



**MINUTES OF UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**  
**2:30-4:30p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm.

**2. Tributes**

2.1 Tribute to Professor Peter Hynes, from the Department of English, presented by Professor Brent Nelson

2.2 Tribute to Professor Emeritus Colin Sargent, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, presented by Professor Emeritus Rich Burton and Professor Emeritus Greg Schoenau

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

(Augusta/Smith): *That the agenda be adopted as circulated.*

Dr. Paul Jones, Chair of the Nominations Committee, asked for an amendment to the agenda (no. 13.4) due to the resignation of a member of the Deputy Provost search committee and the time sensitivities related to the search.

(Jones/Lamb): *That the agenda be amended to add a request for decision regarding the appointment of one new member of the General Academic Assembly (GAA) to the Deputy Provost search committee.*

CARRIED.

(Augusta/Smith): *That the agenda be adopted as amended.*

CARRIED.

**4. Chair's Opening remarks**

The Chair of Council, Dr. Jay Wilson, acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis, paying respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of our gathering place and reaffirming our relationship with one another. He also noted that given the remote meeting modality, that members may be connecting from other locations and that we acknowledge our shared relations with the Indigenous peoples of this land.

The chair informed Council members of the protocols for the synchronous remote meeting.

Dr. Wilson asked if there were any media present. John Thronberg identified that he is a producer with CTV but was attending the meeting as a Senator. The chair reminded those present that no video or audio recordings of the Council meeting are permitted.

Dr. Wilson informed Council members that due to the number of items on the agenda and given the carry-over of agenda items from the April meeting of Council, questions and comments would only be permitted for requests for input and decision items. Otherwise, they would be deferred until question period.

Dr. Wilson reported on the regular monthly meeting between Council Chairs and the President's Executive Committee (PEC). He reported that the discussion topics were the challenges facing Laurentian University, and implications of the provincial budget for USask.

**5. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2020**

(Bedard-Haughn/Willoughby): *That the minutes be approved.*

CARRIED.

**6. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Dr. Wilson reported on the election results from the April 15, 2021, Council Meeting, recalling that Ryan O'Connell was duly nominated from the floor. The Council-elected GAA representatives on the Deputy Provost Search Committee are:

- Erica Carleton, Edwards School of Business
- Som Niyogi, Department of Biology
- Darrin Oehlerking, Department of Music
- Holly Mansell, College of Pharmacy & Nutrition

However, Holly Mansell has since resigned from the Search Committee, hence the new agenda item today from the Nominations Committee.

**7. Report of the President**

President Peter Stoicheff welcomed the new USSU and GSA representatives to University Council. Questions and comments on the President's written report were deferred to question period.

**8. Report of the Provost**

Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic, thanked Council for the opportunity to present her report, as provided in the materials. Questions and comments were deferred to question period.

**9. Report of the Pandemic Response and Recovery Team (PRT) [addressed after the student reports]**

Dr. Darcy Marciniuk, Associate Vice President, Research and PRT Chair, gave a report on the work of the PRT. He reported on the following:

- The number of positive COVID-19 cases and case prevalence rates on- and off-campus in the last month, and over the last year.
- The mobile testing clinics.
- On campus research requests now being approved at the college level.

He reported on the mask protocols that will be put in place on campus for Fall 2021 and reiterated the hopes that there would be a return to regular operations for Winter 2022. He encouraged everyone to get the COVID-19 vaccination and to protect themselves and one another through adherence to the Saskatchewan Health Authority's safety protocols.

**10. Student Societies**

**10.1 Report from the USSU**

The Chair welcomed the new USSU President, Tasnim Jaisee, who presented the report as provided in the materials.

## **10.2 Report from the GSA**

The Chair welcomed the new GSA President, Rifat Zahan, who presented the report as provided in the materials.

## **11. Scholarships and Awards Committee**

### **11.1 Report for Information: Best and Brightest Scholarships Recipients 2021**

Dr. Tracie Risling, Chair of the Committee, gave a presentation [attached]. She highlighted the amplified sense of grief and loss among students, in addition to celebrating their accomplishments, in the context of the pandemic. She noted that this will be a defining characteristic for a full cohort of students having dealt with a full year of remote learning in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **12. Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC)**

Dr. Darrell Mousseau introduced the two agenda items from PPC.

### **12.1 Report for Information: Update on The University Plan: 2025**

Dr. Airini gave a presentation [attached]. Questions were deferred to question period.

### **12.2 Report for Information: Update on the Provincial Budget 2021/22**

Dr. Airini and Greg Fowler, Vice President Finance & Resources, gave a presentation. They highlighted the significance of the four-year funding commitment for USask and of the one-time transition funding for the pandemic and to move toward financial sustainability. They noted two major changes in the budget: clinical funding for the College of Medicine would now be directed through the Ministry of Health rather than Advanced Education; and the use of the Saskatchewan University Funding Mechanism (SUFM) has been suspended, being replaced with a Memorandum of Understanding as provided in the materials.

## **13. Nominations Committee**

Dr. Paul Jones, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the agenda items.

### **13.1 Request for Decision: Appointment of GAA members to the Associate Vice Presidents (AVP), Research Search Committee**

(Jones/Lamb): *It is recommended that the following three GAA members be appointed to the APV Research Search Committee. Candidates are:*

- *Stephan Milosavljevic, Physical Therapy*
- *Curtis Pozniak, Crop Development Centre*
- *Debbie Pushor, Curriculum Studies*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

### **13.2 Request for Decision: Appointment of one Senior Administrator to the Dean of Edwards School of Business Review Committee**

**(Jones/Lamb):** *It is recommended that the Trever Crowe, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Bioresources, be appointed to the Review Committee for the Dean of the Edwards School of Business, Keith Willoughby.*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

**13.3 Request for Decision: 2021/22 Omnibus Nominations to Council Committees**

**(Jones/Lamb):** *It is recommended that Council approve the slate of nominations to University Council committees for 2021-22 effective July 1, 2021, as attached.*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

**13.4 Request for Decision: Deputy Provost Search Committee**

**(Jones/Lamb):** *It is recommended that Keith Da Silva, College of Dentistry, be appointed to the Deputy Provost search committee, effective immediately.*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

**14. Academic Programs Committee (APC)**

Dr. Susan Detmer, Chair of APC, presented the committee's agenda items.

**14.1 Request for Decision: Graduate Degree-level Certificate in Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Action**

**(Detmer/Deters):** *It is recommended that Council approve the graduate degree-level Certificate in Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Action, effective May 2022.*

CARRIED.

**14.2 Report for Information: Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing**

Questions were deferred.

**14.3 Report for Information: Termination – Minor in Digital Culture and New Media**

Questions were deferred.

**15. Governance Committee**

Dr. Terry Wotherspoon, chair of the Governance Committee, present the agenda items.

**15.1 Request for Decision: Nominations to the Nominations Committee**

**(Wotherspoon/Larre):** *It is recommended that Council approve the nominations to the Nominations Committee for 2021/22 as attached, effective July 1, 2021.*

Dr. Wilson called for nominations from the floor three times. There were none.

CARRIED.

**15.2 Request for Input: Draft Inventions Policy**

Dr. Wotherspoon summarized the proposed changes and highlighted the importance of applying the OCAP principles for Indigenous knowledge and cultural creations.

**15.3 Request for Input: Draft Living Our Values Policy**

Dr. Wotherspoon noted that this policy sits alongside other cornerstone institutional documents such as the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and core frameworks such as the *Mission, Vision, Values*. Together they set out core principles of who we are, what we represent, and how we relate with our communities.

There was question about how teachers can address ‘truthfulness being perceived as unkindness’ in the classroom. Dr. Wotherspoon responded that other related policies would apply as issues like this arise, e.g., the Student Non-Academic Misconduct Regulations. He emphasized that principles of academic freedom also govern our conduct and our sense of who we are and what we do. He offered that further discussion on the topic could be taken up outside of the Council meeting.

**16. Research, Scholarly and Artistic Works Committee (RSAW)**

Dr. Marjorie Delbaere, Chair of RSAW, presented the agenda item.

**16.1 Request for Input: Revisions to the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Policy**

Dr. Delbaere provided background on the rationale for the policy changes, noting that they were required for alignment with Tri-Council policies, and that there has been extensive consultation on the proposed policy revisions.

There were comments on consultations with the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association (USFA) and concerns raised about the procedures which may be in violation of the collective agreement. Dr. Marciniuk responded that the policy respects the collective agreement, and that the proposed revisions address previous issues with the 2013 version of the policy.

**17. Other business**

None.

**18. Question period**

Dr. Wilson thanked Council for their patience in leaving questions and comments to question period.

There were further comments about the RCR policy, procedures, and fairness for faculty members who are alleged to have committed breaches of the policy. There were also suggestions for improvements to the policy draft for community-engaged and humanities-based research. Examples of other universities’ policy statements were provided, including Memorial University and the University of British Columbia.

There was a question about the university’s reserve levels and a comment that this is concerning in the context of an ongoing projected deficit. Potential budget reductions will have significant implications for academic, research, scholarly and artistic works, and therefore Council should be consulted as they are contemplated. Greg Fowler responded that the 2021/22 University Budget would be presented to Council at the June meeting, along with a financial update for the fiscal year quarter four results.

There was a request for further information and direction for faculty on how to deal with non-compliance to safety protocols when moving back to in-person teaching. Dr. Patti McDougall, Vice-Provost, Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience gave assurances that faculty will not be held responsible for addressing non-compliance. In consultation with the Saskatchewan Medical Health Officer, a guide and protocols to assist faculty are under development.

**19. Adjournment**

(Jones): *Adjourned.*

Appendix A: Listing of members in attendance

Appendix B: UPlan 2025 Update Presentation

Appendix C: Best and the Brightest Scholarships Recipients 2021 Presentation

*Next Council meeting is September 16, 2021 – Please send regrets to [michelle.kjargaard@usask.ca](mailto:michelle.kjargaard@usask.ca).  
Deadline for submission of motions to the coordinating committee: August 23, 2021.*

FOR APPROVAL

Attendance Summary - Voting Participants

Sep 17, 2020 - meetings are being held via Webex and attendance is taken as per the participant list while meeting is on.

