



Graduate Students' Association

Newsletter

September 2017

GSA Highlights:

Welcome New Graduate Students!

Fall Bus Pass Distribution:

September 12th - September 15th in GSA Board Room, UC 529.

GSA Board of Director Elections Coming Soon!

Senate By-Elections

Graduate Students! This is your opportunity to get involved in university governance, develop leadership skills, network and volunteer on campus! [Click here](#) for more details.

Awards Information Sessions:

The Office of Graduate Studies & Postdoctoral Studies is hosting information sessions for external government funded scholarship competitions (NSERC, SSHRC, OGS, etc. [Click here](#) for more information.

Follow us on Social Media!



GSA ROOFTOP PATIO & LOUNGE

Fall Hours:

Mon-Wed & Fri:

11:30 am – 7:30 pm

Thurs:

11:30 am – 9:00 pm

Mill Street Brewery:

Buy any pint of Mill Street and receive a ballot to win a Backyard Smoker!

Trivia:

Every THURSDAY night from 7– 9 pm

GSA Office:

Open: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

***Closed:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm

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From the GSA office:

Bus Pass Distribution

Fall 2017 Bus Pass stickers will be available September 12th – 15th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm in the GSA Board Room, UC North Tower, Room 529.

GSA Board of General Director Elections

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) is the sole official representative body of graduate students at the University of Guelph. The GSA acts as a liaison between graduate students and University Administration, with GSA representatives sitting on most University committees, presidential task forces, and boards. For more information on the GSA, please visit our [website](#).

If you are interested in representing your department on the GSA Board of General Directors, the Call for Nominations will be sent out by your program assistant by mid-September!

GSA Office and The Fifth Work-Study Positions

The GSA Office and The Fifth have work-study positions available for the Fall semester. If interested, please contact GSA office Manager, Erin Angus (eangus@uoguelph.ca) or The Fifth Manager, Bonnie Runge (gslounge@uoguelph.ca), or apply through the Student Financial Services [website](#) under Graduate Student Association.

GSA Board Meeting Schedule:

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm (food served at 5:15 pm)

September 20th, October 25th, November 22nd, U.C. 442 & December 13th, U.C. 430

Have something you would like in the GSA monthly newsletter?

Submit your items (events, research, etc.) to gsa@uoguelph.ca

(cc: eangus@uoguelph.ca) by the 1st of each month.

From the GSA office:

Travel Grants

Students who have presented at conferences, workshops, or seminars in their previous semester may be eligible to receive a travel grant up to \$500.00! The student must have been registered as a graduate student in the term that s/he has presented. To apply, please submit a hard copy of your completed application, **found here**, to the GSA Office Manager, Erin Angus (U.C. 530). Applications for September – December are due by December 31st.

Child Care Bursaries

The GSA can provide the opportunity for accessible child care! A child care bursary is available for graduate students who are supporting a child or children and demonstrate financial need. Download and submit a hard copy of the **application** to the GSA Office Manager, Erin Angus (U.C. 530). Applications for September – December are due by December 31st.

GSA Petitions, Delegations & Representation (PDR)

Are you planning an academic or social event on Campus? Apply for a PDR Grant!

Download and complete an **application** to submit to gsa@uoguelph.ca (cc: Erin Angus, eangus@uoguelph.ca) by the 1st of each month for consideration. ***Just a reminder that we CANNOT support off-campus events.

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GSA Activities & Communications Coordinator



The GSA would like to thank Syer Haque for all of his hard work as our Activities & Communications Coordinator over the past year. Syer has done a great job at organizing and executing both traditional and new events at The Fifth over the past year. We wish him the best of luck in finishing and defending his MSc thesis!



We are very excited to welcome Lukas Linde as the GSA's new Activities & Communications Coordinator! Lukas is working on his PhD in the Human Health and Nutritional Sciences department and has lots of experience planning events and managing social media accounts. He looks forward to meeting you at future events at The Fifth!

JT Powell Building Construction & Service Updates

Due to construction in the JT Powell building, there is some disruption and relocation of services. **Please note the following changes:**

Health Services

Health Services continues to operate out of the JT Powell building. The entrance is through the East Ring Road doorway and services are located on the second floor of Powell.

