



Health Sciences Town Hall & Fall Welcome Event

September 28, 2023

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College of Medicine

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Land Acknowledgment

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30

Remembering and honouring residential school survivors and their families.



For more information, upcoming events, and how to get involved please visit:

<https://indigenous.usask.ca/indigenization-reconciliation/national-day-truth-reconciliation.php#top>

Welcome!

Dr. Stephan Milosavljevic

Health Sciences Graduate Chair, College of Medicine

Welcome!

Dr. Erique Lukong

Assistant Dean Graduate Studies, College of Medicine

Welcome!

On behalf of the USask College of Medicine, I welcome you to our graduate studies programs in the health sciences. I commend each of you on your excellent decision to pursue graduate studies in this incredibly important area. Your studies will set you up for many amazing opportunities across the breadth of the huge and always expanding field of health. The knowledge and skills you gain here will be of value to you throughout your career and life.

- Dr. Preston Smith, Dean, USask College of Medicine



CMGSS

Fabrice Njotu

College of Medicine Graduate Student Society (CMGSS)



The aim of the CMGSS is to represent graduate student interests with the College of Medicine, Graduate Student Association (GSA) and University of Saskatchewan.

We seek to organize professional development events, as well as social and networking events to enhance the graduate school experience.

Membership: **All Graduate students and PDFs in the CoM**

Who Are We?

Co-President

Jared Price (HSc, MD/PhD)



VP Internal

Kate Loseth (CHEP, PhD)



VP Finance/VP Student Affairs

Emilia Gillies (CHEP, MSc)



Who Are We?

VP Academic

Prashikchhya Parajuli (CHEP, MSc)



EDI Representative

Mikayla Hagel (CHEP, MSc)



VP Communications

Anna Martins-Koop (BMI, MSc)



VP Communications

Jannatul Mustofa (APP, MSc)



Who Are We?

APP Reps

Farnoosh Tabatabaieian (PDF)

BMI Reps

Rachel Harris (PhD)

CHEP Reps

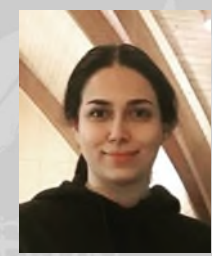
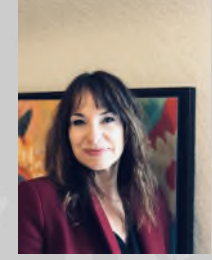
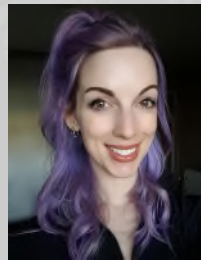
Zoe Schipper (MSc)

Tachlima Sunna (MSc)

HSc Reps

Elyse Proulx-Cullen (PhD)

Shima Hozhabrimahani (MSc)



Past Events (2022/2023)



Looking Forward

Monthly Coffee Sessions

1st Wed of every Month



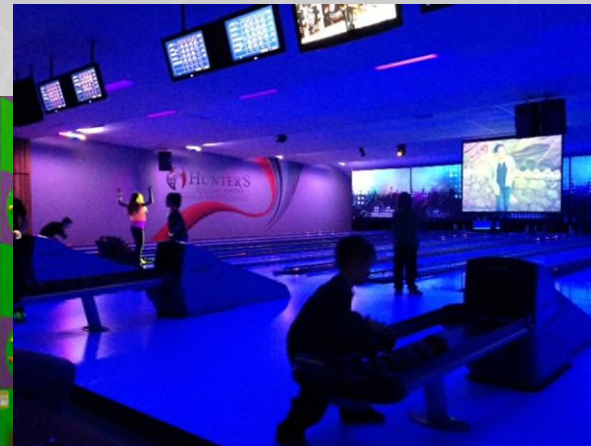
Career workshops



Looking Forward

Outings

Clip n Climb & Bowling



Looking Forward

Outings

King Me Boardgamery, Skating Trivia Nights



Research Night

annual event in Winter 2023



Health Sciences Graduate Program Statistics

Number of Students (September 2023)	
65	
MSC	PHD
25	40
Domestic	International
43	22

The disciplines in Health Sciences include the School of Rehabilitation Science, Psychiatry, Surgery, Medical Imaging, Medicine, and CCRAH to name a few

Health Sciences Graduate Program Requirements

- Completion of HSC 200 (program of studies) and Student-Supervisor Agreement in first year of program
- Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting at least once per year
 - submission of GPS 210 progress report or meeting minutes
- MSc and PhD RAC's are required to have a minimum of 2 committee members in addition to the supervisor(s)
 - PhD committees must include a cognate member
- Comprehensive exam (PhD students only)
- HSC 990 Symposium presentation
 - once per program for MSc; twice per program for PhD
- Ethics courses in the first year of program
 - GPS 960 and GPS 961/GPS 962
- Credit courses at the discretion of the RAC
 - 9 credits for MSc; 3 credits for PhD; 12 credits for MSc-PhD transfer students
- Registration in non-credit courses in each term of program
 - HSC 990 and HSC 994 (MSc)/HSC 996 (PhD)

