

Fall 2022 Welcome Event

College of Medicine

Graduate Students & Postdoctoral Fellows

Wednesday, September 07, 2022, 10 AM



Dr. Kiven Erique Lukong

Assistant Dean Graduate Studies, College of Medicine

The Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies:

is responsible for the strategic and academic leadership of learning, teaching and the graduate student experience in the College of Medicine (CoM)

Welcome!

Lamnso- Yirannia/A sahka?

French – Bienvenue/Salut.

Spanish - Bienvenido.

Ukrainian - Laskavo prosymo Urdu

Hindi-Khush Amdeed.

Romanian - Bine ati venit.

Japanese - Yōkoso.

Chinese - Huānyíng.

Land acknowledgement



*"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."*

Agenda

Part 1

- **Welcome address** (Drs Preston Smith, Ryan Walker, Marek Radomski and Eriq Lukong)
- **Vision and mission**
- **Strategic plan**
- **Graduate studies structure at the CoM**
- **Vital statistics**

Part 2: (Health Sciences graduate students)

- Graduate programs committee
- HSGP and manual
- Scholarships

Part 3: Una Goncin **CMGSS co-president; Student life etc.**

- Questions/Discussion
- Adjourn

Welcome address

- Dr. Preston Smith (Dean of Medicine)
- Dr. Ryan Walker (Associate Dean - Policy & Programming - CGPS)
- Dr. Marek Radomski (Vice-Dean Research, CoM)
- Dr. Erique Lukong (Assistant Dean Grad studies, CoM)

(Dr. Erique Lukong's full address will be posted on the HSGS website)

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My name is Kiven Erique Lukong and I am the new Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies at the College of Medicine

I took over from Dr. David Cooper whose accomplishments in the past 5 years were phenomenal

But today I want to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new graduate students joining us for the first time to the 2022-2023 academic year

I also want to welcome back our current students to the start of this Fall term.

There are also faculty who are newly associated with the graduate program through the students they supervise. Warm welcome to them and everyone.

It goes without saying that the past few years have been very challenging as the entire world wrestled with the pandemic and some of you are seeing this beautiful campus for the first time.

Although the pandemic restrictions have been eased a bit, the university is still in the post-pandemic recovery stage

I therefore urge everyone to remain cautious and to stay up to date with any communications that are distributed by the university and the CoM.

The reassuring message from our President Professor Stoicheff states that "USask is committed to in-person teaching, learning, and services to safely and thoughtfully revitalize our vibrant campus community".

Graduate studies can be challenging and requires full commitment of time and effort, hard-work and countless hours studying and doing research.

I want to reassure all the graduate students that I understand your challenges. Ensuring your wellness is top on my agenda.

At the CoM and at USask at large, we are fully committed to maintaining your health and overall wellbeing.

Good mentoring is pivotal to your success in graduate school and beyond, and I will make every effort to ensure that the highest quality level of guidance is provided to you.

I encourage you to play an active part in all activities and events organized by College of Medicine Graduate Student Society (CMGSS or the Society), connect with your peers through "the Society" and take advantage of the resources available to you.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me directly. I have an open-door policy.

In addition, note that I am strongly guided by the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion. Since becoming the Assistant Dean Graduate studies, I have updated the HSG program (with Dr. Cooper) and defined our Mission, Vision and Values.

We encourage you to read the manual thoroughly and be familiar with all the updates. I urge all students interact with larger community of scholars especially at the CoM by attending talks, workshops, career development seminars and conferences offered in the college. Remember that we as faculty and all administrators are here for you and because of you. I wish you all the best for a successful term.

Mission, vision, values, goals and strategic plan

Mission and Vision

Health Sciences Graduate Studies/Program

VISION

To establish the Health Sciences Graduate Program as a unique research-based multi-disciplinary program that will continue to attract, retain, train, and recognize a diverse group of outstanding graduate students, and mentor and transform them into leaders in their respective fields.

MISSION

To enable diverse groups of graduate students to broaden their perspectives on health sciences research and enhance their career options in an ecosystem where wellness and inclusion are prioritized, excellence is promoted and rewarded, researchers and instructors are committed and dedicated, and where integrity and quality of the graduate programs are valued.

VALUES

- Excellence and innovation
- Honesty and integrity
- Mutual respect and collaboration
- Wellness and social responsibility
- Transparency and fairness
- Scientific accountability
- Leadership accountability
- Equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Inclusion with respect

Short-term goals

- Update HSGP manual
- Define a clear Vision and Mission statement, and core values
- Increase health and wellness resources
- Engage students (individual meetings); Engage supervisors (at least once a year)
- Overhaul website; headshots, student profile, alumni profiles
- Promote mentorship programs: matching mentees to mentors
- Organize leadership and professional development workshops
- Take your supervisor to work day (Poster on research interests and/or journey)
- Promote the MD-PhD pathway (flyers)
- Increase of PDFs and promote their involvement
- Newsletter: Monthly (student profiles); Yearly (highlights)

Strategic plan

- Formalize mentorship programs
- Strengthen student-supervisor relationship (honesty, integrity, fairness, increased accountability)
- Improve student funding process; consider living affordability to optimize intake and retention
- Institute measures according to CGPS guidelines to increase minority and international student enrolment
- Promote EDI. We strive for a safe, supportive, and inclusive living and learning environment, with resources and services to support ALL students.
- Engage PDF
- Enhanced Alumni tracking, Outreach, database
- A platform for curriculum development, especially for MD/MPT-PhD
- Dual/Joint degree MOUs with international universities

Ways to improve inclusion and mentorship

- Explore multiple mentorship models that are responsive to the needs of individual students (engage alumni, faculty, PDF, et)
- Develop a mentorship program with a particular emphasis on support for minority students
- Foster a culture that encourages graduate students and postdocs to explore a wide range of possible careers (professional development)
- Set up a mentorship committee to match mentees to mentors

Feedback (individual meetings)

- More student-student/student-faculty engagement
- Low minimum stipend
- Low visibility of program on website
- Stronger push for the MD-PhD program
- Award for progress/productivity for students that are not eligible for scholarship
- Need for more relevant courses eg Research methods course in Kinesiology

Feedback from individual meetings

Appendices 8, 9 and 10

Graduate Studies Program structure

College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

CoM graduate programs

Biomedical sciences

Epidemiology

Community health

Health sciences

Areas

ACB/PHSI/PHPY
(APP)

BIOC & MCIM
(BMI)

Community Health
& Epidemiology (CHE)

Clinical
Departments

Departments

Dept head
(Dr. T. Fisher)

Dept head
(Dr. B. Roesler)

Dept head
(Dr. A Leis)

Assistant Dean

Head

Graduate studies
committees

Graduate studies
committee

HS graduate program
committee (HSC)

APP
Drs. Eames & Ovsenek (Chairs)
Cindy Wruck
(app.grad@usask.ca)

BMI
Dr. Scot Stone (Chair)
Barb Stuckless
(bmi.grad@usask.ca)

CHE
Dr. Engler-Stringer (Chair);
Stephanie Kehrig
(stephanie.kehrig@usask.ca)

