GSLI GRADUATE STUDENT LEARNING INITIATIVE

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.

December 2018

- 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**.

Sections in this issue

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.

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.

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.

Find available workshops at the [Mitacs training workshop website](#).

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

Register early for workshops as spots fill quickly.

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 resarch with a company or not-for-project organization.

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

Deadline to submit an application: 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

GlobaLink Research Award
The GlobaLink 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 [GlobaLink webpage](#) for more information on destinations and application procedures.

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

JSPS Summer Program
Applications are now being accepted for this summer program, which supports researchers in Canada to undertake 10-week research projects in Japan in Summer 2019. The program is open to grad students and postdocs in all disciplines at Canadian universities.

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

Deadline to Apply: December 5

Career Workshops and Events

PhD Career Outcomes: Research Results & Future Directions
This is a panel discussion concerning the value of a PhD, where PhDs are employed, what this tells us about career development programming, what you as a PhD student, potential PhD student, postdoctoral fellow, or professor can do to support flexible career development. The event is open to faculty, staff, students and postdocs interested in post-PhD career development.

Visit the UofT CLNX website for more information and to register.
The event will be webcast for those who cannot attend in person.

Date and Time: Thursday, November 29, 4:45 Pm to 7:00 PM
Location: Medical Science Building, room 3153, University of Toronto

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: Monday through Friday; 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
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.

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.*

Free Tools for Digital Scholarship
There are several free tools available to help you manage your work digitally. This workshop discusses how to learn about managing digital images, sorting out citations, and publishing and sharing your work.

Visit the [library events website](#) to register.

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 28, 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Location: Library 289

Intro to Programming with Python - part 1
This two-part workshop provides a hands-on experience for folks with little experience programming. Part 1 will cover the basics of working with data in Python.

Visit the [library events website](#) to register.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 4, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Location: Library 289

Intro to Programming with Python - part 2
This two-part workshop provides a hands-on experience for folks with little experience programming. Part 2 will cover how to iterate over data with loops, use conditional logic to make decisions on the fly, and write reusable code with functions.

Visit the [library events website](#) to register.

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 5, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Location: Library 289

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.

Pitch Yourself! Creating Short Video Pitches with the Media Studio
Video is a powerful way to pitch ideas, research and yourself! Join the Library's Media Studio for a hands-on interactive workshop on creating pitch videos. In this workshop, you will discover best practices for pitch videos, get hands-on practice creating your own pitch video - from scripting and storyboarding to editing.

Visit the library events website to register.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 11, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: Library Filming Studio 267

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 WCOnline to reserve the room.

T*he Conversation* writing workshop
The Conversation is a national non-profit media network that publishes expert articles by researchers for distribution in Canada and around the globe. Since beginning in Australia in 2001, *The Conversation* network has expanded to several countries, including the United Kingdom and the United States. The University of Guelph became a founding member of *The Conversation Canada* in June 2017 and since then have had more than 100 commentaries published by faculty and grad students.

The University is hosting two workshops on how to write for *The Conversation* featuring the editor, Scott White.

Contact [Deirdre Healey](#), Manager, News Service for more information and to register.

Date and Time: Tuesday, December 4, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

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.

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](#)

Pronunciation Group Level 2: Sentences
Level 2 of Pronunciation Group provides an opportunity for graduate students with English as an additional language (EAL) to practice their English pronunciation. **Participants must have attended 7 out of 10 sessions in Level 1 in order to participate in Level 2**.

Visit the [library webpage](#) to register for the series

Location: all sessions are held in Library 384
Dates and Times:
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Tuesday November 27
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Thursday November 29

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.

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

Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)
The objective of the CGS M program is to help develop research skills and assist in the training of highly qualified personnel by supporting students who demonstrate a high standard of achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies.

Scholarships are valued at $17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable

For more information visit the OGPS website.

Deadline to apply: December 1

Austism Scholarships Award
A Scholar Awards Program in Autism has been established to ensure that Ontario attracts and retains pre-eminent scholars. Applicants are expected to create new knowledge concerning child autism, and its translation into improved health for children, more effective services and products for children with autism, and increase the province's capacity in diagnosis and assessment of autism and a strengthened treatment system.

There is one award at the Master's level ($18,000 for 1 year) and one at the Doctoral level ($20,000 for one year)

Visit the OGPS website and the Council of Ontario Universities website for complete information and to access the application form.

Deadline to apply: December 1

Ontario Women's Health Scholars Award

A Scholar Awards Program in Women's Health has been established to ensure that Ontario attracts and retains pre-eminent women's health scholars. Appliicants will excel in the creation of new knowledge about women's health and its translation into improved health for women, more effective health services and products for women, and a strengthened health care system.

There three awards at the Master's level ($25,000 plus $1000 research allowance for 1 year), three awards at the Doctoral level ($35,000 plus $2000 research allowance for one year) and two awards at the Postdoctoral level (%50,000 plus $5000 research allowance for one year).

Visit the OGPS website and the Council of Ontario Universities website for complete information and to access the application form.

Deadline to apply: December 1

John Charles Polanyi Prize

In honour of John Charles Polanyi, recipient of the 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, the Government of Ontario has established a fund to provide annually up to five prizes to outstanding researchers in the early stages of their career who are continuing to post-doctoral studies or have recently started a faculty appointment at an Ontario university.

The prizes have a value of $20,000 each and are available in the areas broadly defined as Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Economic Science.

Visit the OGPS website and the Council of Ontario Universities website for complete information and to access the application form.

Deadline to apply: December 1

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

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: gsli@uoguelph.ca

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