

# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH NEWS

The latest in undergraduate research at USask



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# SHOWCASE

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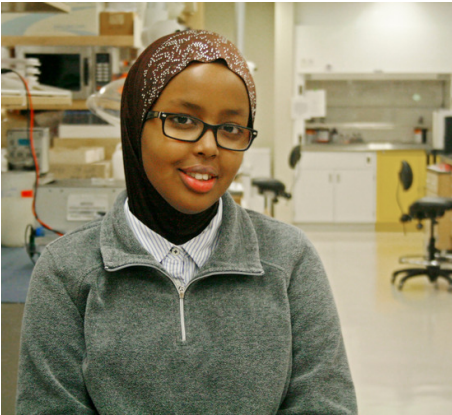


Photo Courtesy: Chelsea Phan

The field of research may be intimidating to some; as a first-time researcher, I felt a bit overwhelmed initially. There were things that I did not know and concepts that I did not understand. However, the research environment encourages you to ask questions. Asking questions is fundamental to the learning process. Read more.

Submit your own work, or send us an email at [undergraduate.research@usask.ca](mailto:undergraduate.research@usask.ca)

To be a good undergraduate researcher you need to “Listen to orders!” -- Howland jokes before adding that, in actuality, to be good researchers students ought to be “smart, meticulous, attentive, and engaged.” Howland also stresses that “students just need to be genuinely curious and then given the opportunity to act on that curiosity.” Read more.

Are you a faculty member who integrates undergraduate research? Email [undergraduate.research@usask.ca](mailto:undergraduate.research@usask.ca) to showcase your contribution

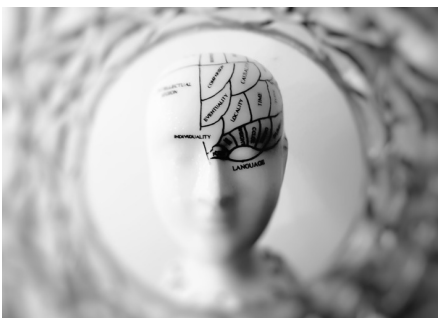
## SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY:



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### BRAIN BEE

Assist the Saskatchewan Neuroscience Network with running the Annual Saskatchewan Brain Bee where high school students are asked questions related to the brain. The winner ultimately competes with others from across Canada for the CIHR Canadian National Brain Bee championship. This opportunity may be a great way to start getting involved in research.



### OUR COMMON FUTURE CONFERENCE



An undergraduate environmental and sustainability student symposium. Project ideas, research reports, posters or presentations are all welcome! Deadline to apply is March 1st!



### SCIENCE AMBASSADOR



The Science Ambassador Program connects northern Indigenous communities with the University of Saskatchewan by pairing senior undergraduate and graduate students with schools across northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba for 4-6 week placements each spring.



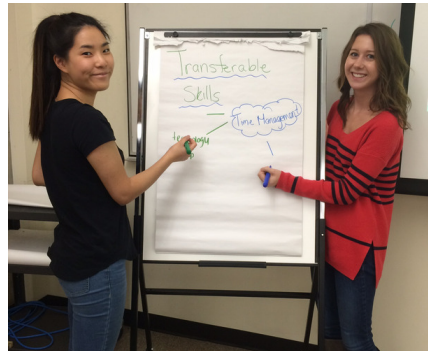
## BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK

Teach the public about the brain and brain injury prevention. Through fun and interactive activities, you will help educate the community about the brain and why it's important to keep your brain safe. You DO NOT need to be an expert in the field. All materials and training are provided, so all you have to bring is your enthusiasm!  
Email [ljp061@mail.usask.ca](mailto:ljp061@mail.usask.ca) to volunteer



## PAL PEER MENTORING

Student Learning Services is recruiting volunteers for the Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) program for the 2019/2020 academic year. Develop your leadership, mentorship and presentation skills while assisting other students to be successful.



## FACULTY OPPORTUNITY

### Transforming Futures: International Perspectives on Research-Based Education

Do you have a great program, unique process, assessment initiatives, or an interesting and exciting aspect of your undergraduate research program? Think FYRE! This conference could be for you and is designed for programs at any stage, including the development phase!  
Submissions due before March 31, 2019



## USURJ



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