Last Name	First Name	Sept 17	Oct 15	Nov 19	Dec 17	Jan 28	No Mtng	Mar 18	Apr 15	May 20	Jun 17	
.	Airini	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		P	P	P		
Adl	Sina	A	P	P	P	P		P	R	P		
Aitken	Alec	R	P	P	P	P		P	R	P		
Alcorn	Jane	A	A	A	P	A		P	P	P		
Augusta	Carolyn	P	P	P	R	P		P	R	P		
Bedard	Derek	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A		
Bedard-Haughn	Angela	P	P	P	P	R		P	P	P		
Bell	Scott	P	A	P	P	A		A	R	A		
Bilson	Beth	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	P		P	P	P		
Boland	Mark	R	A	A	A	P		P	P	P		
Bonham-Smith	Peta	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Brook	Ryan	A	P	P	P	R. Brook Sabbatical - Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2021						
Brothwell	Doug	P	P	P	P	P		R	P	P		
Bruni-Bossio	Vince	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Burgess	David	P	P	A	P	P	D. Burgess Resigned Council position Feb 4/21					
Burshtyn	Deborah	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Card	Claire	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P		
Chernoff	Egan	R	R	R	P	P		P	R	P		
Chibbar	Ravindra	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	A		
Chowdhury	Nurul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Cooper	David	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Cross	Emma	n/a	n/a	P	R	P		P	P	R		
Dadachova	Kate (Ekaterina)	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P		
DaSilva	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Dawson	DeDe	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
de Boer	Dirk	A	A	P	P	P		A	P	P		
Delbaere	Majorie	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Deters	Ralph	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Detmer	Susan	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Dick	Rainer	P	A	A	P	P		P	P	P		
Downe	Pamela	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Flynn	Kevin	A	P	A	P	P		P	P	A		
Fotohui	Reza	A	A	A	A	P		A	P	A		
Gabriel	Andrew	A	A	P	P	A		R	P	R		
Gillis	Glen	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P		
Gjevve	John	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A		
Gyurcsik	Nancy	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Harrison	William	A	P	A	A	P		A	A	A		
Harvey	Evan	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	P	P		
Hu	Katie	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A		
Illing	Kate	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A		
Jacob	Sharon	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	A	A		
Jamali	Nadeem	P	P	P	R	P		P	P	P		
James-Cavan	Kathleen	R	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Jensen	Gordon	P	P	P	P	G. Jensen Sabbatical - Jan 1 - Jun 30, 2021						
Jones	Paul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Just	Melissa	P	P	P	P	P	M. Just completed Inter					
Kahn	Maria	n/a	n/a	P	A	A		A	R	P		
Kalra	Jay	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	R		
Keller	Taylor	n/a	n/a	P	P	P		P	A	A		
Kelly	Timothy	P	P	P	P	P		A	A	A		
Khandelwal	Ramji	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Kim	David	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	R	A		
Koechl	Natasha Martina	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Kresta	Suzanne	P	P	R	P	R		P	A	P		
Kumaran	Arul	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A		
Lamb	Eric	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		

Pam Downe Sabb:

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Langhorst	Barbara	P	A	P	P	A		A	A	A	
Larre	Tamara	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Lies	Madelyn	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Lindenschmidt	Karl-Enrich	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	
London	Chad	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	
Lovick	Olga	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Luke	Iain	P	P	A	R	A		R	R	R	
Lummerding	Dominique	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Macfarlane	Cal	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Makarova	Veronika	P	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	
Mamun	Abdullah	P	R	P	P	A		R	P	P	
Manley-Tannis	Richard	R	A	A	A	P		A	A	A	
Marquez	Carmen	P	P	P	P	P		P	A	A	
Mousseau	Darrell	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	
Muir	Gillian	R	A	A	R	R		R	A	P	
Murphy	JoAnn	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Neufeld	Matthew	P	P	P	P	P		P	R	P	
O'Connell	Ryan	P	P	A	P	P		P	A	A	
Palmer	Sue	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Papagerakis	Petros	P	A	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Paslowski	Teresa	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Peternej-Taylor	Cindy	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Phillipson	Martin	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	P	
Pocha	Sheila	A	P	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Poettcker	Grant	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Pomazon	Alisha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Prytula	Michelle	P	P	P	P		Beth Bilson is the Interim Dean of Education (Jan 18/21)				
Rayan	Steven	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Ripley	Laura	n/a	n/a	P	P	A		A	A	A	
Risling	Tracie	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Sarjeant-Jenkins	Rachel	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Sarty	Gordon	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Shevchuk	Yvonne	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Shin	Hyunjung	R	R	R	P	A		A	A	A	
Singh	Jaswant	P	A	P	P	P		A	P	A	
Smith	Martha	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Smith	Preston	P	P	P	A	A		P	P	P	
Smyth	Stuart	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P	
Somerville	Kara	P	P	A	A	P		P	A	A	
Sorensen	Charlene	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Spurr	Shelley	P	P	P	P	P		R	R	P	
Squires	Vicki	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Steele	Tom	P	P	P	A	P		P	A	P	
Stoicheff	Peter	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Stuart	Glenn	A	P	P	P	P		A	P	P	
Urquhart	Stephen	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	R	
Waldner	Cheryl	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Walker	Keith	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Wallace	Alexa	n/a	n/a	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Willenborg	Christian	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Willoughby	Keith	R	A	P	P	P		P	R	P	
Wilson	Jay	P	P	P	P	P		p	P	P	
Woods	Phil	A	R	P	A	P		R	P	P	
Wotherspoon	Terry	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Xiao	Jing	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	
Yao	Yansun	P	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	
Zhang	Chris	A	P	P	A	P		A	P	P	

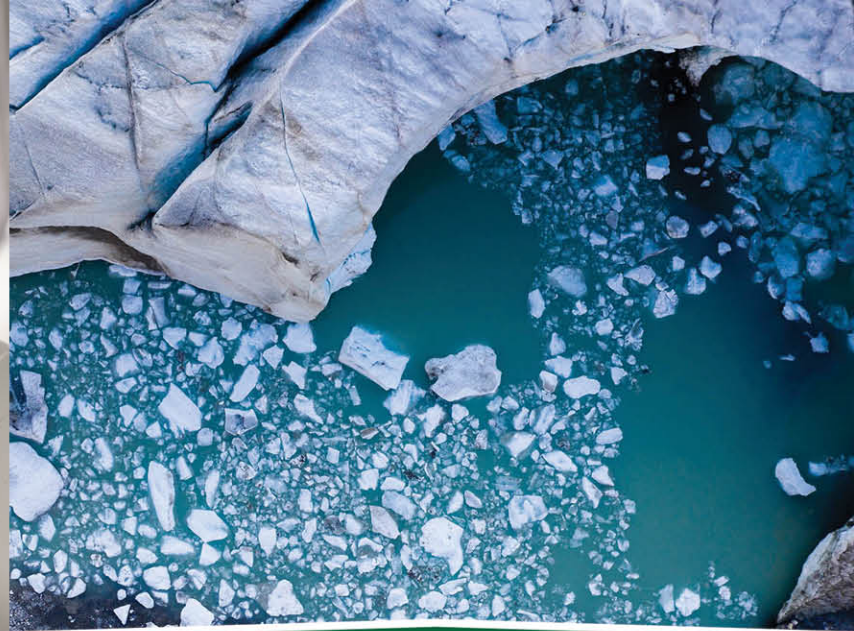


COUNCIL ATTENDANCE 2020-2021

Attendance Summary - Non-voting participants

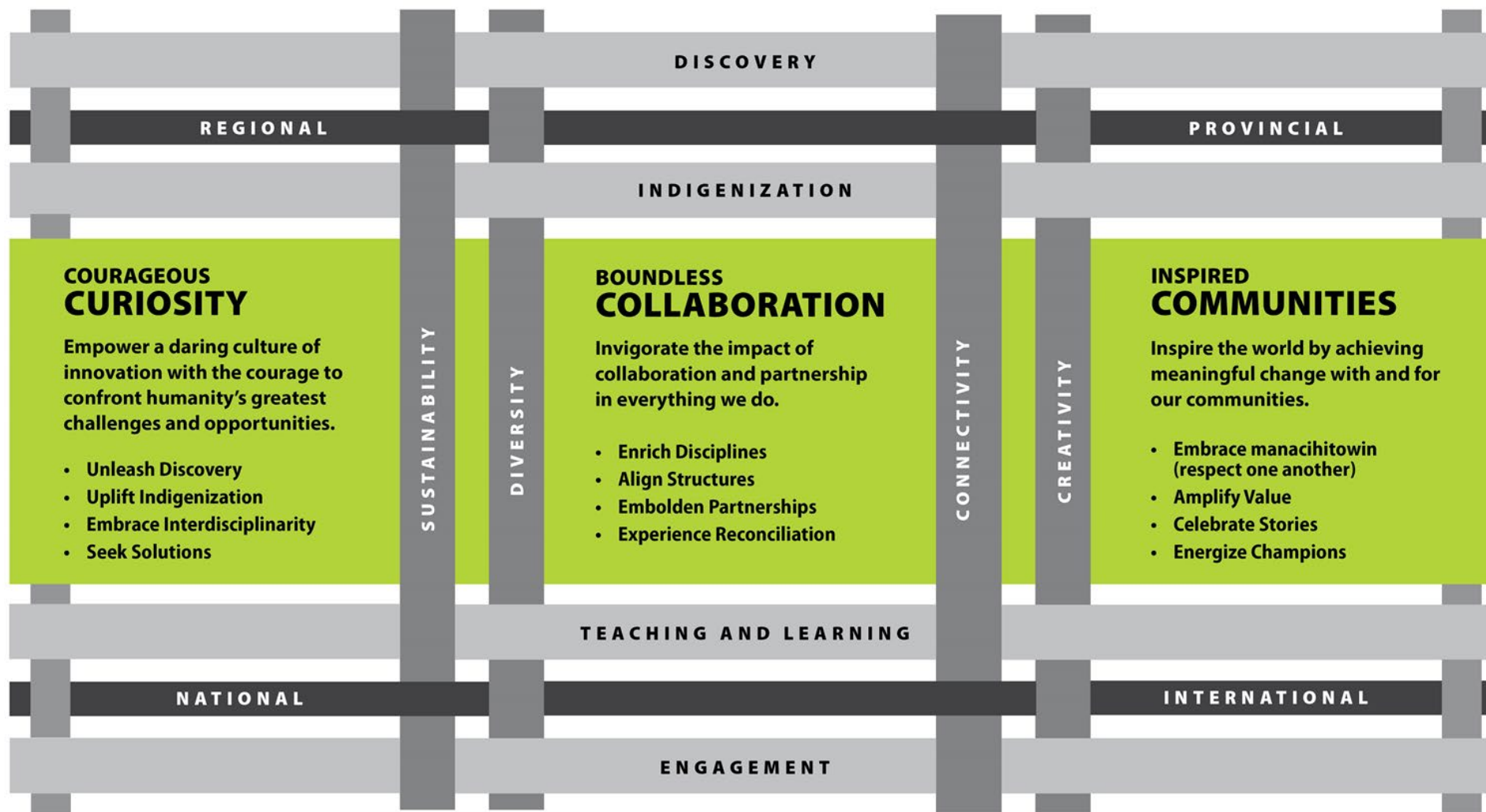
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Chad	Karen	P	P	P	P	P	Dr. Chad has completed her VP Research as of Jan 31, 2021					
Fowler	Greg	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Gill	Qasim	A	A	A	A	P		A	A	GSA Student Term complete Apr 30/21		
Inam	Humaira	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	GSA President Term complete Apr 30/21		
Isinger	Russell	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	P		
Jaisee	Tasnim	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P		
Kaminski	Nicholas	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
LaRose-Smith	Autumn	P	P	P	A	P		P	P	USSU President Term complete Apr 30/21		
McDougall	Patricia	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Ottmann	Jacqueline	A	A	A	P	P		A	A	A		
Pozega Osburn	Debra	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Roberts	Kiefer	P	R	P	P	P		R	P	A		
Singh	Baljit	Dr. Singh to begin as VP Research Feb 1, 2021							P	P	P	
Still	Carl	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Tetteh	Leslie	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P		
Thronberg	John	P	P	A	P	A		A	P	P		
Willness	Chelsea	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Zahan	Rifat	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		n/a	n/a	P		



**BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS**



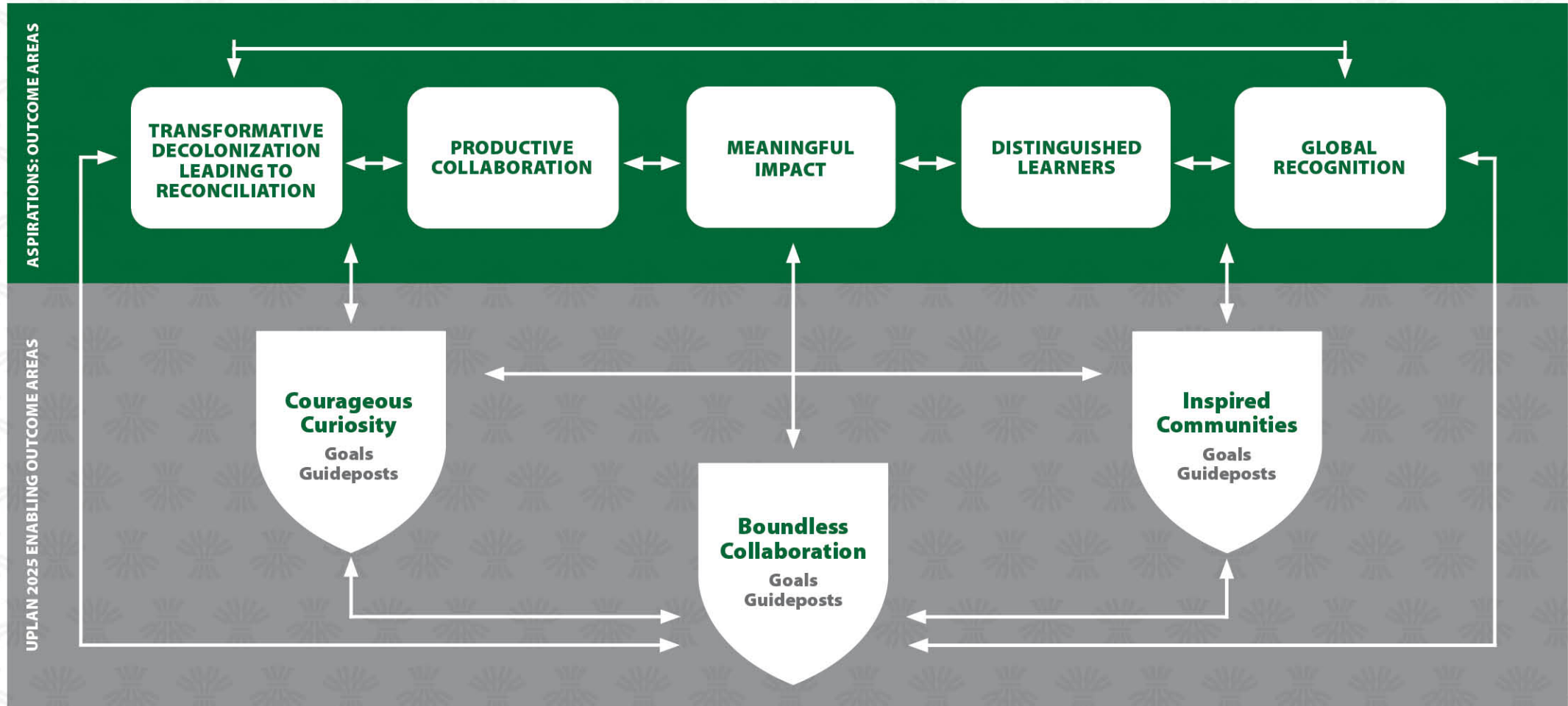


To be the university the world needs is a bold ambition. It will require us to remain firmly focused on our three commitments: Courageous Curiosity, Boundless Collaboration, Inspired Communities. It will require us to converge around the twelve goals, steered by the guideposts we have established to mark our path.

And it will require us to be very disciplined about tracking our progress against the five areas of impact to which we aspire:

- **Transformative Decolonization Leading to Reconciliation**
- **Productive Collaboration**
- **Meaningful Impact**
- **Distinguished Learners**
- **Global Recognition**

## VISION: BE THE UNIVERSITY THE WORLD NEEDS



# 2025 Aspirations

## **VISION: BE THE UNIVERSITY THE WORLD NEEDS**

### **Transformative Decolonization Leading to Reconciliation**

A university in which Indigenous concepts, methodologies, pedagogies, languages, and philosophies are respectfully woven into the tapestry of learning, research, scholarship, creativity, and community engagement.

### **Productive Collaboration**

A university in which research and innovation are inspired by and accountable to community partners.

### **Meaningful Impact**

A university resolutely committed to measuring its own success in terms of the aspirations of the communities it serves.

### **Distinguished Learners**

A university whose graduates have the drive, the curiosity, and the humility to work with others in addressing the greatest challenges and opportunities the world faces.

### **Global Recognition**

A university that sets the standard in learning, research, scholarship, creativity, and community engagement.



# TRANSFORMATIVE DECOLONIZATION LEADING TO RECONCILIATION

**Indigenous students, faculty, staff and communities are holistically strengthening the spirit and methodologies we inhabit.**



**The world needs a university in which Indigenous concepts, methodologies, pedagogies, languages, and philosophies are respectfully woven into the tapestry of learning, research, scholarship, creativity, and community engagement.**



## Largest Research Investment

Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research (NEIHR), led by Dr. Carrie Bourassa, is the most invested in Indigenous health research in Canada's history.



## Nunavut Law Graduates

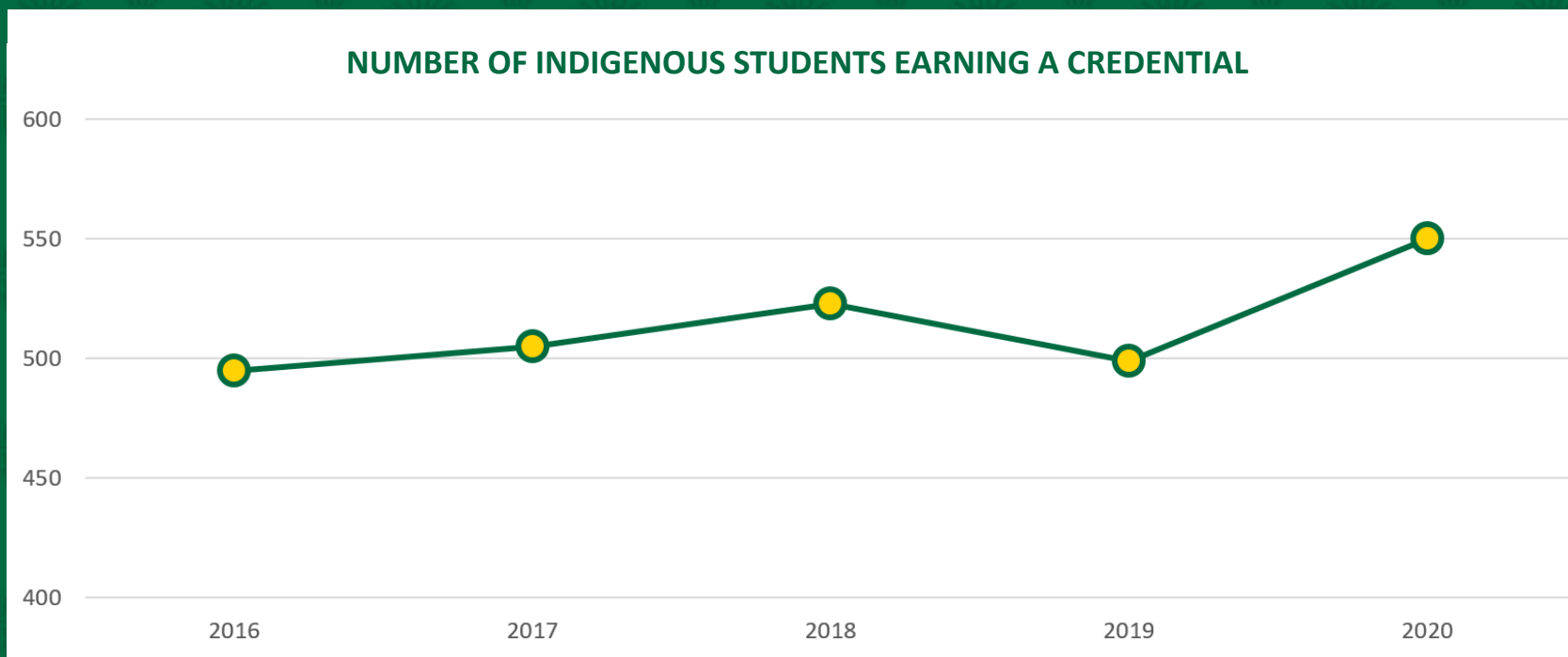
The final year of the four-year Nunavut Law Program is complete and 23 students will graduate with a USask J.D. degree. All regions of Nunavut are represented and the vast majority have already found legal employment in the territory.



## Storyteller-in-Residence

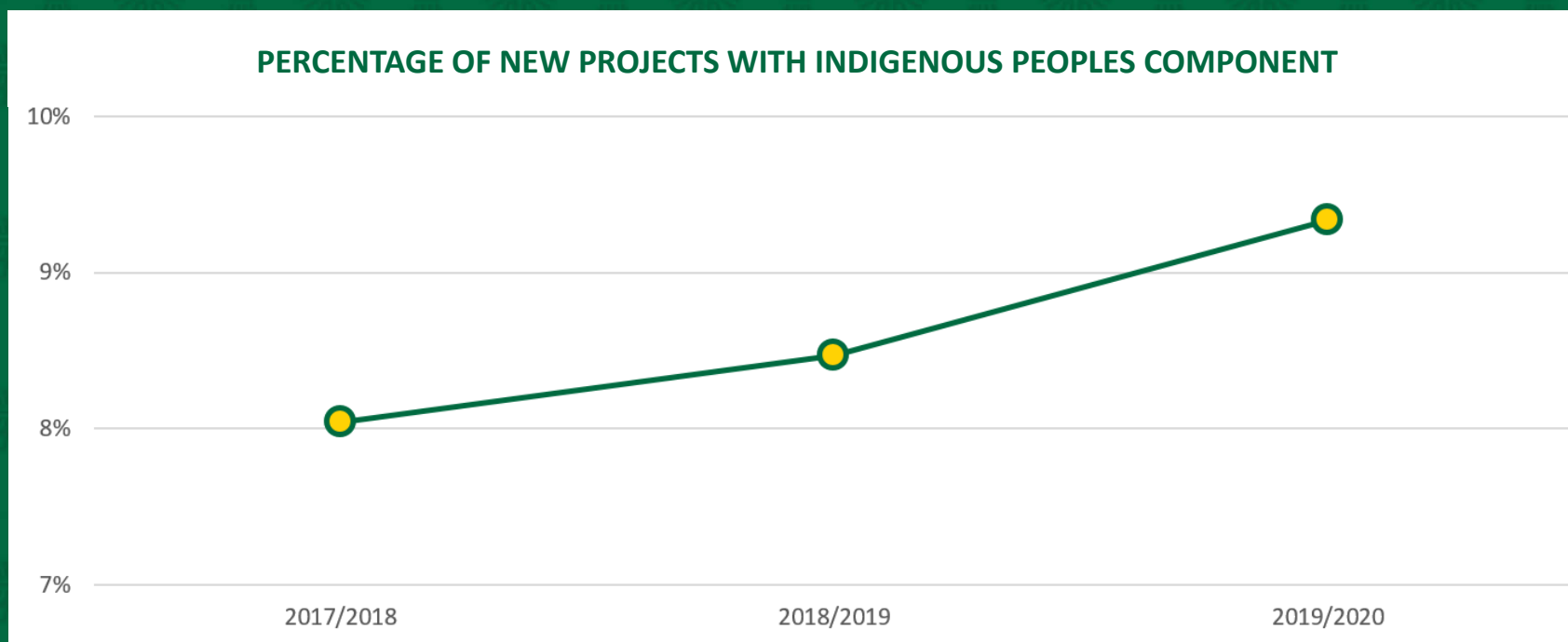
University Library program focused on amplifying intercultural understanding and story-sharing between and among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

The number of Indigenous students enrolling and graduating continues to increase during this strategic planning horizon.



