



Summer Research Institute

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Land Acknowledgement



Welcome to the University of Regina, situated on the territories of the Nēhiyawak, Anihšīnāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. The University of Regina is on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6.



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Welcome!

Research is more than a process - it's a practice, a mindset, and a journey of discovery.

We're excited to welcome you to the second year of the FGSR Summer Research Institute (SRI) at the University of Regina.

This program is created with you in mind: emerging researchers who are curious, driven, and ready to build the skills that turn questions into knowledge - and knowledge into impact.

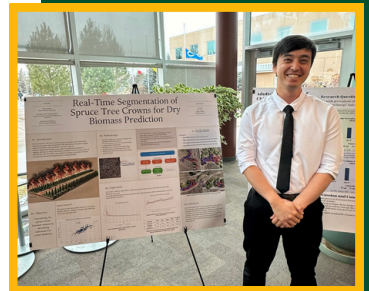
Whether you're an undergraduate exploring research for the first time, or a graduate student refining your academic voice, SRI is an opportunity to grow. You'll engage in high-impact workshops, learn from experienced facilitators, and join a community of fellow researchers dedicated to thoughtful inquiry.

This year, SRI also introduces the *Research Communications (Knowledge Mobilization)* digital badge inviting you to think beyond research creation toward how knowledge is shared, applied, and understood.

The SRI isn't just about what you learn - it's about who you become as a researcher.

We're so glad you're here.

The FGSR Team



About the Summer Research Institute

The **Summer Research Institute (SRI)** is a signature professional development initiative hosted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) at the University of Regina. It offers a diverse series of workshops, from May through August, that support the evolving needs of both undergraduate and graduate student researchers.

This program is designed to complement your hands-on research experience by equipping you with the academic tools, ethical foundations, and communication strategies essential to success in today's research landscape.

Through the SRI, you will:

- Strengthen your ability to ask meaningful questions and seek informed answers
- Learn to present your work with clarity, purpose, and confidence
- Explore research tools, platforms, and practices that enhance quality and rigor
- Engage with ethical and inclusive approaches to conducting research
- Connect with a supportive, interdisciplinary research community

Whether you're preparing for graduate school, advancing toward publication, or simply building confidence in your work, the Summer Research Institute helps you take your research - and your potential - to the next level.

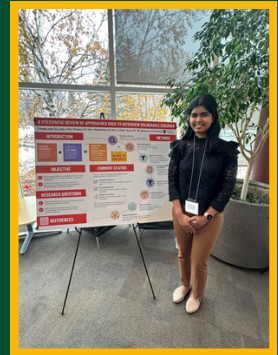
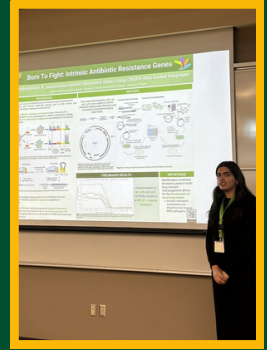


For information about the program, workshops schedule, additional resources, and registration, visit this page.



Program At-a-Glance

- May 7 at 12 pm via zoom
Information Session & Orientation
- Review the “Working with a Supervisor”
information
- May 12 at 12 pm in CK 185
Open Research Practices
- May 14, 12-1:30 pm in CK 185
Knowledge Mobilization
- May 20 at 12 pm in CK 185
Community-Based Research
- May 28 at 12 pm via zoom
Literature Reviews & Library Tools
- Jun 3 at 12 pm in CK 185
Presentation Skills
- Jun 9 at 12 pm in ED 193 & Zoom
Poster & Visual Presentation Skills
- Jun 11 at 12pm in CK185
Indigenous Research Methodologies
- Jun 17, 12-1:30 pm via zoom
Machine Learning with AI
- Jun 25, 12-1:30 pm via zoom
AI in Research
- Aug 26 9:00 AM–3:00 PM ED 191/193
Poster Presentations & Feedback Session
- Optional: Student Research Showcase
during Research Week October 26-30



See you there!



Information Session & Orientation

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Overview of SRI
with FGSR Staff

Thursday May 7 at 12 pm
Via Zoom.

Join us for a welcoming session open to all students involved in research this summer. Learn about the professional development workshops and resources available to support your research journey, connect with peers, and get set for a successful summer of discovery.



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Working with a Supervisor

- Discuss roles and responsibilities
- Set expectations
- Communicate

Resources:

- How to Have a Great Relationship With Your Supervisor (resources found here)





Workshop

Open Research Practices

with Dr. Chris Oriet

Tuesday May 12 at 12 pm
CK 185 In-Person.