All paperwork can be sent to ovdr.grad@usask.ca

Graduate Student Funding

Stipends

- As of Sept 1, 2023:
 - MSc students are required to receive \$18,000/year for the first 2 years of program
 - PhD students are required to receive \$20,000/year for the first 4 years of program
 - Students working full-time are considered professionally exempt from the minimum stipend requirements (determined at time of admission to HSC)

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

Graduate Student Funding

Scholarships (Program)

- Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship
 - Primary call opens May 1 each year (due May 31)
 - Secondary calls may be made if surplus funds are available

Scholarships (College)

- CoMGRAD
 - open for applications November 15 each year (due January 15)
- Travel Award – ongoing
- Parental Leave Grant – ongoing
- Emergency Leave Grant – ongoing

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Graduate Student Funding

Scholarships (University)

- Dean's Doctoral Scholarship
 - Deadline for international competition – first Monday in February each year
 - Deadline for domestic competition – second Tuesday in October each year

Scholarships (External)

- Tri-Agency Awards
 - Deadline for MSc competition – early December each year
 - Deadline for PhD competition – early October each year
 - Vanier Graduate Scholarship – end of September each year

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Health Sciences Graduate Program Committee

Voting Members

- Dr. Stephan Milosavljevic
- Dr. Shelley Kirychuk
- Dr. Camelia Adams
- Dr. George Katselis
- Dr. Steven Machtaler
- Dr. Audrey Zucker-Levin

Non-Voting Members

- Graduate Program Coordinator
 - Alyssa Gallagher/Ally Wieggers
- a) Student Reps
 - Una Goncin
 - David Livingstone
 - Sabuj Sarker

All requests and decisions (admissions, funding, etc.) related to Health Sciences are approved by the committee in consultation with CGPS if necessary

Graduate Student Wellness



To book an appointment
please email
student.wellness@usask.ca
and indicate you are a CoM
graduate student looking to
speak with Eman Demmans

[Student Wellness Centre | University of Saskatchewan \(usask.ca\)](https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/student-resources.php#Wellness)

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Important Resources

College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS)

- Grad Hub: <https://cgps.usask.ca/onboarding/index.php>
- Service Desk:
<https://jira.usask.ca/servicedesk/customer/portal/7/group/60>
- Policies: <https://cgps.usask.ca/policy-and-procedure//index.php>

Health Sciences

- Program Website: <https://medicine.usask.ca/students/graduate-programs/health-sciences.php#top>
- Manual: <https://medicine.usask.ca/documents/graduate-programs/hscgradmanualmarch20232.pdf>

For any questions related to your graduate program please
contact: ovdr.grad@usask.ca

Health Sciences Town Hall

CGPS Updates

Time in Program Extensions

- effective May 1, 2023
 - MSc students are to complete their program within 4 years
 - PhD students are to complete their program within 6 years
 - The academic unit has the authority to approve one extension to time in program of up to 12 months/three academic terms for master's or doctoral students.
 - If the student's program requirements are still incomplete after an extension given by the academic unit, a request may be submitted to the Dean of CGPS for one (master's) or two (doctoral) additional extensions of up to 12-months/three academic terms each.

Leave of Absence

- effective May 1, 2023
 - The Graduate Program Coordinator (ovdr.grad@usask.ca) is now to submit the request to CGPS on the student's behalf

CGPS Updates

Defense Policies

- effective for students who began their program May 1, 2022 or later
 - MSc
 - unit to establish process for adjudication of defense
 - will use CGPS recommendations 1-5 as normal
 - Grad Chair to approve arm's length examiner (formerly called external examiner)
 - only need to inform CGPS the name of the arm's length examiner and the result
 - PhD
 - CGPS now requires Grad Chair to chair PhD defenses in place of the Dean's Designate (supervisor cannot chair defense)
 - if the Grad Chair is unavailable, we may call on the HSC committee members to chair
 - addition of a University Examiner (approved by Grad Chair/submitted by supervisor)
 - External Examiner remains (approved by CGPS/submitted by supervisor)

We are in the process of developing a defense procedures summary/checklist to share with HSC students and supervisors

CGPS Updates

Funding

Effective September 1, 2023

75th Anniversary Recruitment Scholarship

- \$20,000/year for new students only
- Required to increase PhD minimum stipend requirement (effective Sept 2023) in order to receive funds
 - Previous PhD level = \$18,000/year for 3 years
 - New PhD level = \$20,000/year for 4 years
- For consistency we have also increased the MSc minimum stipend requirement
 - Previous MSc level = \$16,000/year for 2 years
 - New MSc level = \$18,000/year for 2 years

CGPS Updates

Funding

Effective September 1, 2023

Student Support Fund (SSF)

- Replaces CGPS Devolved
- Used to support Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship (HSGS)
- More flexible than CGPS Devolved
 - a) Requirements (GPA, year in program) set by unit

Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship

Secondary Call

- Surplus funds are available
- Will open the call for applications in November 2023
 - Special Case Funding Call (4-month award from Jan to Apr 2024)
 - replaces awards offered to students delayed by COVID-19
 - For extenuating circumstances, example: delays to research program due to unexpected events
 - cap of 5 years for MSc and 7 years for PhD
 - 75th Anniversary Recruitment Scholarship
 - 2 awards available for new students starting in January 2024
 - Tuition Award
 - for professionally exempt students

Questions?