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Message from the Graduate Chair

Hello everyone,

The end of another term and year are upon us and that means its time for another newsletter update.

Over this past term we held two seminars; our 990 research day and a very thought provoking talk by Dr. Drew related to the important topic of mental wellness. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate. While we generally think of the coming holidays as a time of cheer, it can be a challenging time for some. If you need help I encourage you to seek it out (see the Wellness Update below and our program website for resources). Of course, my door is always open.

Looking to next term, we are launching a new Graduate and Postdoctoral Alumni Seminar Series which will be an integrated component of our 990 Seminar. The call for nominations – seeking inspiring candidates succeeding in academic and non-academic careers - will be announced early in December. Be sure to mark your calendars for the presentations which we are planning for April 24th or 27th.

Of course, we continue to welcome any and all feedback regarding the program and particularly appreciate suggestions for improvements.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

Dave Cooper
Health Sciences Graduate Chair
Assistant Dean Graduate Studies College of Medicine

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

2020 CoMGRAD

The 2020 CoMGRAD is now accepting applications. Guidelines, application forms, and detailed information is located on the [CoMGRAD Sharepoint site](#). Applications must be complete and uploaded into Sharepoint by the January 15, 2020 deadline. Contact ovdr.grad@usask.ca for any questions regarding this initiative.

Dean's Scholarship Round 2

The Dean's scholarship is a prestigious entrance scholarship offered by the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (CGPS). Students considering a transfer from MSc to PhD may be eligible for this award. The deadline for round 2 applications is February 3, 2020, visit the [CGPS website](#) for more information.

Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship (HSGS)

The HSGS is targeted at later year Health Sciences graduate program students who are ineligible for CoMGRAD. Details regarding this opportunity can be found under the Health Sciences tab on [this page](#), and applications will open April 2020.

Additional Awards Administered by CGPS

Search for these awards on the CGPS award website or contact gradstudies.awards@usask.ca

CDTRP Research Innovation Grant Competition

Deadline February 19, 2020

Canadian Federation of University Women Saskatoon Inc. (women only)

Deadline February 1, 2020

Dennis Pattinson Memorial Scholarship

Deadline May 15, 2020

ESL Bursary for International Students (International students only)

Deadline March 2, 2020

Holland Bloorview Kids' Rehabilitation Hospital Pursuit Award

Deadline February 1, 2020

Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship

Deadline February 28, 2020

Queen Elizabeth II Centennial Aboriginal Scholarship

Deadline February 28, 2020

Ross Purse Doctoral Fellowship

Deadline April 2, 2020

Sir James Lougheed Awards of Distinction (Alberta residents only)

Deadline February 1, 2020

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada Grants for Women Graduate Students (Women only)

Deadline January 31, 2020

University of Saskatchewan Teacher Scholar Doctoral Fellowship

Deadline February 3, 2020

Wellness Update

The College formally launched the new Emergency Leave Grant for graduate students on November 1, 2019. Details regarding this initiative can be found on our funding webpage [here](#).

Additionally, the Office of the Vice-Dean Research has hired the new graduate student Wellness Facilitator, Mackenzie Macauley. Mackenzie is a Health Sciences Master's student, and we are excited to have her support in expanding the wellness portfolio.

Mackenzie will be seeking out and communicating wellness opportunities to the College of Medicine graduate students, and would love your feedback and suggestions. You can connect with her directly at ovdr.wellness@usask.ca.

Holiday Charity Initiative

The Office of the Vice-Dean Research (OVDR) is pleased to announce their third annual holiday fundraiser. The OVDR has teamed up with Hope Restored Canada, a local charity that supports women in our community who have or are experiencing sexual trafficking and exploitation. They would love your support in the form of donations, which can be dropped off at 2D01 Health Sciences Building. Email ovdr.grad@usask.ca for more information about this cause.

Upcoming Events

- Month of December: Deck the Doors competition. Decorate your office/lab door(s) for the month of December and be entered into the raffle. Draw date December 19th. (CMGSS)
- December 4th: Morning coffee and treats (9 am- 12 pm 1B21) (CGMSS)
- December 19th: Holiday Potluck (12-3 pm GSA Commons) (CMGSS)
- December 25th- January 1st: University Closed
- January 8th: Morning coffee, treats, and **tuition consult with Dr. Cooper and the CoM CFO Greg Power** (9 am- 12 pm 1B21) (CGMSS)
- May 4th, 2020: Health Sciences 990 Seminar

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