This workshop will introduce you to the Open Science Framework, which allows researchers to easily and transparently share their materials with others. We'll discuss some of the benefits of doing research in an open and transparent way, with an eye to both ethical and practical considerations.

Dr. Chris Oriet

Professor in the Department of Psychology and an Associate Dean in the FGSR, Chris completed his PhD at the University of Waterloo and an NSERC/Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of British Columbia before joining the University of Regina. Current research interests include face familiarization, the role of context in face recognition, attentional capture, and visual search.





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Workshop

Knowledge Mobilization*
with Emilie Kossick



Thursday May 14, 12-1:30 pm
CK 185 In-Person.

This session explores how to integrate knowledge mobilization into your research, strengthen funding applications, and share your work beyond academia. Participants will learn how funders assess impact and how to present research clearly and effectively to policymakers, communities, industry, and the public.

** This session is mandatory to attend to be eligible for the Research Communications (Knowledge Mobilization) Digital Badge.*



Emilie Kossick

Emilie Kossick is an alumni of UR, with degrees and certificates (BA Hons, BSc, CERT in PR) culminating in a MA in Psychology. While Knowledge Manager at CIPSRT, she earned a certificate in Knowledge Translation from the University of Toronto and served as a founding committee member and organizer for MobilizeU a knowledge mobilization certificate program offered through York University. Emilie brings her passion for knowledge mobilization to the realm of funding as FGSRs Manager of Scholarships and Awards.





Workshop



Community-Based Research
with Denise Kennedy
& Dr. Christine Massing

Wednesday, May 20 at 12 pm
CK 185 In-Person.

This workshop explores principles and strategies for engaging in community-based research. Grounded in the 4R's of Indigenous research---Respect, Responsibility, Relationality, and Reciprocity---the session will highlight various approaches and illustrative examples which prioritize meaningful and ethical engagement with communities.

Denise Kennedy

Denise Kennedy is an Anihšīnāpēkwē from Pasqua First Nation. Denise is a mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, teacher and lifelong learner. Denise is currently a PhD student in the faculty of Education at the University of Regina. She is a lecturer and faculty member in the Indigenous languages and linguistics department at the First Nations University of Canada. Denise's passion is Indigenous language revitalization and Indigenous methodology in research.





Workshop

Literature Reviews & Library Tools ...

with Cara Bradley

Thursday, May 28 at 12 pm
Via Zoom.

As a student researcher, placing your work within existing research is essential. In this session with librarian Cara Bradley, you'll learn how to choose the right type of literature review, search effectively, and organize your findings to save time and reduce stress.



Cara Bradley

Cara Bradley is the Research & Scholarship Librarian at the UR, supporting graduate students and faculty in their research. An active scholar herself, she has published and presented widely on information literacy, scholarly communication, and teaching and learning.





Workshop

Presentation Skills

with Krista Baliko

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Wednesday Jun 3 at 12 pm
CK 185 In-Person.

You put a lot of time, energy, and passion into your graduate work, but if you aren't able to effectively communicate about your findings, your research could go unnoticed. Join Krista Baliko, U of R Research Communications Strategist, for this session to explore ways to help launch your research into the world.



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Krista Baliko

Krista is a research communications strategist at the UR, sharing researchers' work in clear and compelling ways. With a background in storytelling, journalism, and public engagement, Krista specializes in translating complex ideas into plain language to connect with a wide range of audiences. Krista has helped shape communications strategies for major research initiatives and regularly collaborates with faculty and students to bring research to life through writing, various media, and public talks.





Workshop

Poster & Visual Presentation Skills ...
with Dr. Omar El-Halfawy

Tuesday, Jun 9 at 12 pm
ED 193 & Zoom.

In this session, students will learn about: the general roles of posters in academic communications; the similarity and difference between posters and other ways of communications including oral presentations and journal papers; how to convey the points effectively – the what-why-how-what-what approach; how to draw the attention of the audience; and some suggestions about the layout, graphic-text balance, captions, font sizes, etc.

Dr. Omar El-Halfawy

As a Canada Research Chair in Chemogenomics and Antimicrobial Research and an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at the UR, Omar’s interdisciplinary lab explores antibiotic resistance, microbial virulence, and new antimicrobial strategies. He holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from Alexandria University, a Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario, and completed post-doctoral training at McMaster University’s Institute for Infectious Diseases Research.