Health & Performance Centre

The Health and Performance also remains fully operational.

Sports Medicine, Chiropractic Service, Podiatrist, Massage Therapy continue to operate out of the 2nd Floor of JT Powell with the entrance off of East Ring Road.

Physiotherapy is operating out of the New Athletic building. Enter through the main entrance and follow the signs up the stairs to the second floor.

Counselling and SAS Services

Counselling and SAS Advising continue on the 3rd floor of the University Centre (UC).

SAS Exam Centre is also available on the 3rd floor of the UC until the week of September 11th, when it will move back to the 2nd floor of the Library. Further updates to follow.

Wednesday September 6th: Services will open at 10:00 am

Wellness Education & Promotion

Wellness Education & Promotion has been residing in Raithby this summer. As of Thursday August 31st, they have relocated for the academic year to the Town Hall in East Residence. Student Support Network will continue to operate out of Raithby.

University Events

The CBS HK5K Run

Come out Sunday October 1st to support the Human Anatomy Program at the 6th annual HK5K Run! Registration is \$15.00 online or \$20.00 the day of the race.

Click [here](#) for more details.

SafeTALK Training for Students

SafeTALK is an alertness training that prepares anyone, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper.

The university will host a SafeTALK training session **Thursday October 5th from 6:00 – 9:30 pm**. To register for SafeTALK training, please go to [GryphLife](#).

Community Events

- Ongoing -

Saturdays Farmers' Market
The Guelph's Farmers' Market
7:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Special Events -

September 13-17 Guelph Jazz Festival
Check [website](#) for concert schedule and details.

September 17 Taste of Guelph
@ St Joseph's Health Centre
1:00 – 4:00 pm

September 20 Open Mic Night
@ Silence Sounds
7:00 – 9:00 pm

September 27 The POD Grand Opening!
@ The SEED
12:00 – 2:30 pm

County Fall Fair
@ Guelph Lake Commons
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Welcome New Students!

About the GSA



The mission of the Graduate Students' Association is to advance the academic and social goals of the graduate students at the University of Guelph through advocacy, social and financial resources.

Specific goals of the GSA are to:

- Represent responsibly the interest of the University of Guelph graduate students to the wider campus, municipal, provincial, national and global communities
- Improve the well-being of its members
- Advocate for the quality and accessibility of graduate education at the University of Guelph

OUR SERVICES


The GSA provides a number of services for graduate student including:

- Confidential peer support for students experiencing academic-related difficulties
- Resource Centre
- Health & Dental Plan
- Universal Bus Pass
- Grad Lounge
- Travel Grants
- Emergency/compassionate grants
- Child care bursary
- Activities Grants
- CSA Bike Centre
- CSA Food Bank
- SafeWalk

For more information please visit our website or contact your department GSA representative.

EVENTS!

The GSA hosts **SOCIAL** and **PROFESSIONAL** events every month at **The Fifth: GSA Rooftop Patio and Lounge**. Be sure to follow us on social media for regular updates!

 University Centre, North Tower, Level 5



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Opportunities & Resources

More information from the New Graduate Student Orientation Day is available [here](#).

Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies procedures, regulations, forms, dates, scholarship info	http://www.uoguelph.ca/graduatestudies
Graduate Student Association peer support, grad lounge, bus pass, health and dental plan, committees, news blog	http://www.uoguelph.ca/gsa
Graduate Student Learning Initiative @ workshops, news blog, learning resources across campus	http://gsli.uoguelph.ca
Open Learning and Educational Support @ teaching, workshops, education development, classroom tech support	http://opened.uoguelph.ca/en/index.asp
Library Learning Commons data resource centre @, services and workshops for learning, writing, research	http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca
Coop education and Career Services workshops, career planning, skills development, career fairs	https://www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs
MyGradSkills @ online modules for professional skills development	https://www.mygradskills.ca
Office of Research animal care services @, grants, contracts, research ethics, advanced analysis centre, catalyst centre, workshops	http://www.uoguelph.ca/research http://www.uoguelph.ca/research/services-divisions/animal-care-services
Student Wellness Services wellness education centre, medical clinic	https://www.uoguelph.ca/studenthealthservices
Counselling Services @ help with academic challenges caused by personal, physical or emotional difficulties	https://www.uoguelph.ca/counselling
Canadian Union of Public Employees - CUPE local 3913 @ collective agreement, bylaws, GTA postings	http://cupe3913.on.ca
Diversity and Human Rights @ equity information, training, accessibility, dispute arbitration	https://www.uoguelph.ca/diversity-human-rights
Office of Intercultural Affairs @ international and aboriginal student support, workshops, immigration information, UHIP	https://studentlife.uoguelph.ca/oia
Centre for Business & Student Enterprise (CBaSE) entrepreneurship, HUB, ENACTUS, conferences	http://www.uoguelph.ca/cbase
Let's Talk Science Outreach @ youth development charity, volunteer opportunities	http://outreach.letstalkscience.ca/uoguelph
Mitacs @ not-for-profit, Step workshops, scholarships, research funds	https://www.mitacs.ca/en/about-mitacs

Opportunities & Resources

Senate By-Elections

Graduate Students! This is your opportunity to get involved in university governance, develop leadership skills, network and volunteer on campus!

Nominations to serve on the University of Guelph Senate will be accepted from **September 7th, 2017 – September 20th, 2017!**

Fall 2017 By-elections – Current Graduate Seat Vacancies:

College of Arts (1)

College of Biological Science (1)

College of Engineering & Physical Sciences (1)

Ontario Veterinary College (1)

For more information regarding Fall By-elections, including nomination forms and requirements, please visit the University Secretariat **Webpage**.

Questions? Email the University Secretariat Team at elections@uoguelph.ca

Graduate Student Support Circle (GSSC)

The GSSC invites you to take part in a peer support circle for graduate students for the Fall semester!

If you are interested in connecting with other graduate students through sharing and listening, and in both providing and receiving emotional support in a group setting, please consider joining as a circle participant. For more information, please see the GSSC flyer **here**.

Opportunities & Resources

5th Annual National Student Paper Competition

Canada's first 150 years have been marked by innovation and inspiration, which continue to be key determinants in defining our future. The Canada School of Public Service is inviting Master's and PhD students to participate in the National Student Paper Competition – an exciting high-level exposure opportunity that allows students to share their unique perspectives on the federal public service and the Government of Canada.

Through a 1500-word essay or briefing note, students may respond to one or both of the following questions:

1. What are your ideas to help ensure that the public service will be ready to meet the needs of the future?
2. What are your ideas to advance the government's forward objectives?

The Grand Prize Winner, who is selected by a panel of senior public servants, will receive:

- An offer for a four-month paid placement within the federal public service; a VIP invitation to attend the 2018 Manion Lecture in the National Capital Region, with travel expenses reimbursed, if applicable; and
- an opportunity to present their paper on a national platform.

The majority of last year's finalists have found employment within the federal public service.

Visit the institute of Public Administration of Canada [website](#) for more information on the [competition guidelines](#) and past winners.

To ensure your participation in the Competition, please encourage a professor in your department to register as a [departmental coordinator](#).

We also invite you to share the [informational poster](#) with students from your university.

Do not hesitate to contact claudia.martinangeli@canada.ca if you have any questions.

We look forward to your participation in 2017-2018!

The **deadlines** for paper submissions will be in **November, 2017**.

Please send all newsletter submissions to the GSA email at gsa@uoquelph.ca by the 1st

Opportunities & Resources

Co-operative Education & Career Services ***Your Number One Job Search and Career Planning Resource!***

Services we offer:

- Online job postings (for full-time, part-time, co-op & summer positions)
- Drop-in sessions available daily
- Résumé & cover letter writing assistance
- Interview skills & preparation
- Job & career fairs
- Further education planning
- Over 35 co-op majors
- Interest & personality assessment

Visit us in Building #54 (north of Rozanski) or online!

Drop-in hours to meet with a Career Advisor:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

www.recruitguelph.ca

Scholarships & Grants

Vanier Canadian Graduate Scholarship

Vanier scholarships are valued at \$50, 000 per year for 3 years of doctoral study. Additional information is available on the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies [website](#). The deadline to apply to Guelph via ResearchNet is **September 15, 2017**.