**There is increasing focus on research involving Indigenous partners and taking place in Indigenous communities.**

*(based on research activity in the Indigenous Peoples signature area)*





# PRODUCTIVE COLLABORATION

**Community, private-sector and international partnerships  
animate every facet of our research enterprise.**

**The world needs a university in  
which research and innovation  
are inspired by and accountable  
to community partners.**



## Made-in-SK Ventilators

One hundred ventilators were designed, and delivered to support the needs of the province's residents, thanks to an collaboration among the Colleges of Engineering, Medicine, WCVM, Law, ESB, and the Respiratory Research Centre, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and RMD Engineering Inc.



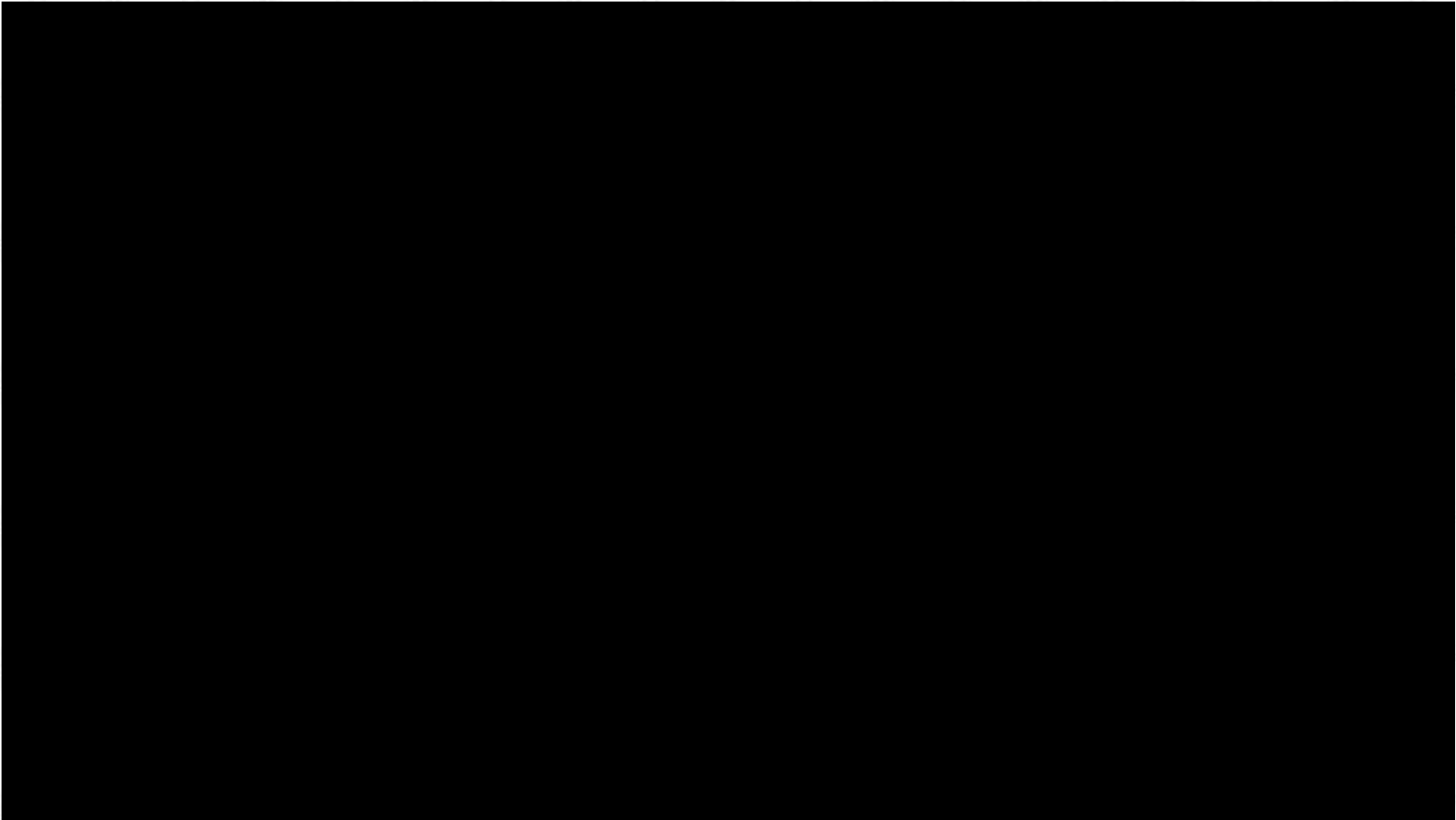
## International Partnerships

Since March 2020, 32 international agreements have been signed with 26 institutions in 19 countries bringing together many units across campus to pursue strategic and multi-disciplinary dialogue on new and emerging opportunities for research, teaching and learning.



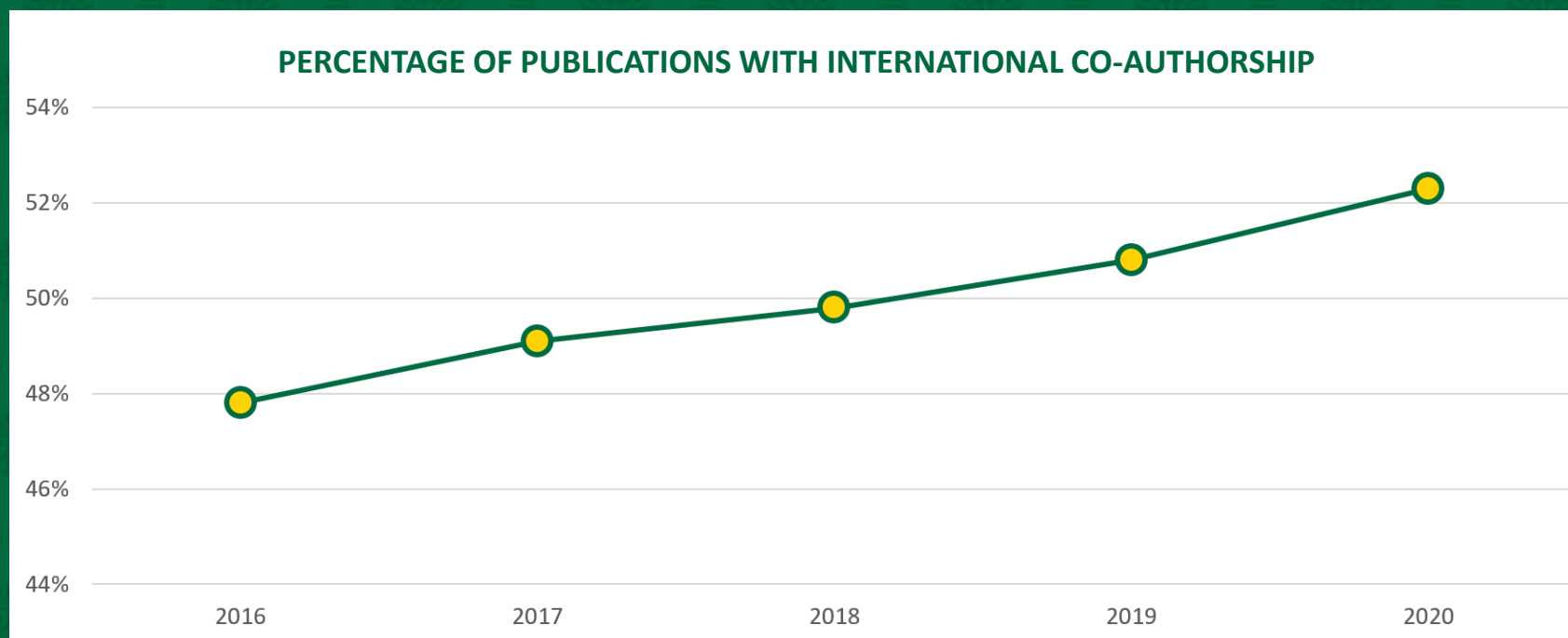
## Business Strategy Internship

The Mitacs BSI program connects students, faculty and businesses to apply real-world situations to the classroom and create internship opportunities for students.

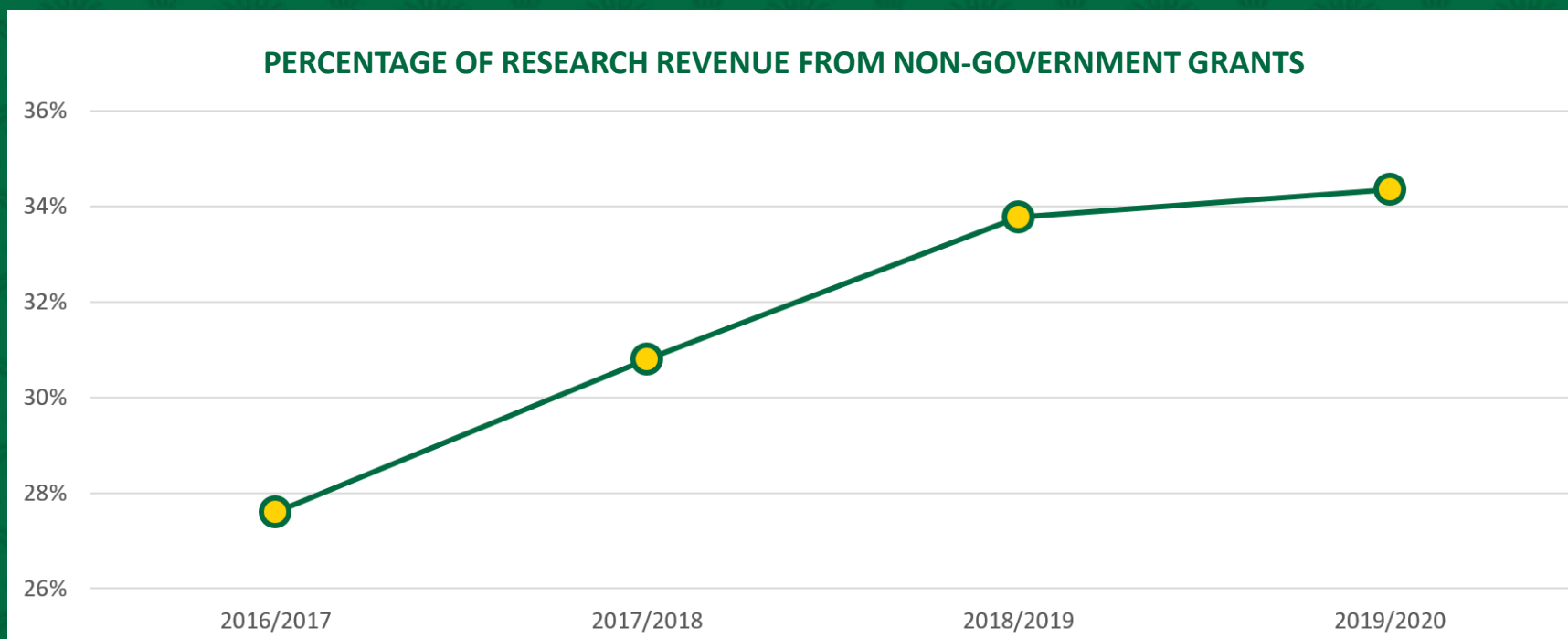




Collaborations with international partners has become a prominent aspect of our research.