HSC
Dr. Lukong (Chair)
Alyssa Gallagher
(ovdr.grad@usask.ca)

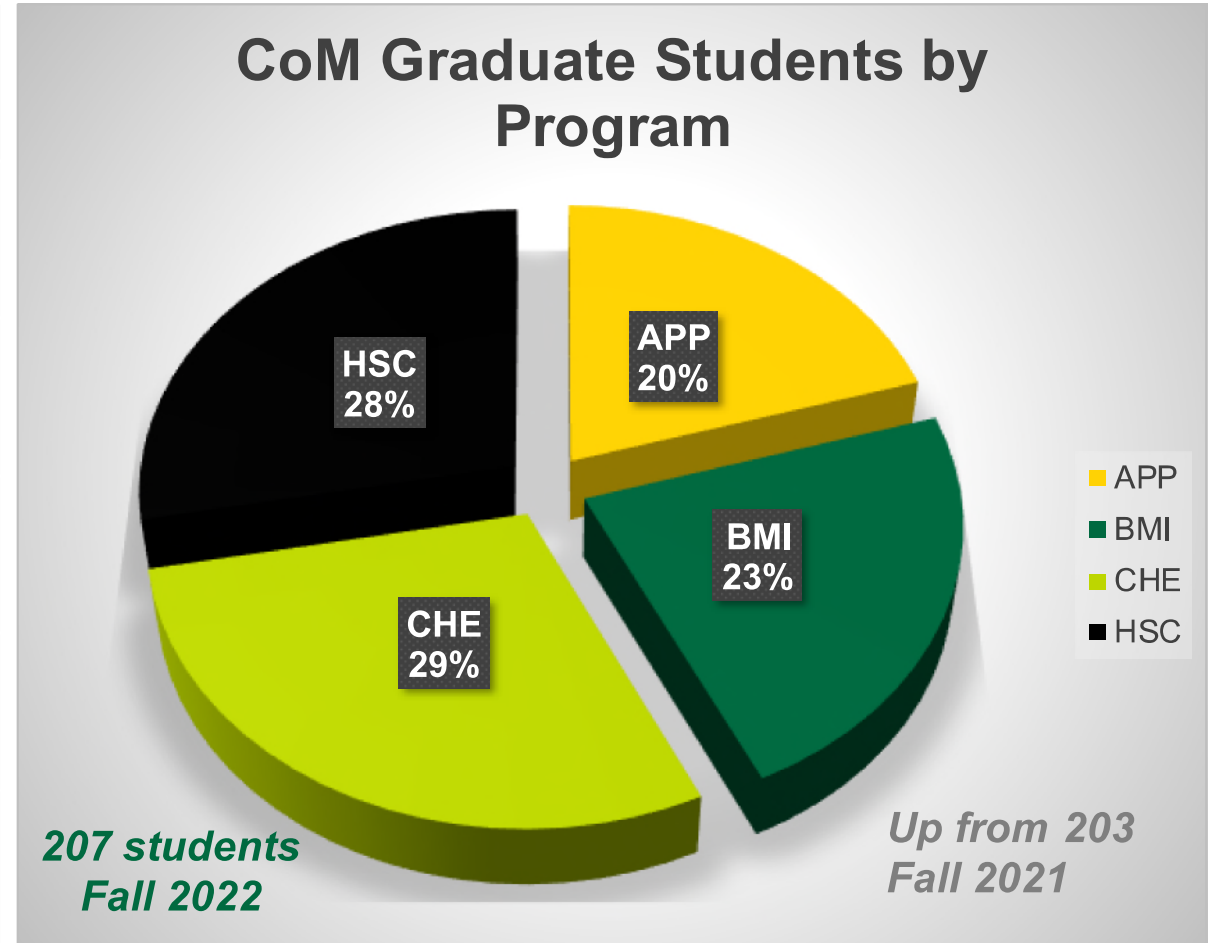
College of Medicine
Graduate Studies and
Postdoctoral
Committee

BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

CoM Vital Statistics Fall-2022

207 students

Program	Total
APP	42
BMI	47
CHE	60
HSC	58
Total	207



CoM Vital Statistics Fall-2022

	Total	MSC	PHD	Dom.	Int.	Female	Male
APP	42	23	19	25	17	15	27
BMI	47	20	27	21	26	13	34
CHE	60	39	21	34	26	43	17
HSC	58	22	36	42	16	22	36

CoM Graduate Students by Degree



CoM Graduate Students by Origin



CoM Graduate Students by Gender



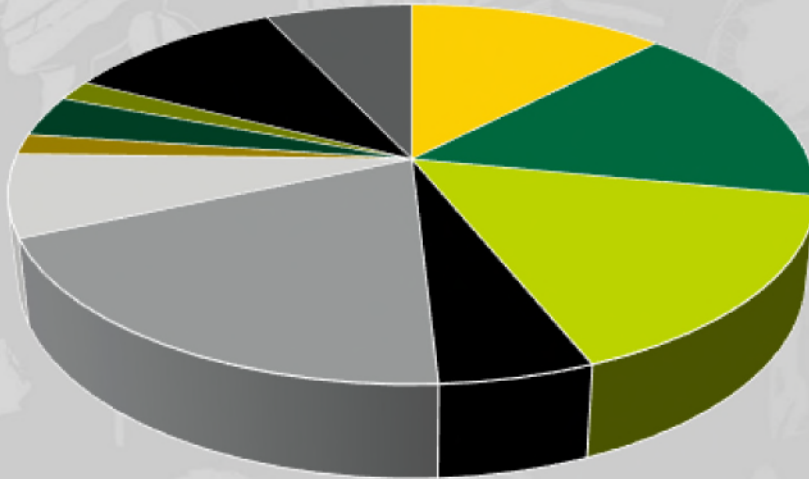
Degree	MSC	PHD
APP	23	19
BMI	20	27
CHE	39	21
HSC	22	36
	104	103

Residency	Dom.	Int.
APP	25	17
BMI	21	26
CHE	34	26
HSC	42	16
	122	85

Gender	Female	Male
APP	27	15
BMI	34	13
CHE	43	17
HSC	36	22
	140	67

CoM PDFs by Department

CoM PDFs by Department



- Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology
- Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology
- Community Health & Epidemiology
- Medical Imaging
- Medicine
- Oncology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- School of Rehabilitation Science
- Surgery

Department	Number of PDF's
Anatomy, Physiology & Pharmacology	7
Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology	9
Community Health & Epidemiology	9
Medical Imaging	3
Medicine	11
Oncology	4
Pathology	1
Pediatrics	2
Psychiatry	1
School of Rehabilitation Science	6
Surgery	4
Total	57

**There are 57 PDFs in
the CoM**

Up from 53 last year

HSC?

Questions?

