ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
FALL 2019

With more than 40 per cent of the total student population at USask, we comprise 21 departments and offer more than 60 programs. With 300+ faculty members, we provide approximately half of the undergraduate courses offered at USask, spanning the humanities, social sciences, sciences and fine arts.

Numbers at a glance

- 10,504 enrolled students
  - 1,276 international students
  - 1,515 self-declared Indigenous students
- 1,284 degrees granted in 2018
- 53,000+ living alumni
- $26,500,466 research funding awarded in 2018-19

Arts and Science Magazine

10,000 copies for alumni, donors and friends

Academic

- New Math 101 course for new degree requirements
- Creating 4 new BMSC degree programs
- 97 students in Study Abroad (triple from last year)
- Science outreach programming reached more than 7,500 people in Saskatoon and 12 First Nations communities in the north

Enrolment

- In the 2018/19 academic year we saw a slight increase in our undergraduate student number to 9,446 (up 0.6%); however, a 5.6% growth was seen in the graduate student number to 1,058 graduate students, over the last academic year
- Both our Indigenous and international student numbers have increased from last Academic Year, by 6.7% (UG-2018/19) for Indigenous students and 7.8% (UG) for international
- Over 7000 face-to-face student advising sessions and over 20,000 advising contacts via email or letter

Donors

- Together, donors gave $2.1M in 2018-19, helping our students achieve their potential and advancing research as we tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

WE SAID WE WOULD DO IT.
AND WE DID IT.
BUT WE’RE NOT DONE.
Faculty Relations
› 7 new department heads; 15 renewal of probation; 6 tenure; 7 promotion to associate; 5 promotion to full; 309 salary review cases; 6 depts submitted revised standards; 42 applications for sabbaticals; 14 tenure track/ tenured appointments made; 6 searches (including 2 Indigenous) underway or pending; and, 6 retirements

Indigenous
› ISAP programming welcomed 118 students in 2018-2019, representing approximately 22% of first-year Indigenous students
› 13 students in the college received Indigenous Student Achievement Awards
› The college provides funding for 4 Indigenous graduate students (2 PhD, 1 MA, 1 MSc) through its College of Arts & Science Aboriginal Graduate Scholarship program

Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW)
› 24 researchers received funding from the NSERC Discovery Grants program; 2 researchers received NSERC RTI funding, 3 scholars received SSHRC Insight Grants, 4 received Insight Development Grants, and a major SSHRC Partnership Grant was awarded. 2 of our researchers were successful in the inaugural New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) competition for new researchers and 2 concepts will be developed for the anticipated NFRF Transformation Stream.
› 3 Tier 2 CRCs (all female) were awarded
› The University of Saskatchewan Art Galleries and Art Collection was awarded more than $480,000 by the Canada Council for the Arts to develop a digital service that will help arts organizations in the province better engage with their audiences. Led by the galleries director, a team of 5 digital experts from art and art history, archaeology and anthropology, computer science and the University Library will support this 3-year project

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Epitome examples of college’s four commitments

1 Students First
› Psychology: With $19K funding from the USask Open Textbook Adaptation Fund to create an open textbook for PSY 120/121, more than 2,300 students will use the open textbook, with an estimated savings of $389,000 per year for students

2 Equity and Diversity in Faculty and Staff
› Archaeology and Anthropology: Reconciliation statement
› Computer Science: Hired 4 female professors in the last 18 months

3 Excellence in RSAW
› Mathematical Physics: Approval of Centre for Quantum Topology and Its Applications (quanTA)

4 New Curricula
› Drama/ English/ Indigenous Studies: Launch of the new Certificate in the Study of Indigenous Storytelling
› Geography and Planning: New BSc in Hydrology
› Political Studies: 3 certificates - Politics and Law; Indigenous Governance and Politics; Global Studies

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