for the upcoming academic year including a Financial Literacy Series. We want to know what topics you're interested in, and what other types of fun or informational events you want to see. Fill out the [survey here](#) by July 25.

Photo contest: Enter your photo for a chance to win cash!

We are creating a unique GSA desktop calendar to give away at fall orientation, and we want to feature your photos! We are especially interested in photos of Saskatchewan landscapes, Saskatchewan culture, Saskatchewan wildlife, student research, student art, and photos of campus but we welcome any submission! Photos should be in landscape orientation, and of sufficient resolution for professional printing. You must be a graduate student, and you must own copyright to the photo in order to submit (please do not submit photos from the internet, photos taken by others, or anything created by AI). One photo will be selected for each month so photos from all times of year are appreciated, and each winner will receive a \$50 cash award. Please email your photo with a short description as a OneDrive link (allows for highest possible resolution) to gsa.admn@usask.ca by July 16.

USSU Graduate Opportunities Workshop: Volunteer as a mentor!

USSU is hosting a Graduate Opportunities Workshop designed to provide undergraduate students with essential insights into graduate studies at the University of Saskatchewan. The workshop will feature Peer Mentorship Roundtables where current graduate students will share their experiences and insights on graduate research, application tips, pros and cons of graduate education, and more. We are seeking volunteers to serve as mentors for the roundtable portion of the event.

The workshop is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating, please email gsa.as@usask.ca.

VP Indigenous Engagement: Position Open for Self-Nominations

The GSA is inviting self-nominations for the Vice-President Indigenous position. This position is open on a first come, first served basis (will not be contested in an election). Interested students must be verified through the [deybwewin | taapwaywin | tapwewin](#) policy. To apply, please send your resume and indicate the Indigenous community you belong to for verification purposes to gsa.chair@usask.ca. For more details about the responsibilities of the role, please refer to the GSA bylaws.

Welcoming our new GSA Vice Chair

Clement Abdallah, a MSc student in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, was elected as GSA's Vice Chair at the June 19 Council Meeting.

[Congratulations](#) Clement, and welcome to the team!

Coordinator Hiring

To those who applied to the job posting for GSA Coordinators, please be aware that we will begin contacting top candidates during the month of July to set up interviews.

Upcoming Events

August 18th Grad HUB - | [Virtual Tour with CPGS - Register Here](#)

August 27th SURE Symposium - Call for Graduate Student Judges - [SURE: Student Undergraduate Research Experience](#)

August 29th NEMESS - [Conference on Nano/Micro Engineering, Molecular, and Environmentally Sustainable Systems \(NEMESS 2025\)](#)

GSA Commons Summer Hours

Through August, GSA Commons hours will be 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Thursday, except when closed for special events. If you have questions/concerns, please contact the Operations Manager or any of the GSA Executives via email:

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