Part 2

All HSC graduate students

- Graduate programs Committee
- HSGP
- Scholarships
- Resources
- **Part 3: Student life (CMGSS)**
- Questions/Discussion
- Adjourn



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Health Sciences Graduate Program Committee



Dr. Steven Machtaler
(Medical Imaging)



Dr. Erique Lukong
(Chair, BMI)



Dr. Camelia Adams
(Psychiatry)



Alyssa Gallagher
(non-voting,
Graduate Program Coordinator)



Dr. Steve Milosavljevic
(School of Physical Therapy)



Dr. George Katselis
(CCHSA)



Dr. Shelly Kirychuck
(CCHSA)

- Una Goncin (Student)
- David Livingston (Student)

Ultimate authority for all matters before the Graduate Program Committee
lies with the CGPS (College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)

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HSGP – update July 2022

New HSGP Manual



Health Sciences Graduate Studies Manual

Policies and Procedures

College of Medicine

University of Saskatchewan

July 2022

Adapted from the 2016 Policies and Procedures of the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology,

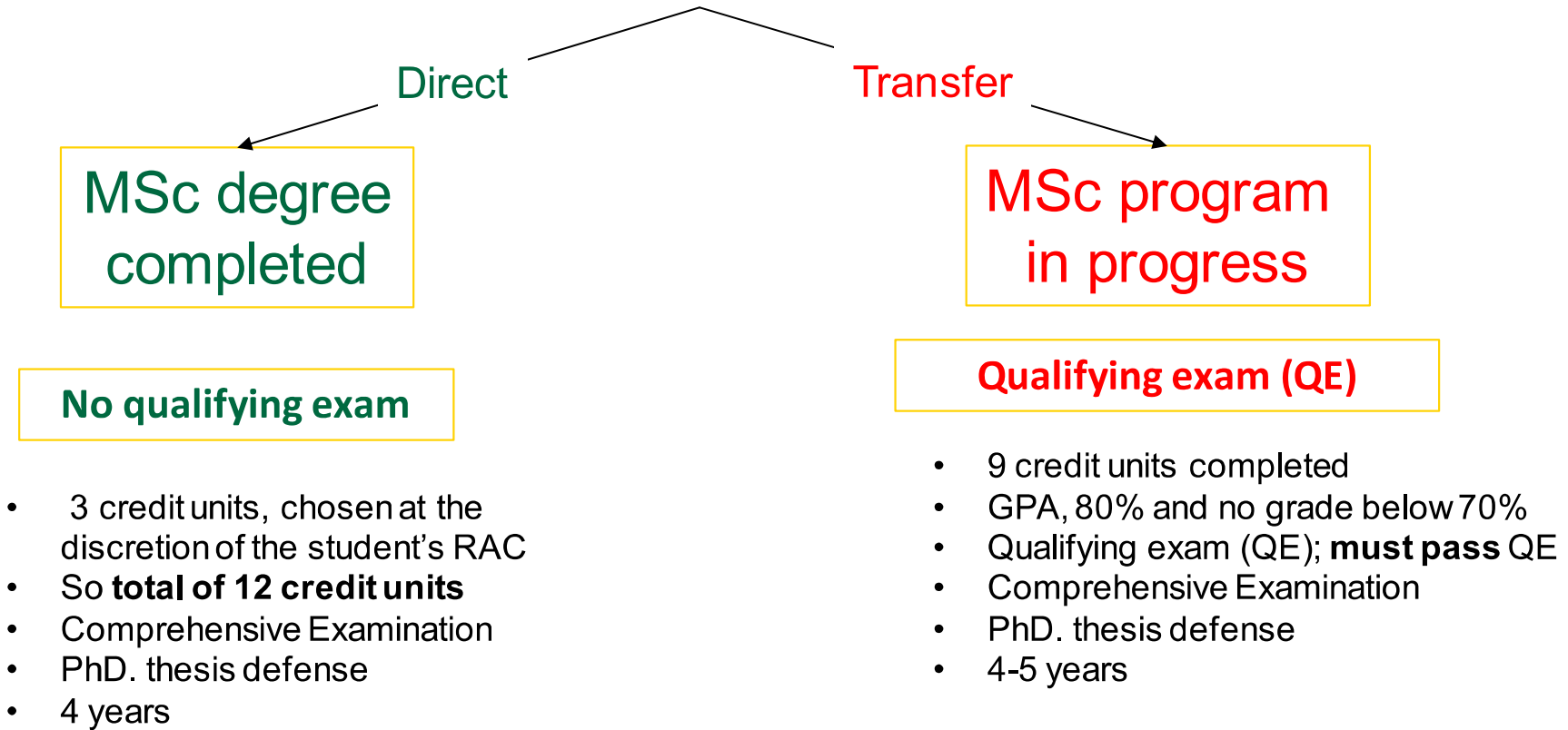
Compiled by Dr. David Schreyer

(Last update: July 2022 by Dr. David Cooper and Dr. Erique Lukong)

Some updates

- **Mission, Vision, and Values** (page 2)
- **MPT students qualify for direct-entry PhD** (page 4)
- **MD-PhD and MPT-PhD students to complete 6 credit units** (page 9)
- **Addition of 3 credit unit limit for HSC 898** special topic courses (page 9)
- **RAC has discretion** over additional course work for MD-PhD and MPT-PhD students (page 9)