Workshop

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Indigenous Research Methodologies
with Tammy Ratt

Thursday, June 11 at 12 pm
CK 185

This workshop introduces Indigenous research methodologies, grounded in First Nations perspectives, ways of knowing, and approaches to knowledge creation. Tammy will draw from her own research on the topic of Indigenous language revitalization to explore principles such as relationality, respect, reciprocity, and responsibility. Participants will reflect on engaging in research in ways that are inclusive, culturally informed, and responsive to Indigenous communities.



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Instructor - Tammy Ratt, PhD Candidate

Tammy is a nêhiyaw and Scottish woman with roots in Minahik Waskahigan (Pinehouse Lake). A mother, teacher, and lifelong learner of nêhiyawêwin, her PhD is focused on Indigenous language revitalization through art-based, relational approaches. Tammy is Program Coordinator of Indigenous Languages at the First Nations University, where she supports community-based language learning grounded in relationships, identity, and intergenerational knowledge.





Workshop

Machine Learning with AI
with Dr. Justin Longo



Wednesday, Jun 17, 12-1:30 pm
Via Zoom.

This workshop introduces machine learning as a research method for working with complex or “messy” data such as text and audio. Through a non-technical overview, live demonstrations, and a short design exercise, participants will explore how machine learning can help transform qualitative data into analyzable insights while considering practical applications, ethics, and limitations.



Dr. Justin Longo

As an Assistant Professor and Cisco Research Chair in Digital Governance at JSGS, Justin’s research focuses on the socio-political implications of advanced technology, the public sector applications of information and communications technologies, public policy studies, environmental and natural resource policy and transboundary governance.





Workshop

AI in Research



with Veronica Ramshaw & Cara Bradley

Thursday Jun 25, 12-1:30 pm
Via Zoom.

The workshop will cover how AI, in particular Generative AI, works and what its limitations are. Review the uses of Generative AI, some helpful research tools, and how to ensure your AI use remains academically honest.



Veronica Ramshaw

Veronica Ramshaw (they/them) is the Digital Services and Liaison Librarian at the Archer Library at the University of Regina. They have a BFA in Film Production from York University in Toronto, and an MLIS from McGill University in Montreal. They have lived in Regina with their partner (and dog) since 2019, after spending 5 years in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.



Presentation & Feedback Session*

Wednesday Aug 26
from 9 am - 3 pm
ED 191 & ED 193 In-Person.

- 36x48" Poster (Digital)
- 3-5 minute presentation

Digital posters will be displayed on a TV outside the classroom throughout the day on a continuous loop. Inside the classroom, participants will present their research through a 3–5 minute oral presentation.

This session provides an opportunity to share what you've learned, receive constructive feedback from judges, and engage in discussion about your research in a supportive and encouraging environment. Written feedback on both the digital posters and presentations will be emailed to participants following the event.

Cash prizes will be awarded for outstanding presentations:
- \$500, \$300, \$200 for the top 3 for best undergrad presentation
- \$500, \$300, \$200 for the top 3 for best graduate presentation
for students who have attended a minimum of 3 workshops.

Students participating in this feedback session and participate in the Student Research Showcase (SRS) during Research Week in October, will have their posters printed free of charge. Following the SRS, the posters are yours to keep for future use.

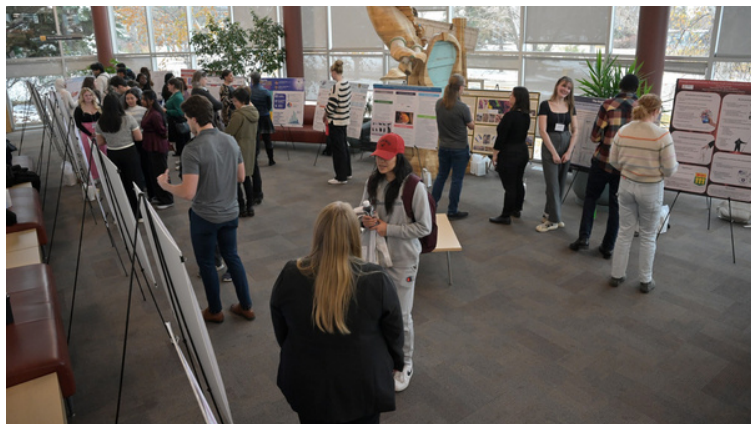
Unable to attend? You can still receive feedback on your poster and presentation by submitting a video, but you will not be eligible for prizes.

