



USask Agriculture Signature Area Graduate Research Travel Awards

Terms of Reference

January 2025

Call for applications annually in January. Number of awards available will vary by year.

The USask Agriculture Signature Area of Research (AgSA) offers awards to students engaged in research that falls under the AgSA. The purpose of these awards is to support the AgSA through the financial support of students, research promotion, undergraduate engagement in research, and the support of early career faculty.

Graduate Research Travel Awards are open to USask graduate students engaged in research that falls under the Agriculture Signature Area of Research (AgSA).

Graduate Research Travel Awards are meant to supplement the graduate student experience and allow promotion of agriculture research through travel. Activities may include but are not limited to: conference registration or travel; travel to other locations for course work or experiential learning purposes; costs incurred as part of team projects or special topics courses; academic exchanges with other institutions (including study abroad).

Eligibility

- Must be registered, as of the time of proposed travel, in a thesis-based graduate program at USask related to agriculture research;
- Must, at the time of proposed travel, be within 36 months (Master's) or 56 months (PhD) of their program start date;
- At the time of application, must be in good academic standing with CGPS, have a student-supervisor agreement on file, and have had a mentorship meeting within the past year;
- If proposing to attend a conference or meeting, student must be presenting at the meeting;
- Students travelling outside of Canada must comply with requirements of the International Travel Registry in order to receive university funds. This registry is administered by the International Student and Travel Abroad Centre (ISSAC)

Value and duration

- Graduate Research Travel Awards have a value of **\$2,500**;
- Value of award is paid directly to the faculty supervisor



Application

- To apply, complete and submit the online application form and supporting materials to by the deadline specified on the call. A complete application will include:
 - Completed application form, signed by both applicant and supervisor;
 - One-page project proposal, including how the work has the potential to benefit agriculture
 - Detailed budget;
 - A letter of support from the supervisor
 - Transcripts

Adjudication

- Selection will be based on the below criteria:
 - Academic excellence as determined by GPA
 - Fit within the Agriculture Signature Area of research
 - Research potential as determined by the one-page proposal
- Preference will be given to students supervised by early career faculty (within first five years of independent academic appointment)