MSc-PhD Pathway

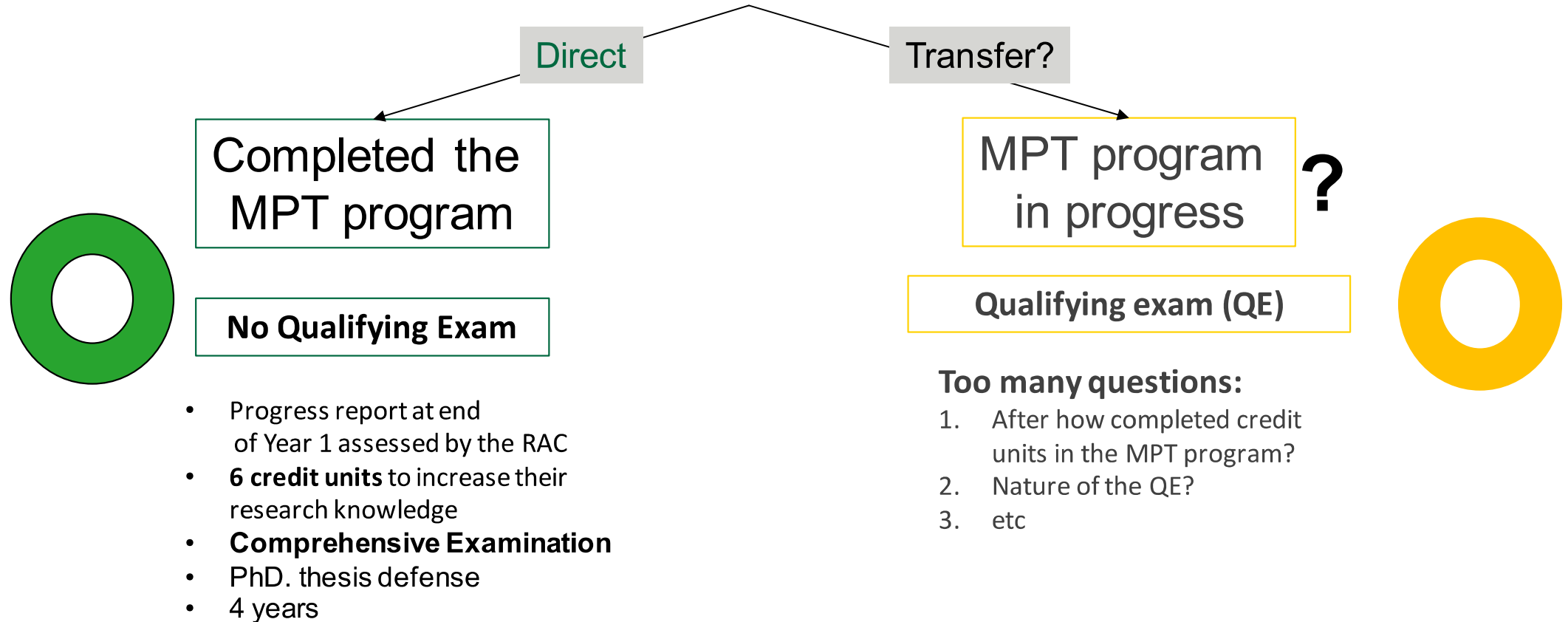


MSc to Ph.D. Transfer: Eligibility/Conditions

- Great promise both in terms of academic accomplishments and in potential for research.
- Completion of at least **9 credit units** at the 800-level
- Achieved a minimum average **of 80%** and no grade below 70%.
- Evidence of good writing and oral communication ability.
- Evidence of adequate research skills and knowledge to be able to successfully complete a Ph.D. dissertation.
- **Ph.D. Qualifying Examination (QE)** prior to being recommended for transfer.
- **3 additional credit units** after QE (**total of 12 credit units**)
- **Note: The QE** for the purposes of transfer can **only be taken once**.
- **Failure** of the QE or any part, no transfer will be recommended

Consult HSGP
Manual
for details

MPT-PhD Pathway



Note: The new **6 credit unit** requirement would only apply to MPT-PhD students who begin their program after Sept 2022

Clinician-Scientist Pathway (*Joint Degree*)

MD-PhD

- Must be admitted to MD program
- No research-focused master's degree required
- Apply end of Year 2 of the UGME
- **Direct entry/no qualifying exam**
- Must have a supervisor
- Progress report at end of Year 1 assessed by the RAC
- **6 credit units** (from September 2022)
- **Comprehensive Examination**
- 3-4 years; PhD. thesis defense
- Return to med school

MD-MSc

- Must be admitted to MD program
- Apply end of Year 2 of the UGME
- **Direct entry/no qualifying exam**
- Must have a supervisor
- **9 credit units**
- ~ 2 years; defend
- Return to med school

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)

About the RAC (Health Sciences)

- Determined during the student application process
- Provides oversight and advice to the student
- Ensures program requirements are met
- Help student to complete the program of studies form within **four weeks** of the start of the program.
- Provides troubleshooting and feedback on research project to ensure the student obtains sufficient knowledge in their research area
- Suggest courses to take
- Approve or deny requests to transfer from M.Sc. to Ph.D.
- Conduct the Qualifying Examination
- **Mentorship support for students**

(See the HSGP manual for all functions)

Note:

- The student's supervisor must be from the CoM and must complete the **Student-Supervisor Agreement** within the first year of the program
- RAC members should be included** in the supervisor's letter of support

RAC Structure (Health Sciences)

(CGPS: Effective May 1, 2022)

- **M.Sc.** A minimum of **two committee members**; i) The Supervisor (and Co-Supervisor); ii) at least one additional faculty member
- *HSC recommendation: At least **three members** (to mitigate voting ties). Two members only in exceptional circumstances and approved the Assistant Dean.*
- **Ph.D.** A minimum of **three committee** members; i) the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor count as one; ii) one additional faculty member; iii) one Cognate member from a department external to the student.
- The supervisor may chair the RAC meetings (M.Sc. and PhD).

Appendix 2
RAC meetings

Appendix 3
Role of RAC chair

Appendix 4
Progress report format

Appendix 5
Function of supervisor

HSGS (Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship)

Eligibility

- All M.Sc. and PhD students
- Year-2 M.Sc. Students
- Year-3 or 4 PhD students

Note

Students are encouraged to apply to the Dean's (**entering**) and CoMGRAD/Tricouncil (**entering or continuing**) scholarship programs during these years.

Early program “**out of cycle**” new recruits will only be considered if a surplus remains after the normal competition.

HSGS is **not at entrance** scholarship

	Time in program as of competition deadline				
	0-12 months Year 1	13-24 months Year 2	25-36 months Year 3	37-48 months Year 4	49-50 months Year 5
Master's Student	Not eligible to apply [†]	Eligible to apply for a one-year award	Not eligible to apply	Not eligible to apply	Not eligible to apply
PhD Student	Not eligible to apply [†]	Not eligible to apply [†]	Eligible to apply for a one-year award	Eligible to apply for a one-year award	Not eligible to apply
PhD Transfer Student* (Time in Ph.D.)	Not eligible to apply [†]	Not eligible to apply [†]	Eligible to apply for a one-year award	Not eligible to apply	Not eligible to apply

HSGS 2023/24

Eligibility: Registered in the HS graduate program

Master's: \$19,000 (Year 2)

Cost-shared: Award, \$11,000; Supervisor, \$8,000

Doctoral: \$24,000 (Years 3 or 4)

Cost-shared: Award, \$14,000; Supervisor, \$10,000

Deadline: May 30

Note:

Primary Call (Closed May 30th):

Priority 1 is those no longer eligible for CoMGRAD/Dean's/Tricouncil

Priority 2 is those unsuccessful in CoMGRAD competition

Subject to availability of funds:

Secondary Call: Open to new applicants (*who missed the CoMGRAD call*)

Tertiary Call: January start

CoMGRAD 2022/23

Eligibility: ALL graduate students in the CoM program (minimum GPA of 80% required and time in program rules apply)

Master's: \$19,000 (for up to the first two years in program)
Cost-shared: Award, \$11,000; Supervisor, \$8,000

Doctoral: \$24,000 (for up to the first three years in program)
Cost-shared: Award, \$14,000; Supervisor, \$10,000

Note: A student may hold a maximum of four years of CoMGRAD support combined between a Master's and Doctoral program.

Deadline: January 16, 2023

Deans Scholarship *(entrance scholarship)*

Eligibility: Entrance scholarship offered to students who have outstanding academic records, show research promise, and are registering for the first time in a thesis-based graduate program.

