

Parental Leave

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new parental leave grant. This is a trial program being launched for a three year term beginning September 2018 and extending to August 2021. This program may be superseded by a University-level program during this term, at which point the CoM program will be revised and possibly withdrawn.

Description: A CoM graduate student may apply for financial assistance during a leave to serve as the primary care-giver immediately following the birth of a child occurring prior to the completion of the student's program.

Amount: \$4000/6 month
Renewal once with a total of \$8000 per student per academic program.

For more details and eligibility please see:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#College>



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Message from the Graduate Chair

It's hard to believe that October is already upon us. On September 5th we held a Welcome Night event that was, sadly, very poorly attended. Thank you to the 8 students who made an effort to attend. We welcome suggestions on how we can encourage more engagement from both students and faculty in the program. One strategy that we are adopting is the development of Research Streams (see details below).

At the Welcome Night I planned to provide an update on our program's vital statistics and scholarship successes coming into this new academic year. Given the poor attendance I have decided to include some of these details here instead. We now have 59 students in program working with 50 supervisors. In September we welcomed five new students to the program. Total new scholarship funding secured this year amounted to \$458,000 which included federal, institutional and College of Medicine scholarships.

To all of our new scholarship holders I offer my profound congratulations. I would also like to specifically congratulate Scott Adams, recipient of a prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship. As a program we have performed well in securing funds, reflecting the high quality of our students and the research they are pursuing.

To return to the topic of Research Streams, this newsletter contains an outline of how we envision they will work. We invite those interested in self-organizing into a Research Stream to contact James or myself. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight and better communicate our areas of critical mass within the larger Health Sciences program.

I wish all of you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving,

Dave Cooper

Current Funding Opportunities

What funds are still available to you right now?

Health Sciences Graduate Scholarships

This program currently has a surplus and thus will consider out-of-cycle applicants applying to the program for a January start date. Details available here:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#Program>

Tuition Bursary Program

This program targets students ineligible for scholarships due to professional employment. It is in surplus and will consider out of cycle applicants. Details available here:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#University>

Graduate Students & Post Doctoral Fellows Conference Travel Awards

Students and fellows are now eligible for up to **\$1500** to offset the costs of conference travel. Doctoral students may now apply twice during their programs. Details available here:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#University>



Upcoming Funding Opportunities

Deadlines to be aware of:

2019-2020 CoMGRAD

The 2019-2020 CoMGRAD call will open in mid-November. The deadline for application will be 15 January 2019. Updates will be posted here as they are available:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#College>

2019-2020 PDF Competition

A limited number of post doctoral fellowships will be made available in 2019. The call for this competition will open mid-November and the deadline for application will be 15 January 2019.

<https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/funding.php#University>

Tri-agency Awards

NSERC-PGSD
(Doctoral students)

Deadline
4:30 PM 15 October 2018

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/BellandPostgrad-BelletSuperieures_eng.asp

CGS-M
(new MSC students)

Deadline
7:00 PM 3 December 2018

http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/PG-CS/CGSM-BESCM_eng.asp



Professional Development

Graduate student success is not limited to teaching and academic performance. Whether you have lots of time or just a little to devote to professional skills development, there are a variety of opportunities for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to consider.

Ask James about the Graduate Professional Skills Certificate, GPS 984: Thinking Critically, or Mitacs.

Upcoming Events

- **11 October 4:00-5:00**
Career Development Seminar Series “Women in Science: Lived Experiences Panel Discussion”
GB03 Health Sciences Building
- **24 October 2018 11:30-1:00**
CoM 990 Seminar Series “Ethics in Research” by Dr. Carolyn Ells (McGill)
GB10 Health Sciences Building
- **26 November 12:00-4:00**
HSC 990 Research Day
E1130 Health Sciences Building

Program Streams

Streams within the HSGP are intended to provide focus for areas of strength represented by critical mass of faculty, graduate courses and students. Streams are not formal programs recognized by CGPS and all programming must ultimately adhere to the HSGP umbrella under which they ultimately fall. Initially a Stream should be represented by at least 3 faculty and have relevant courses available or plans in place to develop relevant courses. Streams with five or more students will be invited to nominate a representative to the HSGP Program Committee.

Stream Benefits:

Representation on the HSGP Program Committee (with five or more students)

Resources to help support Stream engagement (with five or more students)

A web page hosted and maintained within the HSGP website

- Images
- Paragraph outlining Stream area of focus
- Resources/Infrastructure/etc
- Relevant Faculty (with mini bios/Google Scholar links?)
- Relevant Courses (H.Sc. and other)
- Students (with mini bios/Google Scholar links?)
- Alumni list with thesis topics

Stream Responsibilities:

Ongoing commitment to ensuring relevant courses are available

- Including development of new courses

Providing necessary materials for the website

- Initially and then at least annually to maintain accuracy

Feedback:

We welcome any feedback you may have regarding this newsletter and programmatic policies in general. Please send your thoughts to the program coordinator ovdr.grad@usask.ca or Dr. Cooper david.cooper@usask.ca