IODE War Memorial Scholarships 2018-2019

War Memorial Doctoral Scholarships were initiated to commemorate Canadians who sacrificed their lives for peace and freedom. In honour of the 100th anniversary of the initiation of these prestigious scholarships in 2018, the scholarships are valued at \$20, 000 for the 2018-2019 academic year only. A maximum of three scholarships will be offered. For more information, please refer to the [IODE website](#). The deadline for the letter of intent is **October 1, 2017**.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

Apply for OSAP! The 2017-2018 OSAP application has been reformatted and is more favorable towards graduate students. OSAP also has a new Ontario Student Grant (OSG) that students who apply for funding are automatically considered for. If offered both a grant and a loan, you have the option to only accept only the grant, AKA FREE money!

Students are advised to apply as soon as they are accepted into their program of study. However, the official **deadline** for the September – December study period is **October 23rd, 2017** & the **deadline** for the September – April study period is **February 25th, 2018**

Students are encouraged to check the [Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies webpage](#) on scholarships and the [Student Financial Services Award Search Engine](#) to identify all scholarships for which they may be eligible.

Scholarships & Grants

Awards Information Sessions

Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Doctoral, Master's and Post-doctoral Awards

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Peter Clark Hall (UC001)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral & Trudeau Doctoral Awards

Monday, September 18, 2017

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Peter Clark Hall (UC001)

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

Monday, September 18, 2017

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Peter Clark Hall (UC001)

CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC CGS-Master's Awards

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Peter Clark Hall (UC001)

Updated presentation content will be posted on the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies [webpage](#).

Students are encouraged to check the [Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies webpage](#) on scholarships and the [Student Financial Services Award Search Engine](#) to identify all scholarships for which they may be eligible.

Department News

Geography Department

The Geography department is excited to be launching their Brown Bag Speaker (BBS) series again this Fall that will feature engaging presentations from Canadian scholars on a variety of contemporary social and environmental issues.

The BBS is open to all students and the topics will be relevant and interesting to a wide variety of disciplines – not just geographers. It is a chance to learn from the perspective of other disciplines, network, and participate in discussions in an intimate setting.

Please **[click here](#)** for the BBS schedule of speakers and topics.

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Don't see a General Director for your department? Submit a nomination for our 2017-2018 Term!

CBS

HK5K RUN



When: Sunday October 1st, 2017

Location: University of Guelph Arboretum

Registration: 9:00 – 10:00 am **Run:** 10:00 – 11:00

Register at: tinyurl.com/HK5KRUN17

Online: \$15.00

Day of: \$20.00



@TheHk5kRun



@HK5KRun

"BALANCE" FOR A GRAD STUDENT...



**GRADUATE
STUDENT
SUPPORT
CIRCLE**

Interested in meeting other graduate students?

The Graduate Student Support Circle (GSSC) provides peer support to graduate students in both providing and receiving emotional support in a group setting. You are invited to join our circle this Fall 2017!

What: Confidential peer support circle for graduate students.

When: 60 minutes weekly, starting the week of September 18, 2017.

Specific date TBD following registration.

Who: 7-10 graduate student participants and 1-3 graduate student facilitators.

How: Participants meet on a weekly basis with the circle.

Why: Meet an unfulfilled need for peer support among graduate students.

Deadline to register is September 15, 2017.

For more information or to register, please contact us at:

guelphgradcircle@gmail.com



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www.facebook.com/UOG.GSSC



A part of the
Student Support
Network

**Introducing
the
Fall 2017**



**Hutt 234
12:00 – 1:00pm**

Confirmed Dates:

October 6th – Dr. Mark Tovey
(Architectural heritage, geolocative technology)

October 20th – Dr. Susan Elliot
(Food allergies, global wellness index)

November 3rd – Dr. Sean Carey
(Watershed hydrology, land surface processes)

November 17th – Dr. Derek Armitage
(Water governance)

December 1st – Dr. Alison Mountz
(Global migration, asylum seeking)

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Lunch and Learn – All are welcome to attend!

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