Master's: \$18,000 for up to two years

Cost-shared: supervisor financial commitment of one year required

Doctoral: \$22,000 for up to three years

Cost-shared: supervisor financial commitment of one year required

Deadlines: December 1st (round 1) and February 1st (round 2)

Scholarships/Fellowships

	CoMGRAD (40% supervisor 60% award)	Health Sciences Graduate Scholarship (HSGS)	University Dean's Scholarship	Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Scholarships (IGS)	Robert R. Moffat Memorial Scholarship (CGPS)	CIHR	NSERC	SSHRC	Vanier	Banting
MSc	\$19,000 \$11000 awarded. Supervisor: \$8,000 Award: up to 2 years	\$19,000 \$11,000 awarded \$8,000: Supervisor Award: up to Eligible in Year 2	\$18,000 for up to two years	\$18,000 2 years	Determined by the Awards Committee	\$17,500 for one year, non- renewable	\$17,500 for one year, non- renewable	\$17,500 for one year, non- renewable		
PhD	\$24,000 \$14,000 awarded \$10,000: Supervisor 3 years	\$24,000 \$14,000 awarded \$10,000: Supervisor Eligible in years 4 and 5	\$22,000 for up to three years	\$22,000 3 years	Determined by the Awards Committee	\$35,000 per year for up to 3 years <i>Stipend: \$30,000 per annum Research Allowance: \$5,000 per annum</i>	\$35,000 per year for up to 3 years	\$20,000 per year	\$50,000 per year for 3 years	
PDF						\$40-60,000 per year.	\$21,000 per year for 3 years	\$45,000 per year		\$70,000 per year (2 years (non- renewable)

Graduate awards

The Graduate Awards Database lists all award opportunities the CGPS oversees. In addition, departments, colleges, and donors from outside the university offer awards throughout the year. Use the form below to find specific awards.

Each entry provides information about the funding opportunity - eligibility criteria, the application deadline and instructions for how to apply. Search by keywords (e.g., Indigenous, SSHRC etc.) to find opportunities. Most awards are open to both international and domestic students.

In addition to these awards, the University supports graduate students through teaching, research, and service fellowships and assistanceships. For these, contact your graduate chair or graduate administrator for details.

8 awards found.

Department**Category**NameDeadlineValue[Alzheimer Society Research Program - Doctoral Award](#)

\$22,000/year for 3 years

[Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Awards](#)

Varies

[Canadian Society for Chemistry Awards](#)

July 2 (for

Varies

Grad Student Funding Deadlines

College

- CoMGRAD – **Jan 16, 2023**
- HSGS – Spring 2023 (closes end of May)

University

- Dean's Scholarship: **December 1 (Round 1) and February 1 (Round 2)**
- Robert R. Moffat Memorial Scholarship: **Monday, September 26, 2022** at 4:30 pm CST
- John Spencer Middleton and Jack Spencer Gordon Middleton Graduate Bursaries: **Monday, September 26, 2022** at 4:30 pm CST

External

- Vanier – **Sept. 26** (USask: Sept. 14)
- Tri-Agency Doctoral - October 17
- Tri-Agency Master's – December 1

Note: Individual graduate programs may have internal deadlines (Usask) set for application review prior to the above deadlines

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS) program.

- CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC program
- Supplements of up to \$6,000
- To support high-calibre graduate students
- For students to develop “exceptional research experiences at research institutions abroad”.
- To build global linkages and international networks at research institutions outside of Canada.
- To promote collaboration between Canadian and international universities and affiliated research institutions.

Deadline:
June 10 and October 10
each year

Other support/awards

	College of Medicine Travel Award (CoMTA)	Maternity Leave Bridging Funding	Parental Leave Grant (CoMPLG)	Emergency Leave Grant (CoMELG)	Virtual Conference Support Fund
MSc	\$1500 1 per program	\$1500	\$4000/6 month period	\$1000/month for up to two months	\$250 once
PhD	\$1500 2 per program (3 for transfer students)	\$1500	\$4000/6 month period	\$1000/month for up to two months	\$250 once
PDF	\$1500 1 per program				\$250 once

Other Resources

- Help
- EDI
- Health and wellness
- The Grad Hub
- Social activities and student engagement

If I have an academic/employment/personal problem/concern, **where do I go?**

Help!

Graduate Students

- **Mentor**
 - Supervisor
 - RAC (Chair)
 - Program Grad Chair
 - Department Head OR
 - Asst. Dean Grad. Studies
(But my door is always opened for you)
- CGPS
- Human Resources/PSAC
- CMGSS/Graduate Student Assoc. (GSA)
- ***Any faculty member you trust***

CoM EDI Committee Goals:

To promote:

- Equity, diversity, inclusion
- Justice and reconciliation
- Anti-racism and anti-oppression

For information on health equity, community engagement, curriculum and anti-racism/anti-oppression:

Division of Social Accountability (DSA)

For additional information on Indigenous health and Indigenization:

Indigenous Health Committee (IHC)

EDI survey CoM: to gain a greater understanding of the environment in which members of the CoM work and learn (Report published)

Student and Trainee EDI Needs Survey
(in progress)

CoM EDI Committee



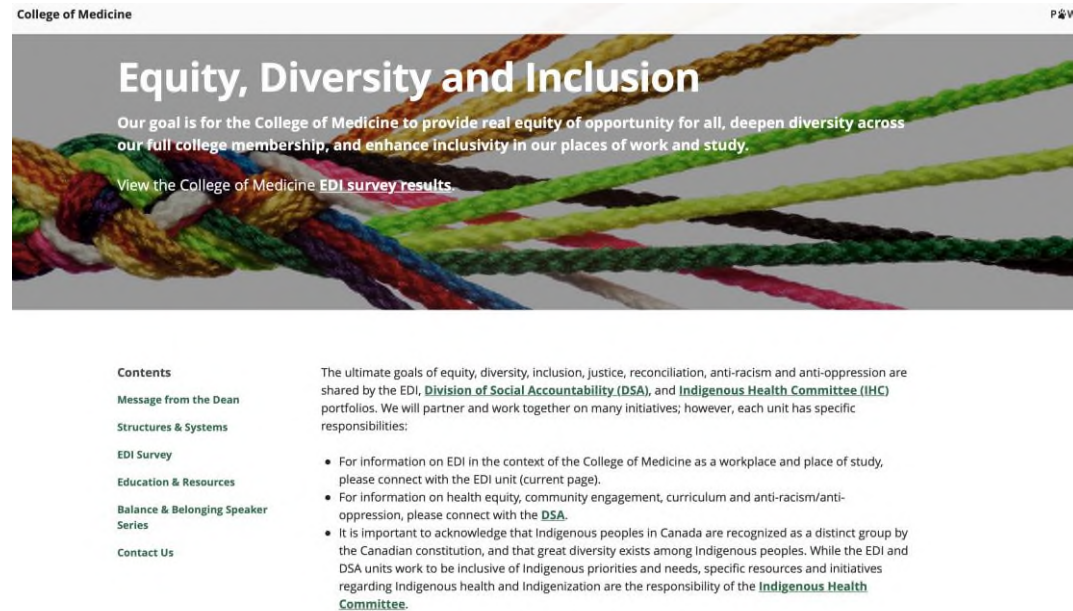
Dr. Erin Prosser-Loose

Biomedical EDI Committee



Chair: Dr. Joyce Wilson

CoM EDI Webpage



*The CoM “is committed to being a leader among Canadian medical schools in equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)....I encourage you to take time to learn more on this page, and return for updates and new information. **Do not hesitate to reach out with your thoughts or to get involved in this important work.**” (Dr. Preston Smith, Dean CoM)*

Student Wellness Center

- Offers urgent (and non-urgent) physical and mental health care to U of S students, their spouses and children
 - **Services provided:**
 - 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*
 - Acupuncture*
- *additional fees may be applied

Graduate Student Counsellor



Eman Demmans

- Eman is a certified counsellor who works in the Student Wellness Center
- She is our main point of contact and has dedicated hours specifically for our students
- Please email student.wellness@usask.ca and indicate you are a **CoM graduate student** looking to speak with Eman Demmans

Book an appointment

At the Student Wellness Centre, you can book an appointment with a physician, nurse, counsellor, psychiatrist, and dietitian.