## Increased engagement with organizations in Canada to enhance our research.

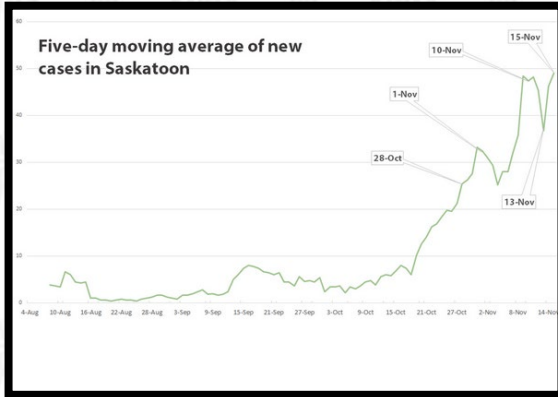




# MEANINGFUL IMPACT

**Our knowledge, discoveries and innovations are helping communities achieve their social, cultural and economic goals.**

**The world needs a university  
resolutely committed to  
measuring its own success in  
terms of the aspirations of the  
communities it serves.**



## City Wastewater Testing

Faculty work on testing wastewater for the SARS-CoV-2 virus highlights a partnership that has included the City of Saskatoon and the Saskatchewan Health Authority and has changed the way communities can plan for COVID.



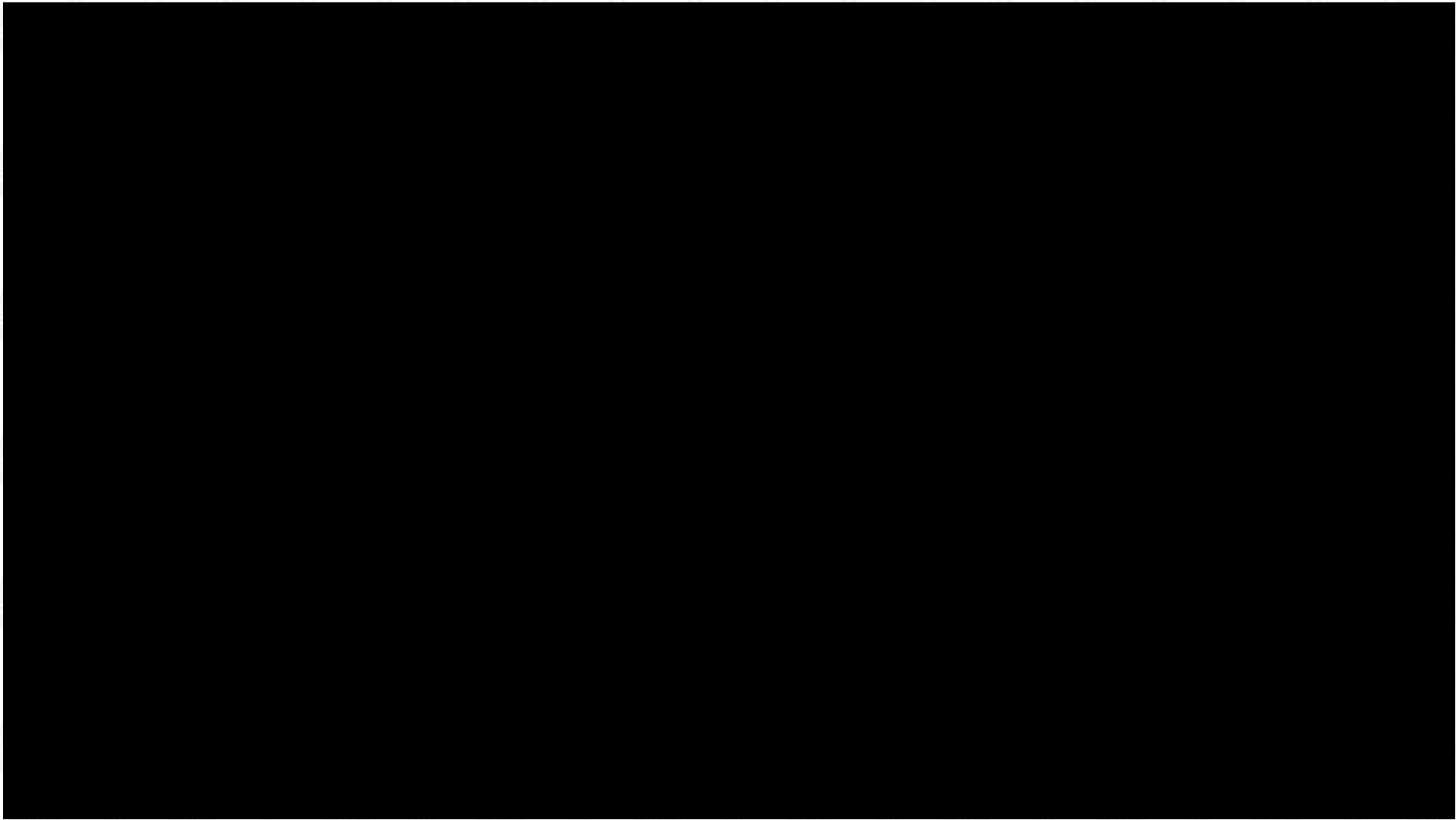
## Keeping Campus Safe

USask Caretakers have made it possible for faculty, students, and staff with approval to come back to campus while keeping everyone's safety paramount.

