



Graduate Student Learning Initiative Newsletter

This newsletter provides information on workshops, events and services available on campus for graduate students and postdoctoral associates each semester.

January 2019

- Some workshops fill up quickly – please register for the waitlist if the workshop in which you are interested is full.
- Wait lists are monitored and when there is sufficient interest, workshops may be moved to a larger room, or an additional session may be scheduled.
- **Workshops are free and open to graduate students and postdoctoral associates.**

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Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

Changes have been made to OSAP that benefit graduate students.

[Visit the OSAP website](#) to learn about the new OSAP regulations.

Visit the [UoG OSAP webpage](#) for a step-by-step guide to the application process.

Winter New Graduate Student Orientation

The orientation session for new graduate students will be held on

Friday, January 4, in Library 300A, starting at 9:00 AM. A preliminary program is available at bit.ly/2ibXPr7

To register for the session, go to bit.ly/2QiWDGF

Grad Student Information

Presentations and brochures from the New Graduate Student Orientation sessions are available in a dropbox folder that can be accessed at any time.

Go to bit.ly/2ibXPr7 to access the information.

Outreach Programs

Grad Student KMb/KTT Learning Circle

This is an interdisciplinary group of grad students from across the U of G who are interested in ways of making our research more accessible to audiences outside academia. The group is supported by the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute (CESI). They host FREE expert-lead seminars and workshops related to knowledge dissemination and all members are invited to attend.

The group also has a CourseLink site where they post updates about jobs and training opportunities, resources, and anything related to knowledge translation, mobilization, and exchange. The CourseLink site can also be used to interact with other grad students interested in KMb/KTT

If you are interested in getting more involved, consider joining the Steering Committee! The commitment is minimal - as needed to organize and host 1-2 seminars and workshops each semester and to maintain regular CourseLink and email communication with members.

Contact [Danyelle Liddle](#) for more information or to be added to the Courselink site and listserv.

ArtsEverywhere Emerging Scholars Program

In partnership with the UofG, the ArtsEverywhere Festival invites students to join the ArtsEverywhere Emerging Scholars. This program offers twenty graduate and undergraduate students a complimentary festival pass, a festival mentor, receptions with the speakers, an intimate 2-hour conversation with our presenters and organizers, and an opportunity to publish some festival insights at ArtsEverywhere.ca.

Date: January 24 to 27

Location: various locations in Guelph

Go the [festival website](#) to apply

Deadline to apply: January 7

Counselling for Grad Students

The GSA is offering counselling to full-time and part-time grad students in the GSA boardroom, UC 529 (north tower).

To book an appointment call **519-824-4120 x53244** or email: counsell@uoguelph.ca

Lynda.com video tutorials

All U of Guelph faculty, staff and grad students now have free access to the Lynda.com library of training videos. Thousands of video modules covering the most popular business and creative applications are available, as well as topics including software development, website design, animation, soft-skill training, audio and music, and photography.

Follow specific learning paths to build skills, achieve personal goals and supplement your education and course learning.

To create your free Lynda.com account, visit uoguelph.ca/Lynda and login in with your central login ID (the username and password you use to sign into GryphMail).

Mitacs training workshops

Mitacs offers career skills workshops, available both in person and online to grad students and postdocs. Workshops provide in-demand training that complement existing skills and improve employability, and they're offered free of charge.

Mitacs Training has launched a new learning management system called **EDGE** (Education, Development, Growth, and Engagement) that students will use to enrol in Mitacs Training courses, access Mitacs Training's online course catalog, view and download transcripts following successful course completion, check course registration status, and download resources and tools.

To get started with EDGE, visit the [Mitacs Edge website](#). You are required to create a new account. Please do not try to register with any previous Mitacs account you may have.

Sign up for the [Mitacs Alumni newsletter](#) for information on Mitacs funding opportunities, events, and more.

Register early for workshops as spots fill quickly.

Workshops scheduled for Winter 2019. Once you have created a Mitacs EDGE account, [go to the login page](#) to register.

Foundations of Project Management I

This 2-day course provides an experiential, collaborative learning experience to enable participants to integrate the principles of project management, team building, group dynamics and leadership that participants can apply immediately and in their future careers and lives.

Sessions:

- Hamilton, ON, January 24-25
- Toronto, ON, March 12-13

Foundations of Project Management II

This 2-day course provides an experiential, collaborative learning experience to enable participants to build on the principles of project management, team building, group dynamics and leadership, while exploring key concepts in greater detail to further develop participants skills and knowledge in the area of project planning and management.