If you're feeling overwhelmed and not sure what to do, contact Student Affairs and Outreach. Staff there provide students with coaching, mentorship and practical problem-solving support.

Counselling support is also available through Empower Me as part of your USSU and GSA health and dental plans with Studentcare.

Student Wellness Centre

Student Affairs and Outreach

Empower Me (USSU)

Empower Me (GSA)

Free!


Note: Eman Demmans' services are provided only to graduate students in the CoM.

Any registered USask student can access any counselor for free through the student wellness center

The Grad Hub (CGPS website)

College of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies > The Grad HUB

The Grad Hub ▾

 Transition ▾

 Arrival ▾

 Navigate ▾

 Blueprint ▾

 Thesis Roadmap ▾

 Grad Toolkit ▾

 Contact US ▾

Welcome to the Grad Hub

Navigate the hub!

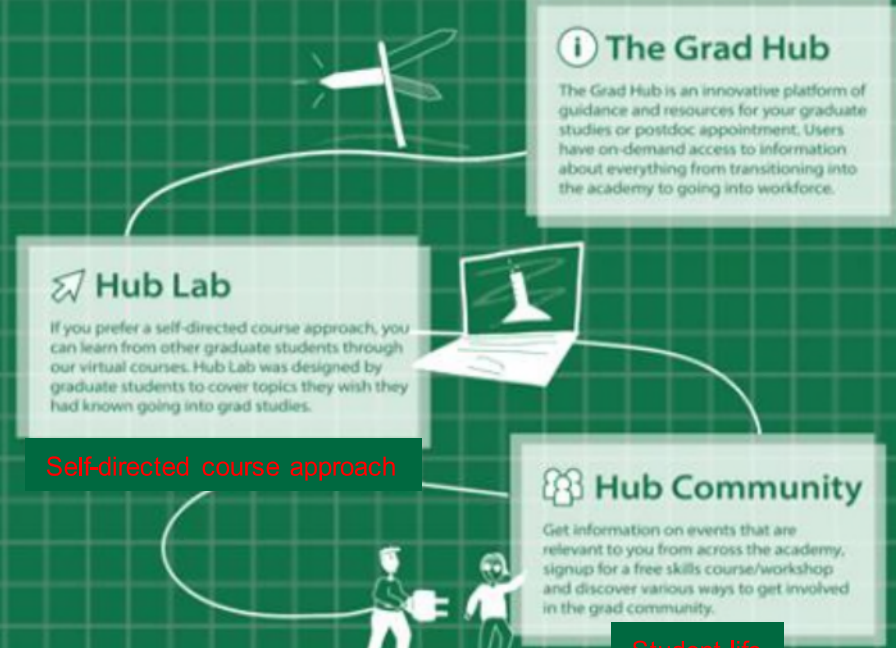
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Welcome to the Grad Hub



i The Grad Hub

The Grad Hub is an innovative platform of guidance and resources for your graduate studies or postdoc appointment. Users have on-demand access to information about everything from transitioning into the academy to going into workforce.

Hub Lab

If you prefer a self-directed course approach, you can learn from other graduate students through our virtual courses. Hub Lab was designed by graduate students to cover topics they wish they had known going into grad studies.

Self-directed course approach

Hub Community

Get information on events that are relevant to you from across the academy, sign up for a free skills course/workshop and discover various ways to get involved in the grad community.

Student life

USask Culture

#YXE

First Time On Campus

First Time On Campus



College of Medicine Graduate Student Society (CMGSS)

Purpose

The aim the Society is to represent graduate student interests of the College of Medicine and to increase communication between students across the various departments in the College, as well as provide a voice for students to the College, the Graduate Student Association, and the University of Saskatchewan.

The Society also organizes professional development events as well as social and networking events to enhance the graduate experience of students in the College.



From the constitution found here:

<https://medicine.usask.ca/documents/graduate-programs/cmgss-constitution-2018-2019.pdf>

Appendix 6 and 7
CMGSS exec and activities

A word from the Society Co-President

Una Goncin

College of Medicine Graduate Student Society (CMGSS)



The aim of 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.

Who Are We?

Co-President

Fabrice Njotu (HSc, PhD)



VP Internal

Jared Price (HSc, MD/PhD)



VP Finance

Megha Rohamare (BMI, PhD)



VP Student Affairs

Emilia Gillies (CHEP, MSc)



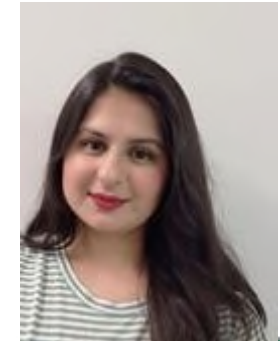
VP Academic

Parinaz Amirimoghdam (APP, MSc)



EDI Representative

Anum Ali (CHEP, MSc)



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Who Are We?

VP Communications

Ethan Jansen (BMI, MSc)



VP Communications

Jannatul Mustofa (APP, MSc)



VP Communications

Shirmin Kader (CHEP, MSc)



VP Communications

Tanmoy Das (HSc, MSc)



Who Are We?

APP Reps

Arshdeep Jagait (MSc)

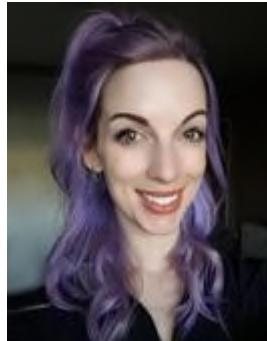
Kundanika Mukherjee (PhD)



BMI Reps

Maddie Stewart (PhD)

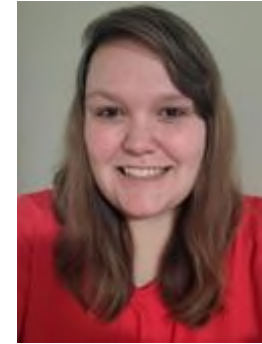
Rachel Harris (PhD)