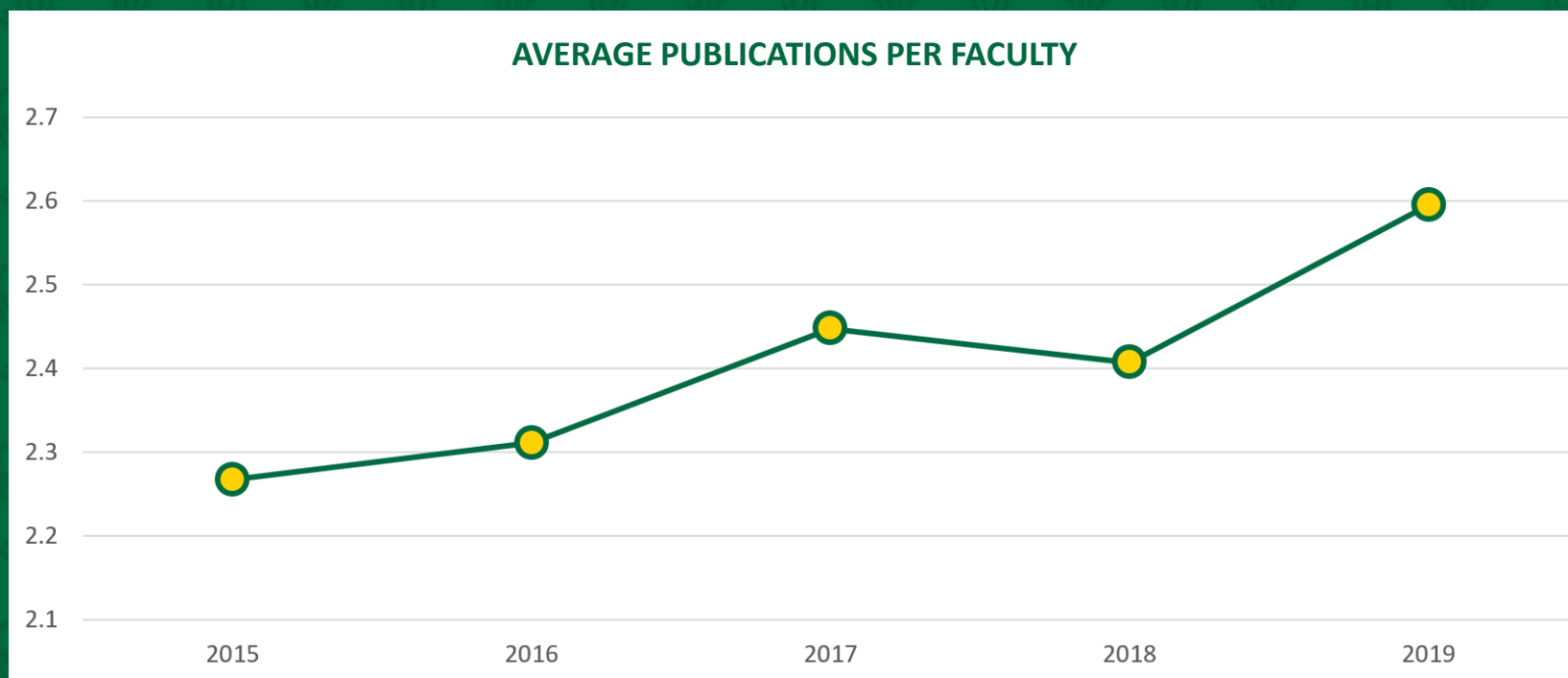


## Health Care in Community

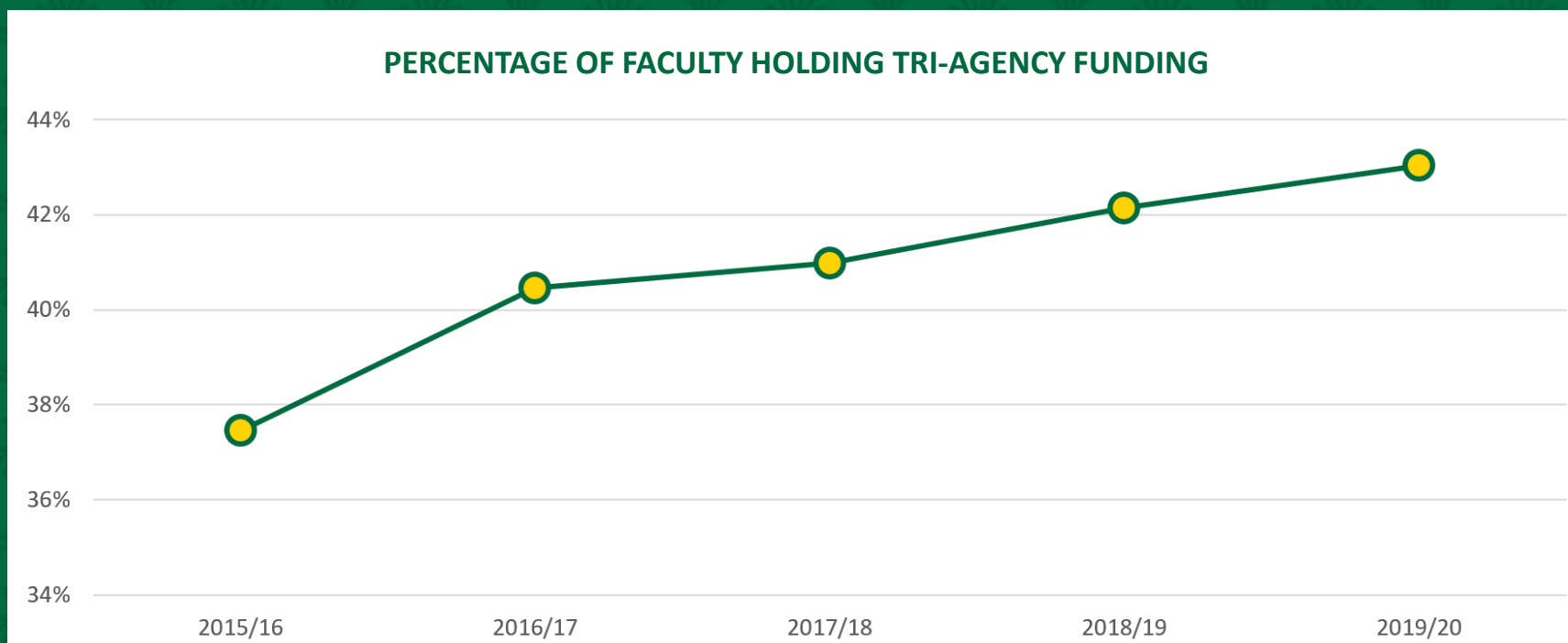
Community dental clinics serving Indigenous people and communities providing care for 15,000 Indigenous people per year (Dentistry); Medication assessments for urban and remote, high-risk patients (P&N); COVID- Call-back centres providing community health advice (Nursing)



Research outputs have increased as our faculty engage in meaningful and impactful research.



**Our faculty remain competitive by increasing successes in attracting national research grants.**



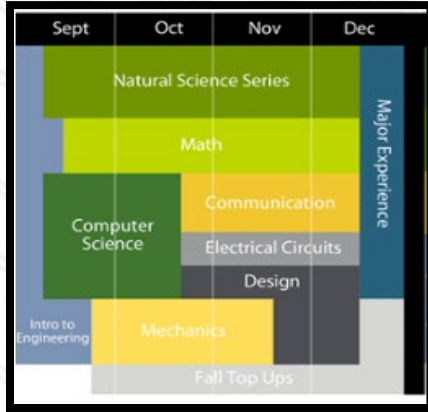




# DISTINGUISHED LEARNERS

**Our graduates are among the most inventive, collaborative  
and sought-after in Canada and around the world.**

**The world needs a university  
whose graduates have the drive,  
the curiosity, and the humility to  
work with others in addressing  
the greatest challenges and  
opportunities the world faces.**



## Re-Engineering First Year

The most innovative first-year engineering program in Canada launches this fall in the College of Engineering. The program modernized first-year courses, shifting assessment to a competency-based model, providing more hands-on learning opportunities and promoting a healthier school-life balance.



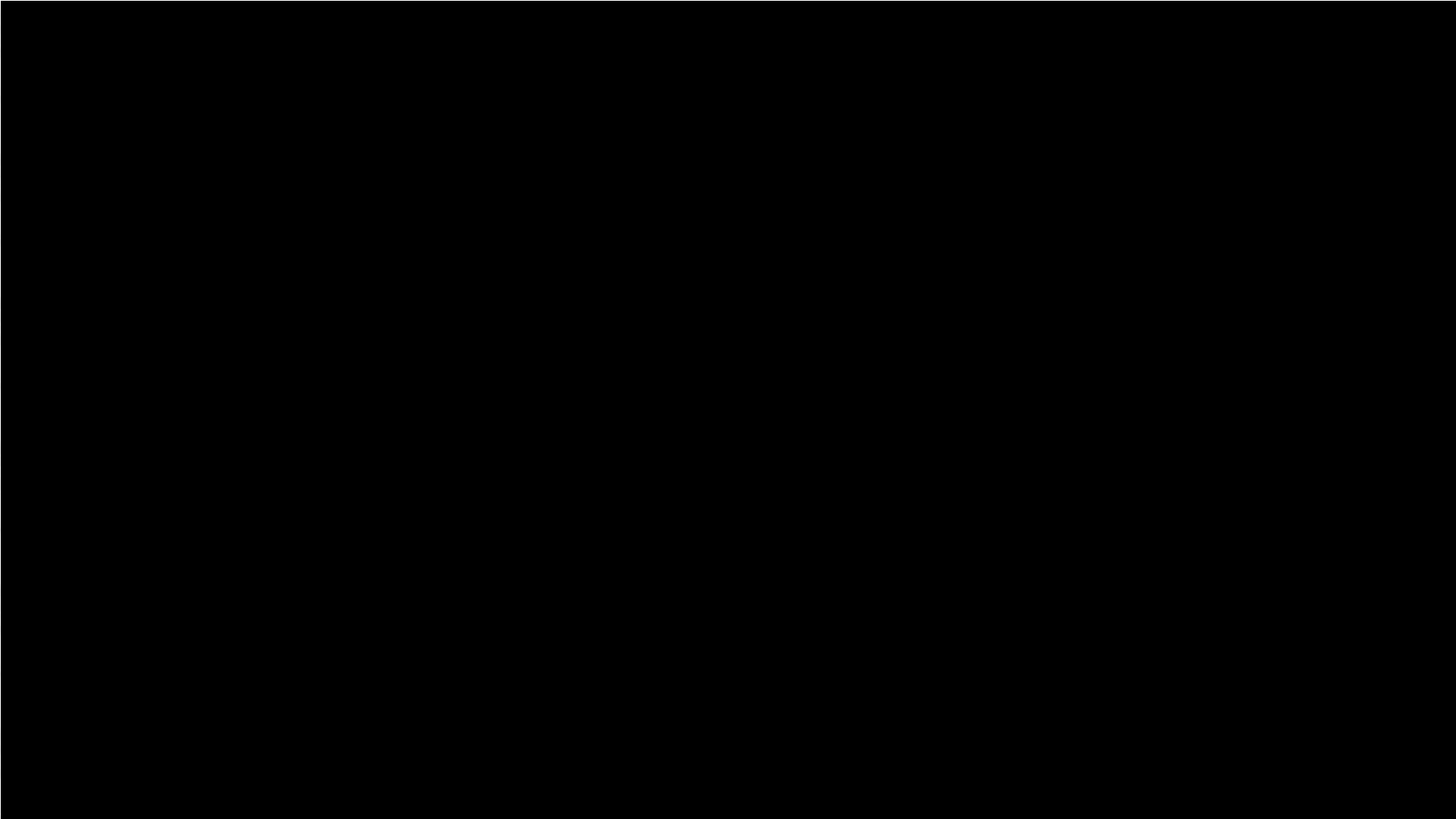
## Agriculture for Tomorrow

An intense focus on refreshing the Ag/Bio curriculum to ensure that programming is designed to meet the needs of our learners, preparing them for a future that will demand critical thinking skills and a skillset that prioritizes adaptability in the face of change. Innovative programs in nutrition, digital agriculture, and irrigation are in development.

