

WE SAID WE WOULD DO IT.

AND WE DID IT.

BUT WE'RE NOT DONE.

(BECAUSE WE DIDN'T THINK
2020 WOULD BE LIKE THIS)

think big be bold

College of Arts and Science 2025

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FALL 2020

With more than 40 per cent of the total student population at USask, we comprise 21 departments and offer more than 60 programs.

COVID-19: Protect the Pack

Since March 2020, all of our lives have changed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. But what has remained constant is our resolve, ingenuity, dedication to our professions, and unwavering support for students, both in academic and non-academic ways.

Given the sheer size of our college, we have a vast impact on our university landscape, and in the face of this crisis, our impact has been creative and positive. COVID-19 has not changed our commitment to pursuing academic excellence in a vibrant and engaging learning environment.

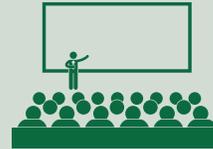
Because of how we are pulling together, our students will look back on this extremely challenging time of their academic careers and acknowledge how we went the extra mile with our nimble, responsible, and sound decision-making.

Ultimately, our goals during this public health crisis are to keep working together for the greater good of our College, our students, faculty and staff, and our families.

Academic

- › Certificate Programs [grow in number and students](#)
- › Science Outreach programs employed 16 university students who reached more than **3,400** people, including **700+** Indigenous youth through the 13-week Nutrien Kamskénow program. In March/April 2020, the Science Outreach Team worked in partnership with Saskatoon Public Schools and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools to design and deliver 700 Nutrien Kamskénow Home Science Kits for grades 4-8 students to supplement learning from home due to COVID-19
- › Even with the COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, students were still able to participate in international internships opportunities [remotely](#)

Numbers at a glance



10,557

enrolled students

- 1,389 international students
- 1,532 self-declared Indigenous students



1,245

Degrees Granted

**55 Certificates/Diplomas
granted in 2019-20**



53,000+

living alumni



\$32,337,022

**research funding
awarded in 2019-20**

Donors

- › Together, donors gave **\$4.2M** in 2019-20, helping our remarkable students achieve their potential and advancing research as we tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

Enrolment

- › In the 2019/20 academic year we saw a slight increase in our undergraduate student enrolments to **9,531** (up 1.0%); and a small decrease in our graduate student enrolment, down 2.9% to **1,026** students. Both our Indigenous and international student numbers have increased from last Academic Year, by 0.8% (UG-2019/20) for Indigenous students and 13.8% (UG) for international students.

Faculty Relations

- › 9 new department heads (May 2020); 10 renewal of probation; 9 tenure; 9 promotion to associate; 11 promotion to full; 307 upcoming salary review cases; 11 depts submitted revised standards as of Oct 2020; 46 applications for sabbaticals; 10 tenure track/tenured appointments made (May 2020); no tenure track searches are underway; and 5 retirements

Indigenous

- › New Vice Dean Indigenous [Dr. Angela Jaime hired](#)
- › anohc kipasikônaw / we rise / niipawi [art project](#)
- › ISAP created a [new video](#)
- › Dr. Allyson Stevenson hired as [Gabriel Dumont Research Chair in Métis Studies](#)

Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW)

- › 295 grants worth \$32,337,022 awarded to college faculty in 2019 (decrease in number of grants from 2018, but an increase in total value)
- › New Tier 1 Canada Research Chair - Erika Dyck (History): CRC History of Health and Social Justice.
- › CRC Renewal—Alexander Moewes (Physics & Engineering Physics): CRC in Materials Science using Synchrotron Radiation

Tri-agency funding:

- › 1 – CIHR Project Grant awarded
- › 25 – NSERC Discovery Grants; 3 PNSERC grants; 3 NSERC Engage; 1 NSERC CREATE
- › 4 – SSHRC Insight Development grants; 3 Insight Grants; 3 Connection Grants; 5 Explore Grants; 2 Exchange grants; 1 Project Synthesis grant and 1 Partnership Engage grant
- › 4 CFI-JELF awards; 4 CFI-JELF Partnerships
- › Tri-agency graduate student scholarships: 33 individual awards totalling \$1.26 million

Epitome examples of college's four commitments

1 Students First

- › Think Big - Be Bold Celebration Day™: we profiled how departments and units are supporting student success full-day [demonstrations](#)
- › Music ensembles go [virtual](#)
- › New A&S Summer Challenge and Orientation: Record high attendance in online format

2 Equity and Diversity in Faculty and Staff

- › [3 female faculty members](#) honoured by Royal Society of Canada
- › We welcomed [15 new faculty members](#)
- › Several college staff become "EDI Champions" as part of the USask Group, co-led by OVIE and OVFR

3 Excellence in RSAW

- › [Dr. Jay Famiglietti](#) has been awarded the 2020 Hydrologic Sciences Award by the American Geophysical Union
- › [Dr. Natalia Stakhanova](#) (Computer Science) was named one of the top women in cybersecurity by IT World Canada.
- › [Dr. Simon Lambert](#) (Indigenous Studies) is the Scientific Director of the CIHR-funded National Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research (NEIHR) Coordinating Centre, recently located to Station 20 West

4 New Curricula

- › [Revamped BMSC degree in partnership with CoM](#)
- › Profs innovate courses offered [remotely](#)
- › Math for real life: [Math 101](#)

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