CHEP Reps

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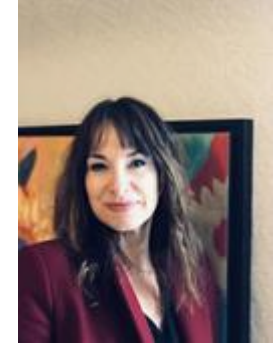
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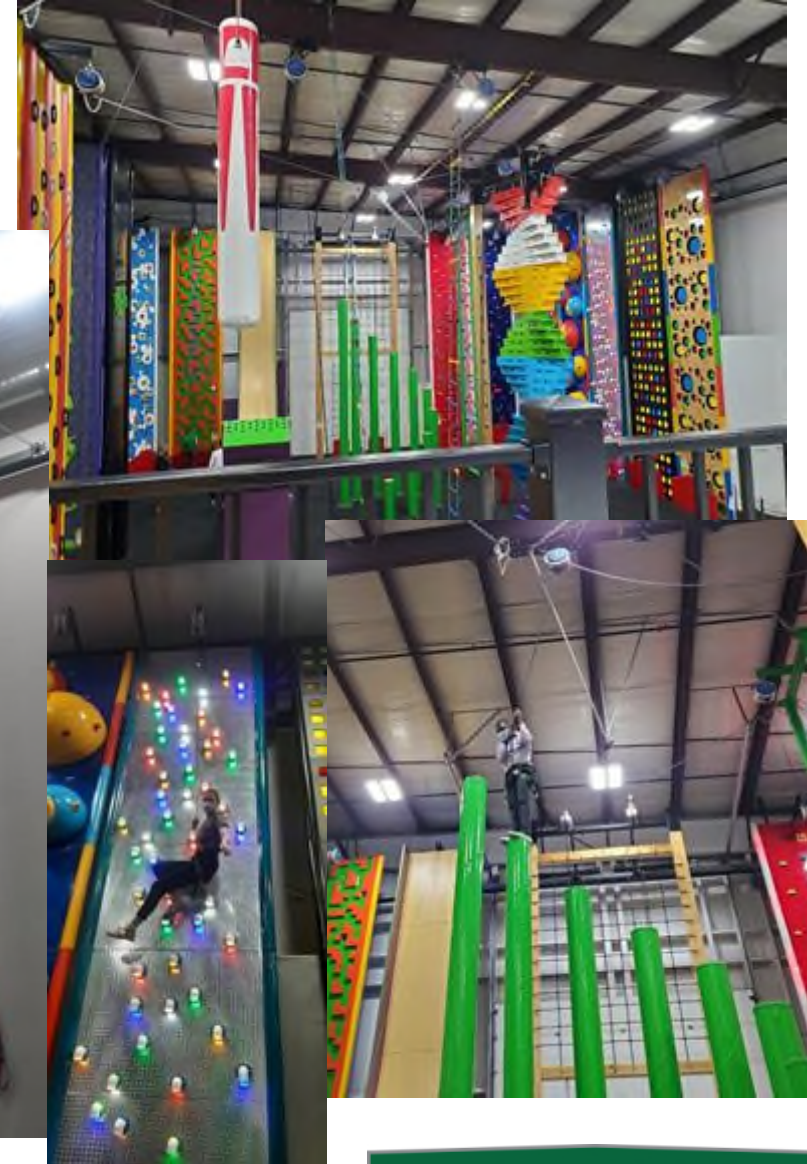
HSc Reps

Elyse Proulx-Cullen (PhD)

Sara Dalkilic (MSc)



Past Events



Looking Forward

Monthly Coffee Sessions

1st Wed of every Month



Wellness "Locker"

Trial basis – stocking monthly

Looking Forward

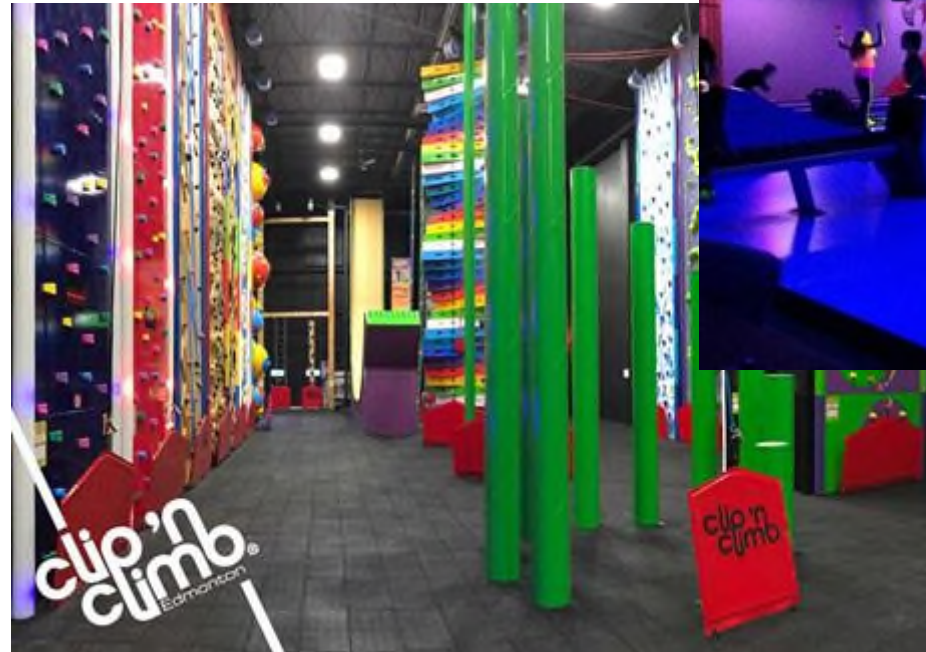
Welcome Event

annual event in the bowl



Outings

Clip n Climb & Bowling



BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Looking Forward

Outings

King Me Boardgamery & Trivia Nights



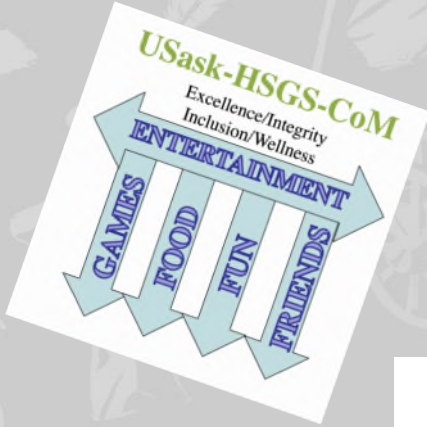
Research Night

annual event in Winter 2023



Thank you!

- Welcome once again to our New Graduate Students
 - Deans for the remarks
 - Health Sciences Graduate Program Committee members
 - OVDR Team