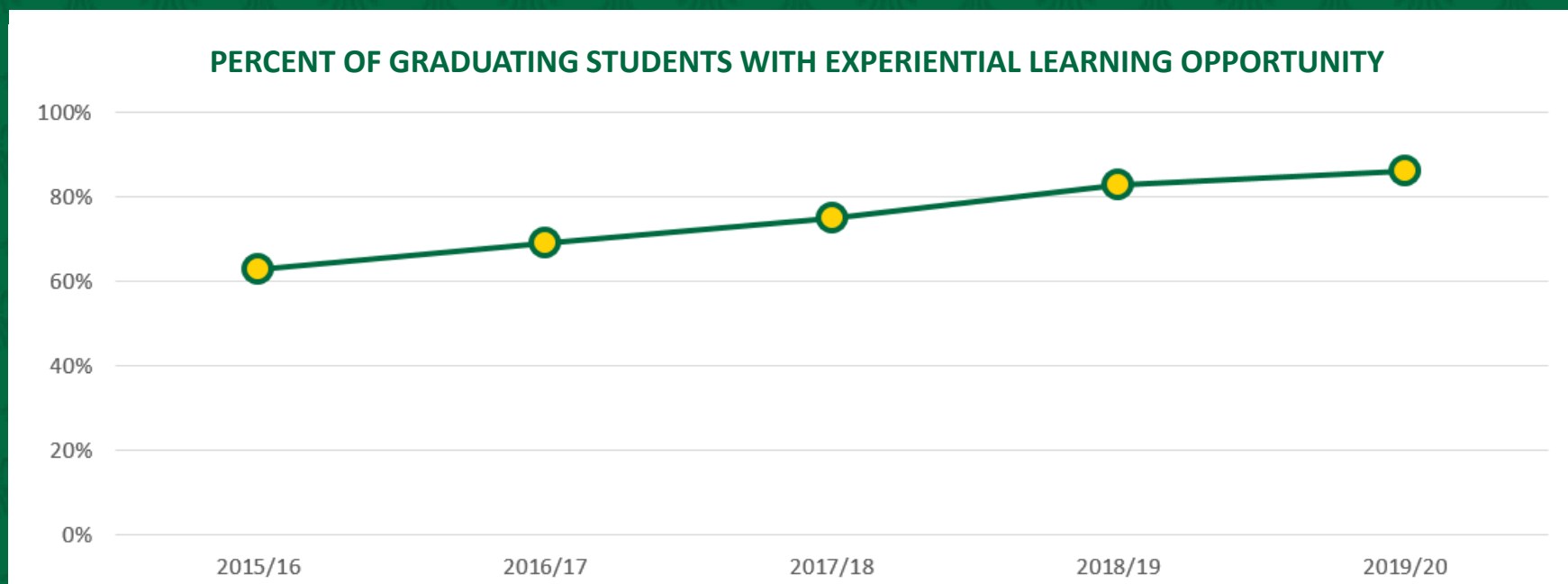


## A Healthy Education

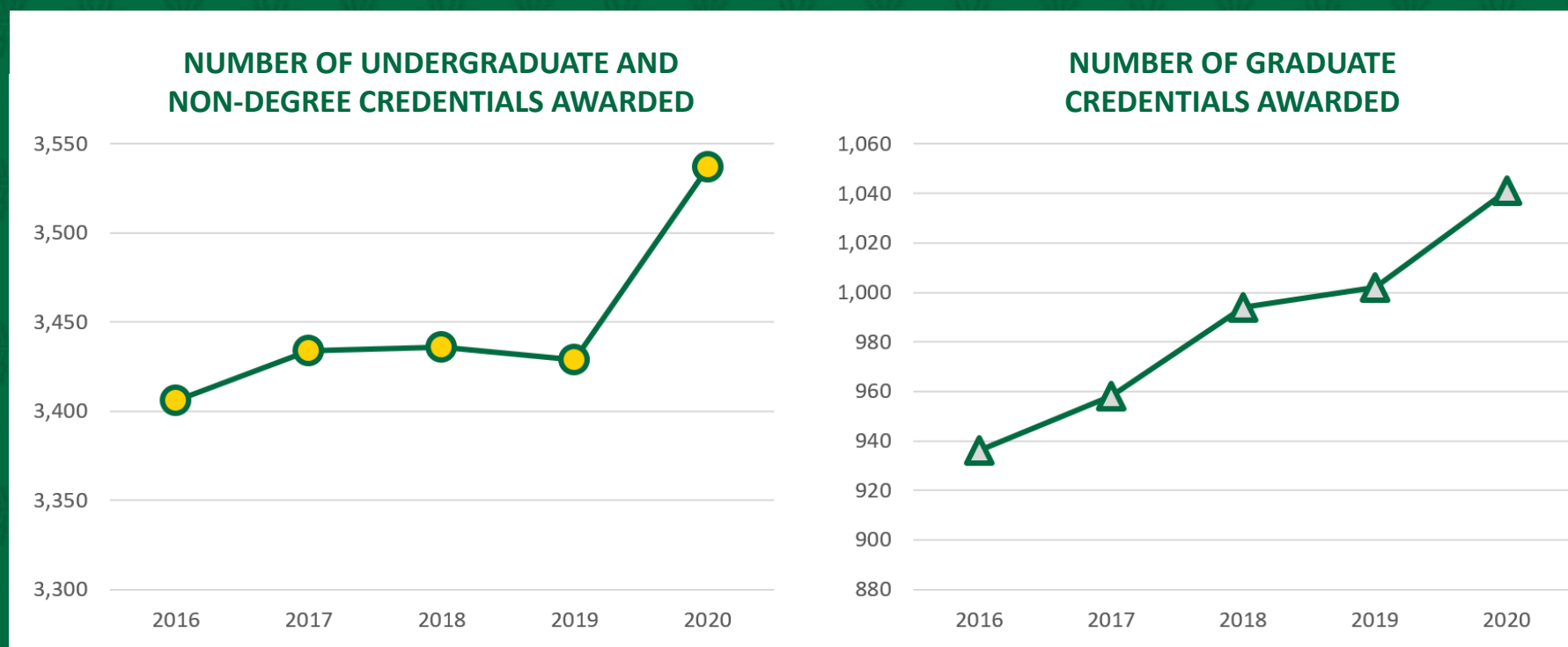
Health Sciences colleges *and* Education are launching a suite of graduate programs in health professions education with a view to strengthening teaching and learning in health sciences disciplines and professional degree programs.



**Our students are provided with experiential learning opportunities to enhance their knowledge and prepare for the workforce.**



**Our university continues to produce high-quality graduates ready to make an impact in their communities.**





# GLOBAL RECOGNITION

**Our research, graduates, academic programming and  
reputation are recognized as world-class.**

**The world needs a university  
that sets the standard  
in learning, research,  
scholarship, creativity, and  
community engagement.**





## Launch of new USask Brand

The completed development of and launch of our new brand platform which was recognized with a gold award in the Newspaper Advertising Series category at the 35th annual Educational Advertising Awards – the largest, oldest and most respected educational awards competition in the U.S.



## People Around the World (PAW)

The **People Around the World (PAW) conference** is an initiative of the International Blueprint for Action 2025, with the aim to advance USask efforts in global research, sustainable partnerships, international community well-being and collaborative projects with partners around the world.



## Poetic Praise

USask-affiliated poets **Dr. Sheri Benning, Katherine Lawrence** and **Diana Hope Tegenkamp** were among 32 Canadian poets named to the CBC's national poetry prize while **Elder Louise Halfe** was appointed as Canada's ninth *Poet Laureate*.

Many of our academic programs are recognized nationally and globally.

### **Water Resources**

#20 in the World, #1 in Canada

### **Environmental Science & Engineering**

Top 75 Globally, #4 in Canada

### **Public Administration**

#2 in Canada

### **Biotechnology**

#5 in Canada

### **Energy Science & Engineering**

#6 in Canada

### **Chemical Engineering**

#6 in Canada

### **Agricultural Sciences**

Top 100 Globally, #4 in Canada

### **Food Science & Technology**

#4 in Canada

### **Veterinary Sciences**

Top 75 Globally, #4 in Canada

### **Materials Science & Engineering**

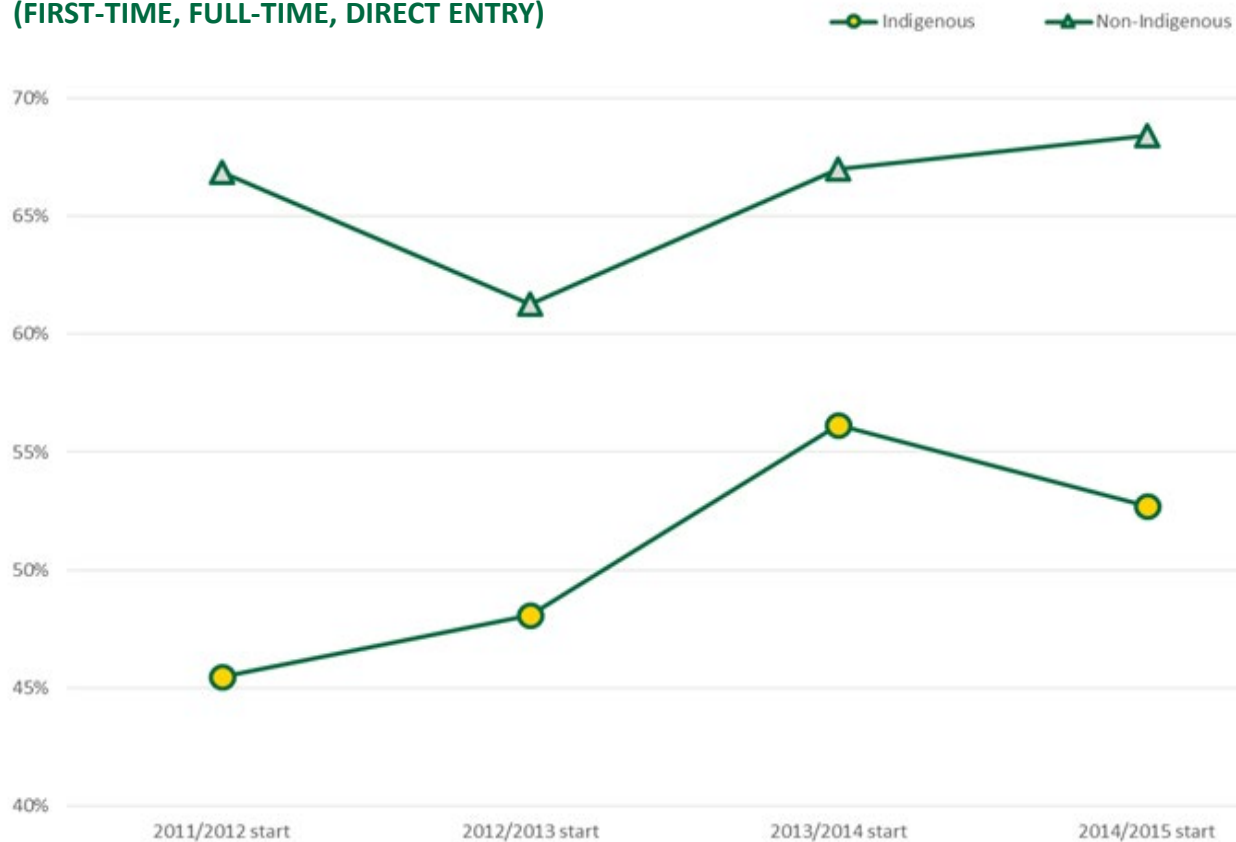
#3 in Canada

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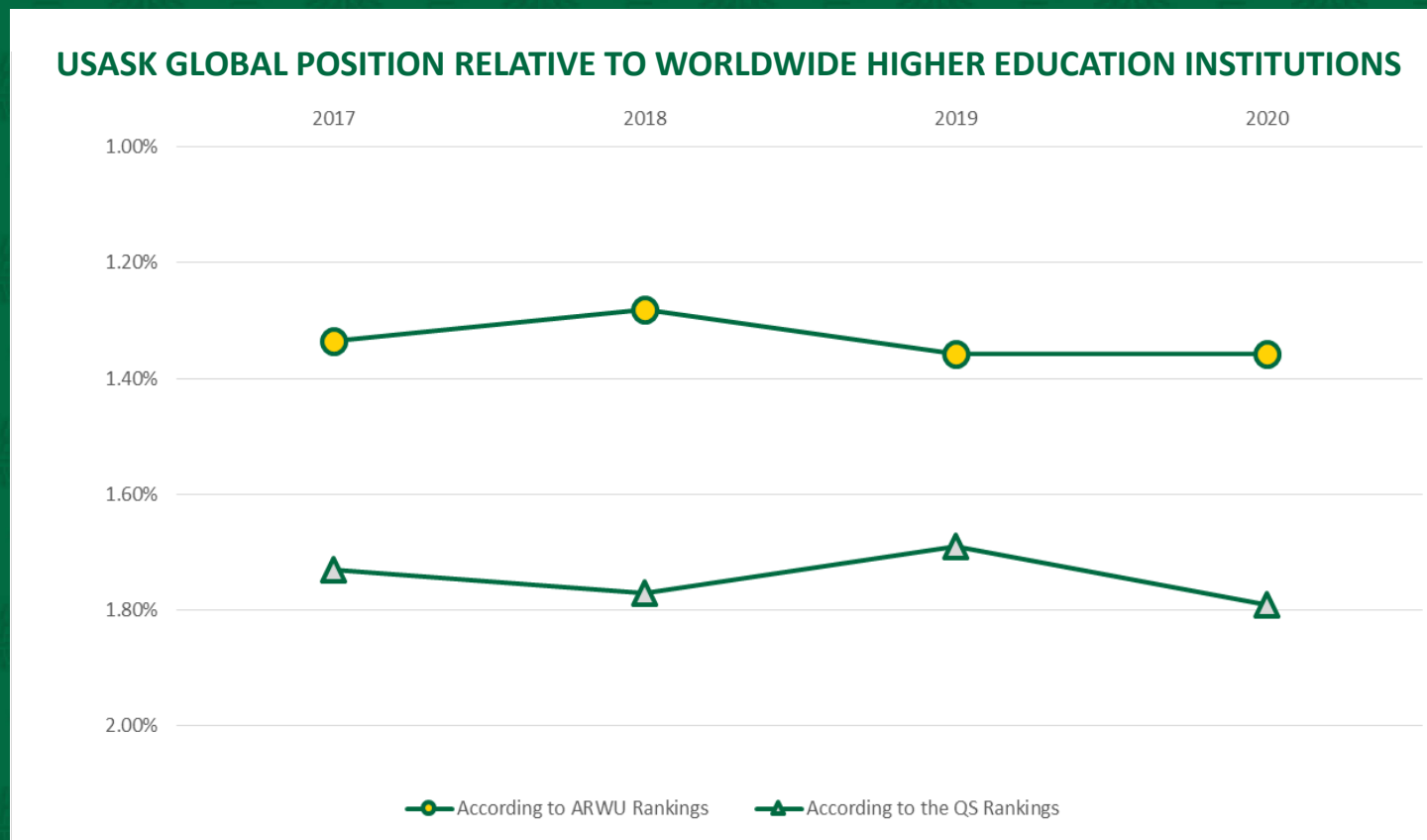
- While there are many accomplishments and successes achieved to date, our work to implement the University Plan continues
- Projects and initiatives are planned and/or continuing in academic, research, and administrative areas that will add to our list of accomplishments and further our progress towards our aspirations
- Essential to this work is the establishment of processes to continue to measure our progress holistically and report on our outcomes