NOTE: Foundations of Project Management I is a pre-requisite for this course.

Sessions:

- Toronto, ON, February 26-27

Essentials of Productive Team

The objective of this one-day workshop is to provide participants with an opportunity to build their ability and awareness participating in and leading an effective team that meets deadlines and sees results.

Sessions:

- Waterloo, ON, January 30

Practice Your Presentation Skills I

Participants spend the majority of time practicing their presentation skills while receiving onsite feedback.

Sessions:

- Toronto, ON, February 6
- London, ON, February 8
- Toronto, ON, March 21

Networking Skills

This full day course is designed to provide insight and interaction along with the knowledge to build and stabilize business relationships through effective networking.

Sessions:

- Hamilton, ON, February 15, 2019

Time Management

This workshop provides tools and techniques that can be applied to a partner industry project or employment-based role.

Sessions:

- Toronto, ON, March 1
- London, ON, March 4

Mitacs funding opportunities

Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship

Master's students can complete an 18-month project (minimum \$30,000 stipend).

PhD students can complete a three-year project (minimum \$72,000 stipend).

The Fellowship also offers national professional development training that helps interns gain in-demand career skills and ensure the success of their projects.

Contact Rebecca Bourque at rbourque@mitacs.ca, or visit the [Mitacs website](#) for more information.

Applications are accepted any time.

Accelerate Industrial Postdoctoral Fellowship

This fellowship provides up to 3 years of funding valued at \$55,000 per year to undertake research with a company or not-for-profit organization.

For more information on how to apply, visit the [Mitacs website](#).

Deadline to apply: January 18

Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship

The fellowship provides 2 years of postdoctoral funding valued at \$60,000 per year plus extensive customized professional development training (\$7,500 per year non-cash value).

For more information on how to apply, email elevate@mitacs.ca

Deadline to submit an Intent to apply: January 23

The Canadian Science Policy Fellowship

This is a 12 month policy position within a Canadian government host office.

For more information on how to apply, visit the [CSPF website](#).

Deadline to apply: February 3

GlobalLink Research Award

The GlobalLink Research Award provides \$6,000 for senior undergraduate and graduate students to undertake research projects abroad. Projects last 12–24 weeks and all disciplines are eligible.

Questions can be sent to Mitacs International at international@mitacs.ca.

Visit the [GlobalLink webpage](#) for more information on destinations and application procedures.

Deadline to apply: at least 16 weeks prior to planned departure.

Career Workshops and Events

Career Counselling

Co-op and Career Services (now part of **Student Experience**) offers free career planning resources.

Location: Vehicle Services Building; Building 54 (north of Rozanski Hall)

Drop-in Times: TBA for Winter 2019

30-minute appointments can also be scheduled with a Career advisor.

Visit the [Career Services webpage](#) for more information on the Drop-In sessions.

Video Workshops

Choose from a selection of 50 videos ranging from various categories including; Starting Your Job Search, Resume and Cover Letters, Networking, Interviews, Salary & Negotiations and Job Search & Social Media.

Visit the [video workshop webpage](#) for more information.

Instructional Skills

Microteaching

Microteaching is a form of instructional training where small groups of peers observe each other teaching, provide feedback, and engage in discussion with the goal of improving one another's instructional abilities.

Visit the [OpenEd website](#) for more information and to register.

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 6, 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: TBA

Research Skills

Graduate Research & Project Management Course

This course is offered in the **Winter semester** and introduces graduate students to the management of scholarly and research projects, including administrative and ethical concerns. It is offered as 11 one-hour sessions **starting January 14 and ending April 1**. Completion of 9 of the 11 sessions earns a Certificate Recognition.

Visit the [GRPM webpage](#) for a list of sessions and to register.

Registration is now OPEN. *This course fills up very quickly.*

SSHRC Storyteller contest

This contest challenges student to show Canadians how social sciences and humanities research affects our lives, our world and our future prosperity. The contest is open to all graduate and undergraduate students, who must tell their story involving a SSHRC-funded research project in 3 minutes or 300 words.

For more information and to register, visit the SSHRC [Storytellers website](#).

Deadline for submission: 5:00 PM (EST), January 31

CITI program courses

The U of Guelph is a member of [Network of Networks \(N2\)](#). Through this membership, free access is available to the [Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative \(CITI\)](#), an online education program.

