

WE SAID WE WOULD DO IT.



AND WE DID IT.



BUT WE'RE NOT DONE.

# think big be bold

College of Arts and Science 2025

## ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT FALL 2021

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

Working mostly off-campus, the Arts and Science community has been dedicated, creative, and inventive in the past 'pandemic year'.

Our college has contributed immediate and sustained critical expertise and resources to the province's pandemic response. We are an essential part of our province's recovery efforts, supporting the health system, finding solutions, and working to help Saskatchewan emerge strong from the pandemic.

COVID-19 is changing the ways and the pace at which we are able to implement our plan, and departments and units need to be able to adjust and pivot according to their own priorities and resources.

The pandemic has given us opportunities to try new things, do things differently, and pause or stop some efforts altogether.

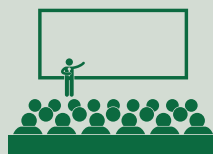
To be the university the world needs, A&S is learning and adapting to this new world we find ourselves in, and we are teaching the skills our students will need to thrive.

### Academic



- › New Vice-Dean Academic [Dr. Lorin Elias](#)
- › We currently offer [16 certificate programs](#), and new certificates are regularly being approved in our Academic Program Committees
- › Curriculum Renewal: we are now in the second-year of our major change to degree requirements, teaching a 'mixed cohort', and all new students enrolled since fall of 2020 (and students enrolled earlier who opt-in to the new requirements) will fulfill our English Language Writing, Indigenous Learning, and Quantitative Reasoning Requirements
- › [Science Outreach](#): Science Ambassadors connected virtually with northern schools

### Numbers at a glance



# 10,530

**enrolled students**

- 1,343 international students
- 1,549 self-declared Indigenous students
- 984 graduate students



# 1,299

**Credentials Awarded**

- 1,026 Undergraduate degrees
- 193 Graduate degrees
- 70 Certificates granted



# 54,685

**living alumni**



# \$25,391,230

**research funding  
awarded in 2020-21**

### Donors



- › Together, donors gave **\$1M** in 2020-21, 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 2020/21 academic year we saw a slight increase in our undergraduate student enrolments to **9,546** (up 0.9% from last academic year); and small decreases in our graduate student enrolment, down 1% to **984** students, and international student enrolment, down by 1% to 1343. Self-declared Indigenous student numbers have increased from last academic year by 1%, to 1549.

# Faculty Relations

- › 6 new department heads (June 2021); 6 renewal of probation cases; 10 tenure cases; 11 promotion to associate cases; 3 promotion to full cases; 308 salary review cases; 12 depts submitting revised standards as of Oct 2021; 45 applications for sabbaticals (19 six-month and 26 twelve-month were approved); 4 tenure track/tenured appointments made including one endowed chair; 3 tenure track search is underway; and 4 retirements (June 2021)

## Indigenous

- › New acting Vice Dean Indigenous [Dr. Emily Snyder](#)
- › Dr. Chantale Cenerini, Métis scholar, hired as Assistant Professor in Indigenous language revitalization
- › Priscilla Settee named an [international 2021 NDN Changemaker Fellow](#)
- › anohc kisasikôhaw/we rise/niipawi installation [completed](#)
- › Vice-Dean Indigenous office organized campus events for [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)

## Research, Scholarly and Artistic Work (RSAW)

- › New Vice-Dean [Dr. Bram Noble](#)
- › 355 grants and a total of \$25,391,230 were awarded to college faculty
- › New Tier 2 Canada Research Chair – Kristina Bidwell (English): CRC Indigenous Storytelling
- › CRC Renewals – Tier 1 – Ingrid Pickering (Geological Sciences) – Molecular Environmental Science and Tier 2 – Eric Price (Chemistry) – CRC in Radiochemistry

### Tri-agency funding:

- › 4 – CIHR Grants; 16 – NSERC Grants (~25 fewer applications due to COVID-19 paid extensions from NSERC); 1 – NFRF Grant; 17 – SSHRC Grants
- › Tri-agency graduate student scholarships: 44 individual awards totaling \$1.74M

### RSAW in the Community during COVID-19

- › Colleen Dell (Sociology) – [therapy dogs](#) reduce anxiety for vaccine clients
- › Department of Music – Greystone Singers and Wind Orchestra - [Play it Forward concert series](#) in recognition of health care workers
- › [Greystone Theatre goes digital](#) during pandemic

## Epitome examples of college's four commitments

### 1 Students First

- › Student creates online exhibit showcasing [queer history](#)
- › [Focus on art](#) helps student overcome pandemic hardships
- › A&S students receive [Indigenous Achievement Awards](#)

### 2 Equity and Diversity in Faculty and Staff

- › [Dimensions in Diversity](#) educational sessions launched by Vice-Deans Indigenous and Faculty Relations
- › Nine new faculty members [appointed](#)
- › Dr. Joanne Leow wins Provost's Themed Award for [Outstanding New Teacher](#)
- › Four female faculty members honored with [college research awards](#)

### 3 Excellence in RSAW

- › Spotlight on [SSHRC Grant Winners](#)
- › [Dr. Véronique Mathieu](#) awarded Canada Council for the Arts funding
- › [Dr. Debajyoti Mondal and Dr. Lee Wilson](#) in partnership with City of Saskatoon through Research Junction
- › [Dr. John Pomeroy](#) wins lifetime achievement award from American Geophysical Union

### 4 New Curricula

- › [Revamped biomedical sciences program in partnership with Medicine](#)
- › [Innovative new A&S courses](#) for Fall 2021
- › [New courses](#) tackle environmental and sustainability issues