* This session is mandatory to attend to be eligible for the Research Communications (Knowledge Mobilization) Digital Badge.



Student Research Showcase (SRS)

Part of Research Week - Oct 26-30, 2026



Hosted during Research Week, the **Student Research Showcase** is your opportunity to present your work to the broader campus and community.

Graduate students can participate in the 5-Minute Research Presentation Challenge, where you'll practice clearly and confidently communicating your research to a non-specialist audience.

Undergraduate and graduate students can also enter the Poster Competition, presenting their work visually and engaging with judges, faculty, peers, and industry guests.

- Open to all student researchers who conducted research over the summer
- Prizes awarded for top presentations
- Great for professional development, networking, and CV-building

Participation is optional but strongly encouraged for **SRI participants**—it's the perfect way to apply what you've learned and showcase the impact of your work.

Research Communications

(Knowledge Mobilization) Digital Badge

The **Summer Research Institute (SRI)** is more than a summer program—it’s the beginning of your journey as a researcher within the university community. Through workshops, practice, and a presentation, you’ll build skills and confidence that support your research now and into the future.



To earn the **Research Communications Digital Badge** for SRI, participants must:

- attend the **Knowledge Mobilization** workshop,
- attend three of the other six workshops, and
- participate in the **Presentation & Feedback Session** (delivering a 3-5-minute presentation, creating a digital poster, receiving constructive feedback from judges, and engaging in discussion about your research)

By completing the program, you’ll develop skills in research communication, critical analysis, ethical and inclusive practices, visual storytelling, ethical use of AI, public speaking, and knowledge translation for public audiences.

Scan to learn more



If you are an ... Undergraduate Researcher



Overview:

- USRA and UGRA student researchers are funded through a program that derives funds from FGSR, NSERC, faculties and supervisors.



Program Requirements

- As part of your work in the program, you are encouraged to participate in professional development sessions that will help you prepare to present scientific research.
- UGRA mandatory component:
 - Orientation & Feedback sessions
 - Encouraged to attend all workshops, but required to attend 3 workshops
- USRA encouraged to attend at least some of the professional development programming being offered.
- Please provide feedback by completing the survey at the end of each session



If you are a ... Graduate Researcher



Overview:

- As a graduate student at the University of Regina, your research journey is already well underway—but the FGSR Summer Research Institute (SRI) is here to help you take it even further.



Professional Development

- Deepen your understanding of research ethics, transparency, and open science
- Build confidence in presenting your findings through posters and oral presentations
- Explore emerging tools like AI to streamline and enhance your research process
- Engage with Indigenous research methodologies in a respectful, community-informed way
- Connect with a network of student researchers and experienced faculty mentors



Why Research Matters

Highlight - Student Research at UR

Jerit Mitchell, PhD Student

His discovery of preserved blood vessels and a healed fracture in Scotty the T. rex, using advanced imaging techniques, is helping researchers better understand dinosaur healing, compare injuries across species, and gain new insight into the evolution of life on Earth.



discoursemagazine.ca/scottys-rib/2025/07/07/

Researchers are at the core of UR

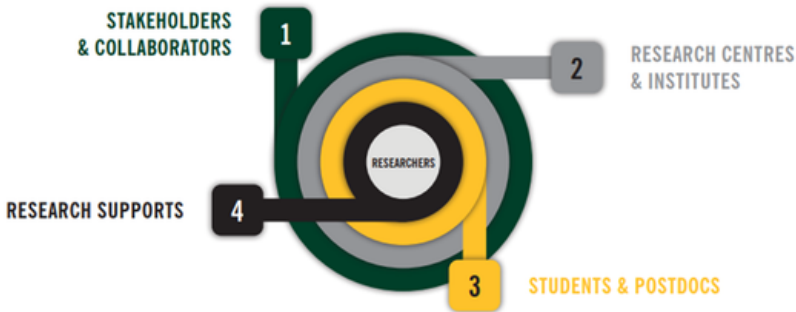


Image: U of R Research Action Plan. 2021-2025-VP-Research-Office-Research-Action-Plan-Final.pdf (uregina.ca)



Restoring the balance of power
Read about how Dr. Amber Fletcher is turning an equity lens on the power grid.



Urban wildlife project
Master's student in biology Jordan Rustad is finding out what wildlife lives in Regina.



Assessing pain in dementia patients
Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos is providing ways to help determine when people with dementia are in pain.

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Thank you for joining us!

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