Courses are offered in the areas of Human Subjects Research, Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects, Responsible Conduct of Research, Good Clinical Practice, Transportation of Dangerous Goods and Privacy.

Visit the [Office of Research webpage](#) for more information.

THINC Lab

THINC lab is a space that supports collaborative, interdisciplinary, and digital humanities research at the University of Guelph.

Advantages of THINC Lab membership are:

1. THINC Lab members can book space in the lab to research or write.
2. THINC Lab fellows can apply to be a part of the community. They are provided with a locker, desk space and a small travel stipend in return for writing short blog posts and participating in an end of year showcase.
3. THINC Lab seed grants can help faculty get started on a digital project.

If you have questions about THINC Lab or the opportunities to get involved, please email dhguelph@uoguelph.ca.

Time and Project Management Skills

50-minute time management appointments

Appointments with a professional staff consultant are available to discuss all elements of managing your time and your workload, including long-term planning to complete your thesis, maintaining momentum on your graduate work, reducing procrastination, and increasing efficiency.

Visit the [webpage](#) to book an appointment.

Presentation Skills

50-minute presentation appointments

Appointments with a professional staff consultant to practice an academic presentation, receive feedback, and discuss strategies for enhancing your presentation skills.

Visit the [webpage](#) to book an appointment.

Writing Skills

Writing Room

The writing room (Library 133) in the library offers a quiet, focused space for faculty, staff, postdocs and grad students to work on their writing projects.

Days and Time: Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Go to [WCOOnline](#) to reserve the room.

Individual writing appointments

25-minute and 50-minute appointments are available to meet with a Writing Services' staff or TA in person (or online, if available) to get feedback, ask questions, or talk through your ideas.

Date and Time: Monday to Thursday, 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, Fridays, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Location: Library Learning Commons.

Visit the [library website](#) to book an appointment.

Writing in the Sciences: Writing Research Articles

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Monday, January 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing in the Sciences: Strengthening Your Scientific Writing Style

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Monday, January 7, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing in the Sciences: Writing Literature Reviews

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 9, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing in the Sciences: Improving Grammar, Punctuation, and Mechanics

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 9, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing in the Sciences: Paraphrasing Effectively and Writing about Tables and Figures

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Friday, January 11, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing in the Sciences: A Song of Fire and Ice

This workshop series is designed to help you improve your scientific writing skills. If you're a graduate student working on a thesis or an undergraduate student interested in graduate-level research, these workshops are for you. Register for one session or register for all six.

Date and Time: Friday, January 11, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing Tune-up: Grammar - DAY 1 of 2

This is a 2-day workshop. It is recommended that you attend Day 1 if you plan to attend Day 2.

Date and Time: Saturday, January 12, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Writing Tune-up: Grammar - DAY 2 of 2

This is a 2-day workshop. It is recommended that you attend Day 1 if you plan to attend Day 2.

Date and Time: Sunday, January 13, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

EAL Workshops and Appointments

English language appointments

Appointments with professional staff consultants are effective for helping EAL graduate students clarify their ideas and structure their documents before sending drafts to their professors and supervisors.

Visit the [webpage to book an appointment](#)

Academic Writing Style

Attend this free workshop to improve your ability to write academically.

Date and Time: Thursday, January 17, 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Pronunciation Group: Words

This workshop provides an opportunity for graduate students, post-doctoral students, visiting scholars/researchers, faculty, and staff with English as an additional language (EAL) to practice their English pronunciation.

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Dates and Times:

Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, January 17, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, January 22, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, January 24, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, January 29, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Pronunciation Group: Sentences

This workshop provides an opportunity for graduate students, post-doctoral students, visiting scholars/researchers, faculty, and staff with English as an additional language (EAL) to practice their English pronunciation.

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Dates and Times:

Thursday, January 31, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, February 7, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, February 12, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, February 14, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Talk Like an Academic

This 7-week program provides support in academic communication support for graduate-level students with English as an Additional Language (EAL). This program provides students an opportunity to learn and practice English language communication skills and strategies for interacting in typical graduate-student academic and professional scenarios.