## Parity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous student outcomes in academic programs

**COMPLETION RATES WITHIN SIX YEARS OF STARTING  
(FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, DIRECT ENTRY)**



**Institutional performance (e.g. learning, research, scholarship, creativity, and community engagement) that is ranked in the top one percent in the world**



# Our Principles

## *Creativity*

nihtāwihcikēwin |  
nihtaoshchikaywin

## *Diversity*

nanātohk pimātisowina |  
nanaatoohk pimatishoowin

## *Connectivity*

āniskōmohcikēwin |  
naashkoopitamihk

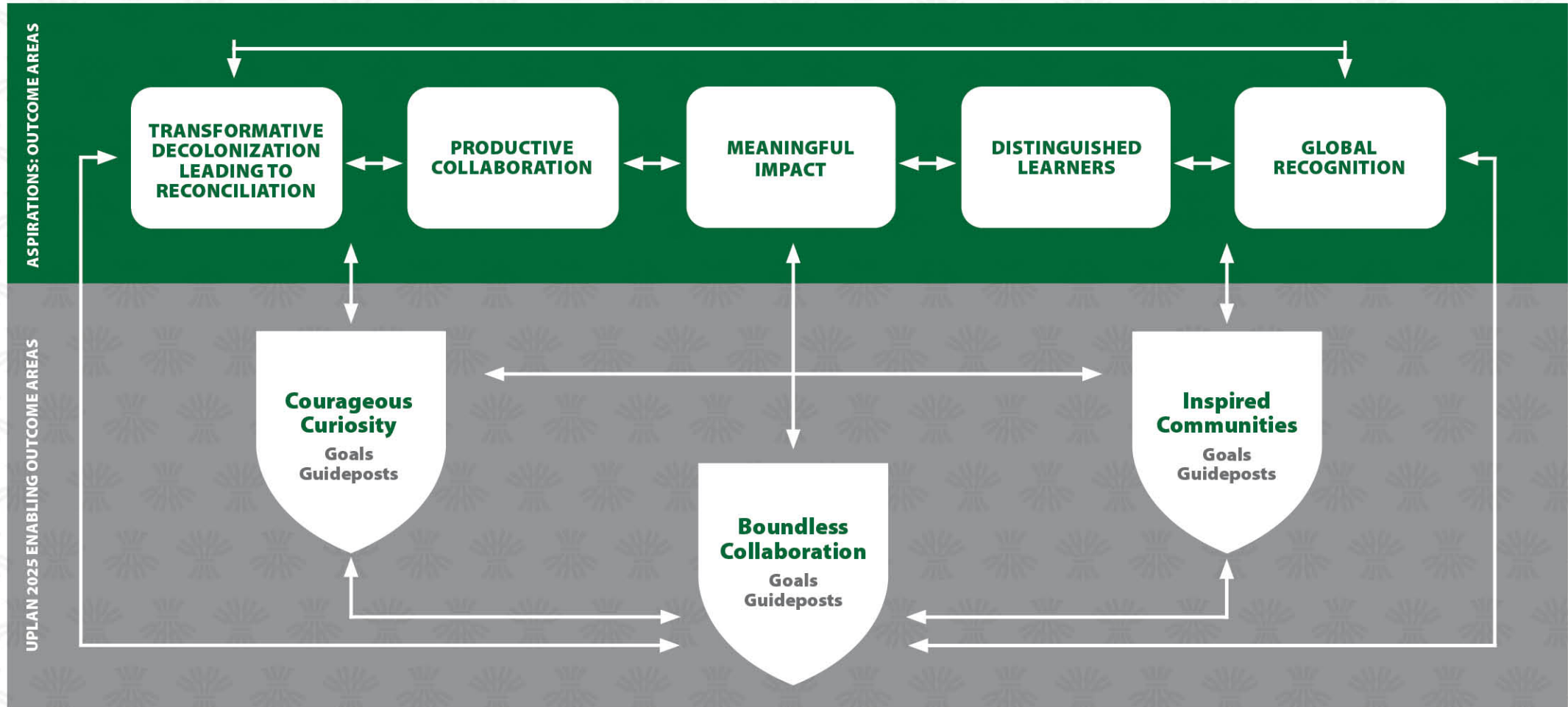
## *Sustainability*

nākatēyihtamowin |  
nakaatayihtaamoowin



BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

## VISION: BE THE UNIVERSITY THE WORLD NEEDS





**BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS**





# Best and Brightest Scholarships

Dr. Tracie Risling  
Chair - Scholarships and Awards Committee

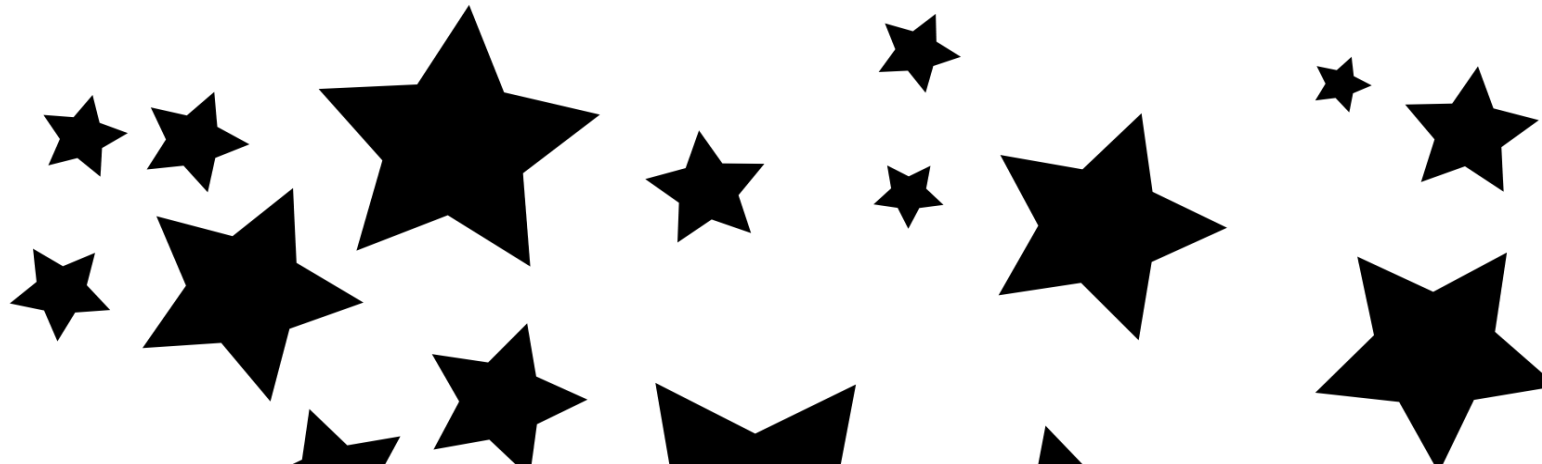
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# Best and Brightest Scholarships

- The Best and Brightest Scholarships are the University of Saskatchewan's premiere entering awards. The centrally administered scholarships consist of:
  - a) Five Presidents' Best and Brightest Scholarships (\$40,000)
  - b) Twelve Chancellor's Scholarships (\$30,000)
  - c) Twelve USask Entrance Scholarships (\$24,000)
- Five awards (one Presidents' Best and Brightest and two each of the other awards) are Circle of Honour awards, preferentially awarded to Indigenous students

# Best and Brightest Selection Process

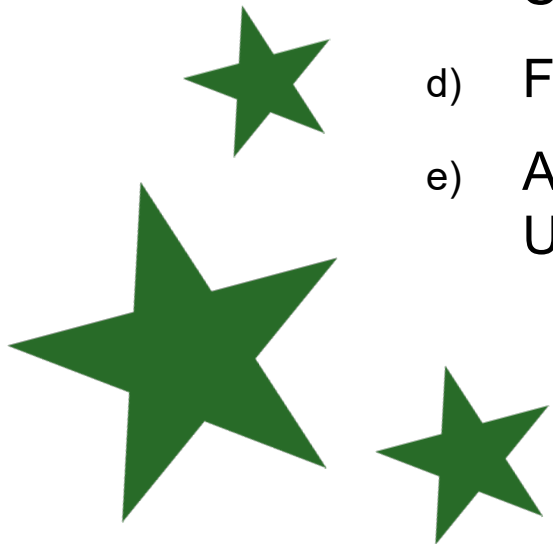
- This year, the Scholarships and Awards Committee reviewed applications from **302 incoming high school students** with a **95%+ average** and selected recipients based on leadership and contributions to school and community life.
- The applicant pool is limited to students from domestic high schools, but included 32 applicants from out of province



# Best and Brightest - Recipients

Of the **twenty-nine university-wide** Best and Brightest recipients:

- a) Four are from out-of-province; two from Ontario, one from Manitoba, and one from Alberta
- b) Ten are from six different high schools in Saskatoon
- c) The remaining fifteen are from a range of communities in Saskatchewan, including five from a single high school in Prince Albert
- d) Five are Indigenous (Metis and First Nations)
- e) All are exceptional leaders, learners, and future contributors to the University of Saskatchewan community



# Best and Brightest Recipient Accomplishments



Recipients' activities involved:

- While in high school, conducting health science laboratory research supervised by USask professors
- Founding a virtual non-profit tutoring company in response to COVID lockdowns
- Building a robotic self-pollinating hydroponic system to help address bee extinction
- Organizing mentorship to empower women and minorities in STEM fields

# Recipient Accomplishments



Recipients' activities involved:

- When in-person recitals were restricted, created an online piano recital platform and facilitated a full slate of performances

## Circle of Honour recipients:

- Created an advocacy campaign for rural French immersion programming
- OUT Run Volunteer – Saskatchewan's first Pride run
- Member of MNP-Remai Modern Youth Art Collective
- Took first place honours in a provincial French public speaking competition as second language

