

SoTL Newsletter



January 2026

Graham Centre for SoTL Upcoming Events for Faculty and Students

Save the Dates for 2025-26 SoTL Events

- February 5, 4-5:00p.m: [SoTL Conference & Abstract Presentations](#)
- March 5, 4-5:00p.m: [Getting Started on a SoTL Project](#)
- March 18, 4-5:00p.m: SoTL Fika - [SoTL Leadership and Faculty Fellows](#)
- May 5-6, 2026, 8:30-4:30p.m: [SoTL Shine Summit](#)
- October 28-31, 2026: [ISSOTL26](#)

Register at: education.usask.ca/grahamcentresotl

Upcoming Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conferences

- February 25-27, 2026 - SoTL Commons Conference, Georgia Southern University
- June 16-19, 2026 - STLHE Conference, Hamilton, Ontario

2025-2026 SoTL Research Grants

The Jane and Ron Graham Centre for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) is committed to providing the development of capacity for SoTL research among faculty and students. The Graham Centre for SoTL recognizes the importance of providing support to University of Saskatchewan faculty, masters and doctoral students to enable them to develop and prepare high quality SoTL research projects. To this end, the Centre has established three grants to support this commitment:

- SoTL Flicker Grant, \$2,500 (for graduate students)
- SoTL Spark Grant, \$5,000 (for faculty new to SoTL)
- SoTL Ignite Grant, \$10,000 (for faculty experienced in SoTL)
- SoTL Flare Grant, \$25,000 (for SoTL research within a College or School, lead by tenure track faculty).

Application deadline: March 1, 2026

The complete SoTL Research Grants Handbook is available at [Graham Centre for SoTL](#)

We are hosting open sessions for individuals to come to the SoTL Centre with any questions you have about the SoTL research grants:

Wednesday, February 4, 10:00-11:00a.m.

Monday, February 9, 1:00-2:00p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 2:00-3:00p.m.



Health Professions Education

Master of Education (M.Ed.)

Master of Education in Health Professions Education (HPE)

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in HPE

Graduate Certificate in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL)

Our online graduate programs are intended for health professionals in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, rehabilitation science, veterinary medicine, and pharmacy and nutrition. The program aims to enhance participants' educational knowledge, teaching expertise, and scholarly practice, preparing them to assume effective and innovative leadership roles in health professions education.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2026 for admission to September 2026.

Learn more at [Health Professions Education](#)



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Applications now open for Fall 2026

Master of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Grad Certificate of the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning

Students have the option of completing the four-course certificate as a stand-alone graduate program, or students may ladder the certificate into the Master of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning degree program - receiving credit for both.

Application deadline: February 1, 2026 for international students
April 1, 2026 for domestic students

Cross-Departmental Ph.D. in Education - SoTL Focus

Students have the opportunity to complete a Ph.D. in Education focusing their program on SoTL related topics and research. This dissertation-based program will follow the program requirements of the cross-departmental Ph.D. program in the College of Education.

Applications deadline: November 30, 2026 for Fall 2027 admission.

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GRAHAM CENTRE FOR SOTL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS



Brianna Bennett, PhD Student (SoTL Focus)

[2025 MRU SoTL Symposium - Banff, AB](#)

'Supporting SoTL Scholars: Examining the tension between academic identity and SoTL at research intensive universities.'



Abdur Ahmad, PhD Student (SoTL Focus)

[2025 MRU SoTL Symposium - Banff, AB](#)

'Leading Beyond the Micro: What Leadership Behaviors Will Advance SoTL in Canadian Higher Education?'



Tracy Gabriel, PhD Student (SoTL Focus), SoTL Flicker Grant Recipient

[2025 MRU SoTL Symposium - Banff, AB](#)

'From Anxiety to Insight: Senior Nursing Students' Experiences with Simulation'



Charissa Lee, PhD Student (SoTL Focus)

[IISSTOL 2025- Christchurch, New Zealand](#)

'Students finding agency through self-discovery within work-integrated learning reflective practices'

[2025 MRU SoTL Symposium - Banff, AB](#)

'Opening Pedagogical Borders: Coaching as a Framework for Inclusive, Student-Centered Learning'

[2025 STLHE Conference, Saskatoon, SK](#)

'Empowering Business Students Through Digital Reflection: A Pilot Study on ePortfolios'



Kara Gorman, MSoTL Student & SoTL Flicker Grant Recipient

[2025 STLHE - Saskatoon, SK](#)

'Exploring the Intersection of SoTL and Occupational Therapy Fieldwork Education'

'Creating Courageous Spaces: Applying Anti-Oppressive Pedagogy in Higher Education'

Scholarly Teaching Certificate (STC)

Advance Your Teaching. Lead in Learning

The Scholarly Teaching Certificate is a new non-credit professional learning program at the University of Saskatchewan designed for mid-career and/or professors of teaching who want to take their teaching to the next level. This certificate supports faculty in moving beyond effective teaching toward scholarly teaching - a critical step for those who aspire to lead in teaching and learning within their academic units or engage in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

The STC is designed to help you:

- Deepen your teaching practice through engagement with educational literature and evidence-based strategies.
- Reflect critically on your instructional choices and their impact on student learning.
- Lead and mentor by supporting colleagues, guiding curriculum initiatives, and contributing to a culture of teaching excellence.
- Engage in scholarly inquiry that connects your teaching to broader conversations in higher education.
- Build a foundation in SoTL - whether you plan to publish, present, or mentor others in scholarly teaching.
- Strengthen your teaching dossier for leadership roles, awards, and recognition.

Learn more at: [Scholarly Teaching Certificate \(STC\)](#)

Join our information session:

February 19, 2026, 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Education room 1037

Register at: [Scholarly Teaching Certificate Launch](#)



ROUTE-FINDING:
SUPPORTS FOR A USASK
TEACHING JOURNEY

DEVELOPING TEACHING

- Teaching preparation certificate
- Syllabus generator
- Student Experience Survey
- Fall Fortnight and TA success

Exploring,
Capacity-buildir

EXPERIENCED TEACHING

- USask AI help with course and assessment design
- Available technologies for teaching and learning
- Consultations on teaching and assessment
- Assessment procedures, policies etc.

Decision point about impacts
of your teaching practice



EFFECTIVE TEACHING

- Certificate of University Teaching and Learning
- Short courses and workshops on teaching and assessment
- Online course review
- Analytics about your students, SLEQ

Efficient,
Routine

Reflection,
Curiosity

SCHOLARY TEACHING

- DBER and SoTL conferences and journals
- Consultations on research-supported teaching and assessment

Consuming
Research

SOTL - SCHOLARSHIP

- Professional development on SoTL
- Grants
- Consultation
- SoTL certificate and advanced degrees

Creating
Research

Now in its fourth year, the SoTL Shine Hack-a-Thon has become a signature experience at the Jane and Ron Graham Centre for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL). This intensive, community-powered workshop invites educators, graduate students, and research partners to bring a SoTL idea - at any stage of development - and transform it through collaborative "hacking".

This year's theme, Where curiosity meets community, SoTL shines brightest, underscores the heart of the Hack-a-thon: the moment when individual questions meet collective creativity, and previously foggy paths suddenly become illuminated. Much like Gnotl and Gnotorious discovering that the SoTL Echo strengthens through connection, the Hack-a-Thon mobilizes shared wisdom to amplify each participant's project.

Learn more and register at [2026 SoTL Shine Summit](#)

SAVE THE DATE: ISSOTL October 28-31, 2026



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