Location: Library 384

Visit the [library website](#) to register

Dates and Times:

Thursday, January 24, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, January 31, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 7, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 14, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, February 28, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 7, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Thursday, March 14, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Scholarships and Internships

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

It is major scholarship season and the University is hosting information sessions concerning scholarship applications to the major funding agencies. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at each of the sessions. If you are unable to attend, summaries of the presentations will be posted on the OGPS website the week following.

If you have any questions about these scholarship competitions, please contact the **Graduate Program Assistant** in your department/school, or contact the [Graduate Awards Officers](#)

Note: Students who are currently registered at the UofG may be eligible to order Guelph transcripts for free, provided that the transcripts are ordered a minimum of one week before the deadline, that you pick up the transcripts from Enrolment Services, and that you specify the name of the scholarship at the time you place your order.

**Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC):
Graduate Student Awards of Merit & Student Award in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion**
Five awards are available to women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records.

Value: \$3000

For more information on how to apply, visit the [SWAAC website](#).

Deadline to apply to grschol@uoguelph.ca: January 4

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships

This scholarship is awarded to outstanding doctoral candidates who have been offered admission to, or are enrolled in year 1, 2, or 3 of a social sciences and humanities program and who are doing research in areas related to one of the Foundation's four themes: Human Rights and Dignity, Responsible Citizenship, Canada in the World, and People and their Natural Environment.

Value: \$60,000 per year (including an annual travel allowance of \$20,000) for 3 years.

For more information on how to apply, visit the [OGPS website](#).

Deadline to apply: January 9

London Goodenough Association of Canada scholarships

The LGAC invites applications for scholarships in support of graduate study in London, England for the 2019-20 academic year. The awards help cover the cost of accommodation at Goodenough College, the pre-eminent residential college for international graduate students in London.

For more information and to apply, visit the [LGAC website](#).

Deadline to apply: January 25

Ontario Graduate Scholarships

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Program recognizes academic excellence in graduate studies at the master's and doctoral levels in all disciplines of academic study. Students must apply for OGS at the institution where they are/or plan to be registered in a master's or doctoral program in 2019-20. The OGS is not transferrable.

Value: \$15,000 for one year (\$5,000/semester for three semesters)

The application and more information is available on the [OGPS website](#).

Deadline to Apply: January 31

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science has established the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships for Foreign Researchers. A limited number of promising early-career researchers are given the opportunity to conduct research in Japanese universities and in designated research institutions and laboratories. NSERC is responsible for recommending Canadian nominees for JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships.

Students must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, not have Japanese nationality or be a permanent resident of Japan, hold or expect to hold a doctorate degree in one of the fields of research that NSERC supports prior to the proposed start date of the postdoctoral fellowship, not hold, or have held, any other JSPS Postdoctoral fellowship.

The [JSPS website](#) provides additional information on the value and duration of the awards. Questions can be directed to NSERC at schol@nserc-crsng.gc.ca.

Deadline to apply: February 1

Emerging Health Leaders Program

EHL is a two-week intensive, residential, leadership program for students and young professionals seeking to make a difference in the health landscape and effectively develop their leadership capabilities. It is offered by the Michael G. DeGroote Health Leadership Academy at McMaster University.

For more information visit the [EHL website](#).

Deadline to apply for the spring session: February 15

Deadline to apply for the summer session: May 31

Canada-China Scholar's Exchange Program

Short-term scholarships to Canadians wishing to study abroad in China. Scholarships are awarded for studies, research, language studies or a combination of studies and language studies at participating Chinese institutions.

Exchanges last for 4 to 12 months.

For more information on how to apply, visit the [C-CSEP website](#)

Deadline to apply: March 1

Arrell Food Institute Scholarship

Applications are now open for students entering a graduate program in the Summer 2019, Fall 2019 or Winter 2020 semesters. The Institute is seeking emerging scholars who are not only academically outstanding but also passionately committed to ensuring that future generations are well fed, that diets are nutritious and equitable, and that agriculture is sustainable.

Value: \$50,000/year for 2 years (masters students) or 4 years (doctoral students)

For more information on how to apply visit the [OGPS website](#).

Deadline to apply for graduate school: February 22

Deadline to apply for scholarship: March 1

Not getting GSLI emails from your department?

Information about upcoming events is normally forwarded by email through the graduate program assistant in your department. If you are not receiving regular messages about GSLI workshops and other services, please let us know by emailing us at:

gsl@uoguelph.ca

A copy of the GSLI newsletter is posted to a dropbox folder at bit.ly/2hsyqwm that can be accessed anytime.

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