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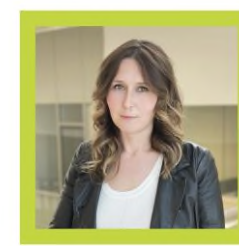
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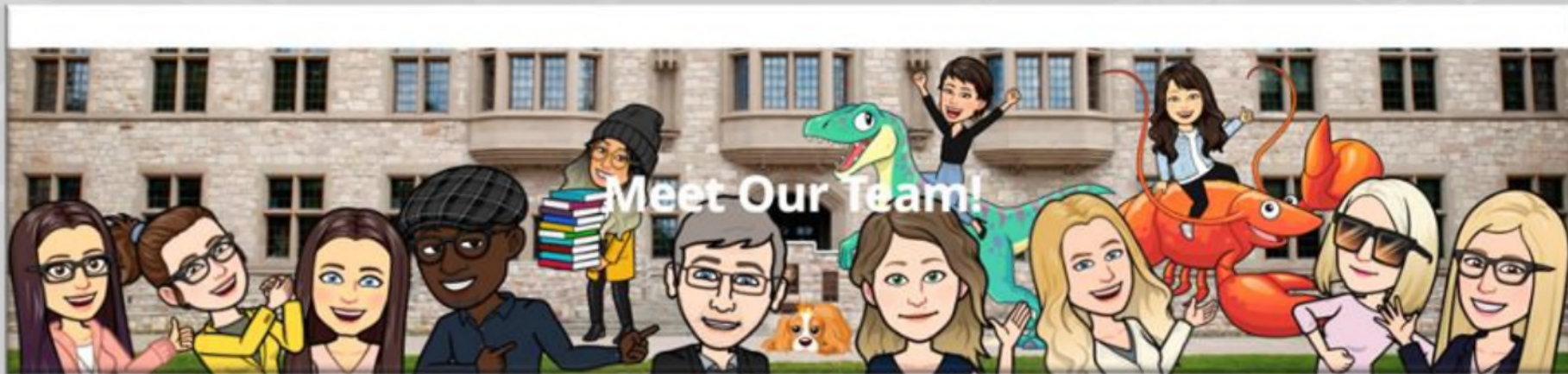
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To all students: We are here for you and because of you (KEL)

BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

Picnic at Pike Lake: June 26, 2022



Questions!

APPENDICES

Program Committee TOR

Appendix 1

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Develop, implement, oversee, evaluate and refine a graduate education strategy for the Health Sciences Graduate Program.
2. Align this strategy with the University of Saskatchewan's policies for graduate and postdoctoral studies.
3. Evaluate and advise regarding graduate program curricula.
4. Develop graduate education processes that contribute to the mandate of the College of Medicine.
5. Review and recommend Health Sciences Graduate Program students for admission, graduate awards and scholarships.
6. Develop best-practice guidelines for MSc and PhD supervision, programs of studies and research advisory committees (RACs).
7. Develop processes and provide oversight and support for chairing of defenses, attending PhD committee meetings, chairing qualifying and comprehensive exams, chairing 990 seminars, conflict resolution, etc.
8. Advise College Senior Leadership regarding the resource needs of the Health Sciences Graduate Program.
9. Define and track indicators, metrics, and benchmarks to monitor and evaluate the ongoing and relative success and outcomes of the graduate program.

MEETINGS:

The Committee will meet approximately six times per academic year or by call of the Chair as required. The quorum must be 50% + 1 of the voting members.

REPORTING:

The Committee shall be accountable to the Vice Dean Research and shall provide advice and recommendations.

MINUTES:

The minutes will be taken according to the rules of the University Council.

RAC Meetings

- RAC is expected to meet **a minimum** of once a year, **in May**, to discuss the student's progress
- **GSR 210 Annual Progress Report** is required after each meeting
- A mini-RAC meeting (about 15-30 minutes) is also strongly encouraged a few months into the program for the students to meet their committee and the RAC to answer any questions that they students may have
- Complete the **HSC 200 Program** form before or during the mini-RAC meeting
- An additional meeting can be requested by the RAC or student at anytime to for student wellness (important).
- In all cases, the OVDR Graduate Studies **must** be notified, and a report submitted
- **No** RAC meeting or progress report may lead to no CoM awards, no' new students from supervisor.

Role of RAC chair

- Call and chair meeting
- Approve the Program of Studies (course work and research program)
- Facilitate completion of the HSC 200 Program of Study (first meeting or mini meeting)
- Facilitate the completion of GSR 210 Annual Progress Report (required after each meeting)
- Ensure that the GSR 210 Contains information regarding: i) the student's progress in a variety of areas; ii) Additional comments and questions
- Meeting Minutes, which may be included on the GSR 210 or as a separate word document
- The GSR 210 Annual Progress Report must be submitted to ovdr.grad@usask.ca within two weeks of the student's RAC meeting.

A written research progress report

- An 8-10 page report to include:
 - background, rationale, objectives, experimental strategy, results and raw data obtained, discussions/interpretations
- Also included problems/technical difficulties/challenges encountered
- The report should be **written by the student** and Supervisor approval prior to their distribution

Functions of the Supervisor

- Ensure financial support for that the graduate
- Provide technical expertise and academic advice
- Provide the facilities, equipment, materials and supplies necessary for research
- Invite faculty members to serve on the Research Advisory Committee
- Serve on the Research Advisory Committee
- Suggest changes any changes in research direction to RAC
- Assist students in the preparation of research proposals, scholarship applications and the thesis.
- Provide any documentation necessary to support these activities (e.g. letters of recommendation) in a timely fashion.
- Invite faculty from outside the department (M.Sc.) to serve on the thesis Examination Committee
- Invite external examiners for Ph.D. thesis defense

CMGSS: Executive 2021-2022

-Elected each year at the AGM, typically held at the end of the spring term-

- **Co-President:** Una Goncin (PhD, HSC)
- **Co-President:** Gabby Mercier (PhD, BMI)
- **Vice President Internal:** Megha Rohamere (PhD, BMI)
- **Vice President Finances:** Abdulahi Ayanwale (MSc, CHEP)
- **Co-Vice President Academic:** Hardikkumar Patel (MSc, HSC)
- **Co-Vice President Academic:** Arguna Chen Che (PhD, HSC)
- **Vice President Student Wellness:** Josie Conacher (MSc, HSC)
- **Co-Vice President Communications:** Murooj Ghanem (MSc, APP)
- **Co-Vice President Communications:** Ethan Jansen (MSc, BMI)
- **Post-Doctoral Representative:** Marianna Horn (PDF, HSC)

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved/meeting new people, contact us at cmgss@usask.ca.

CMGSS Activities

- Annual general meeting
- Annual CoM Research Symposium
- Career Development
- Student appreciation (publication prizes)
- Social activities (picnics, trivia nights, etc)
- Representatives in university committees:
 - a) *College of Medicine Faculty Council*
 - b) *College of Medicine Graduate Chair Committee*
 - c) *GSA Council*

Students concerns (individual meetings) - 1

- More student-student/student-faculty engagement. Eg journal clubs
- Low minimum stipend
- Increased tuition
- Low visibility of program on website
- Need scientific communication course
- Need for research method course
- MD-PhD program requires structure and stronger push – check box accompanied by a short description on the benefits of the clinician-scientist pathway
- Push for Deans project funding

Students concerns (individual meetings)-2

- In-person seminars mandatory
- Need for more relevant courses eg histology; suggest Research methods course at Kinesiology
- Award for progress/productivity for students that are not eligible for scholarship
- Evening, virtual or recorded courses for parttime students who work during the day and may not attend day classes (Western Dean's Agreement is available to students)

Students concerns (individual meetings)-3

- Pair up students with common interests/overlapping ideas. Eg Clinical in neuroscience and biomedical neuroscience students
- List of all students, project title, 100-word summary of project
- All grad students to give a short 5-minutes presentation on their project
- UPASS should be optional
- Connect new student to old (mentorship pyramid)
- Leniency regarding program deadlines