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.

UPCOMING EVENTS – May 4 to June 30, 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**.

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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.

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.

New Graduate Student Orientation

Come out and learn about the campus resources available to graduate students.

Date and Time: May 14, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: PAHL 1800.

Visit http://bit.ly/2GtcCtw to register.

Survey on Professional Development opportunities for Grad Students

If you have not already, please consider filling out the survey on Professional Skills Development at the UofG. You were invited via email with a link specific to you, so check your inbox if you haven't yet completed the survey. It will be **open until May 25**.

The first winner of a $250 tuition credit is Sivhuoch Ou (PHD.POLS+IDEV). Fill out the survey and you could be our next winner on **May 11** or **May 25**.

Counselling for Grad Students

Counselling is available for grad student on Tuesday afternoons 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 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.

Applications are accepted any time.

Contact Rebecca Bourque at rbourque@mitacs.ca, or visit the Mitacs website for more information.

Mitacs Elevate Postdoctoral Fellowship
Mitacs is now accepting applications for two-year postdoctoral funding ($60,000 annual award plus $7,500 per year non-cash value in training). Exclusive, customized professional development training is included with the fellowship, which must propose a long-term collaborative research project with a non-academic partner.

The project must start by February 6, 2019.

Email elevate@mitacs.ca, or visit the Mitacs website for more information.

Deadline for Intent to Apply and Conflict of Interest declaration: 5:00 PM PT, June 13
Deadline for application submission: 1:00 PM PT, July 11

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 GloblaLink webpage for more information on destinations and application procedures.

Mitacs training workshops

Mitacs offers career skills workshops, available both on campus and online to grad students and postdocs. Workshops provide in-demand training that complements your existing skills and improves your 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.

Skills of Communication
Date: May 07
Location: Albert McCormick Community Centre, Waterloo, ON

Foundations of Project Management I
Date: May 31 and June 01
Location: Chelsea Hotel, Toronto, ON

Essentials of Productive Team
Date: May 18
Location: YWCA 87 Elm Street, Toronto, ON

Designing a Personal and Realistic Career Plan
Date: May 31 and June 01
Location: YWCA 87 Elm Street, Toronto, ON

Foundations of Project Management II
Date: June 11 and 12
Location: St Paul's Bloor Street, Toronto, ON

Career Workshops and Events

Career Counselling
Co-op and Career Services offers free career planning resources.
Location: Vehicle Services Building; Building 54 (north of Rozanski Hall)
Drop-in Times: Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday; 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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

Visit the Recruit Guelph 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.

Teaching Skills

Effective Online Facilitation: Facilitating Your Distance Education Course
This two-part session is intended for instructors and teaching assistants facilitating distance education (DE) courses in the Spring/Summer 2018 semester.

Date and Time: Friday, May 11, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Location: McLaughlin Library 262 (OpenEd Lab)

Visit the the OpenEd website for more information and to register.

Instructional Skills Workshop - the CBE Edition
This is a comprehensive instructor development program designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness and confidence of both new and experienced educators.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 22 to Thursday, May 24, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
Location: 107 Macdonald Hall

Note: This workshop is reserved for faculty, staff and student instructors in the College of Business and Economics.

Visit the the OpenEd website for more information and to register.
Deadline to register is: May 18

GTC Networking Event - Resource Fair
This session is a discussion of relevant resources available on campus, on topics such as Writing, Time and Task Management, Mental health, etc. in your role as a GTA

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 30, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Location: TBD

Visit the the OpenEd website for more information and to register.

Instructional Skills Workshop - the CBS Edition
This is a comprehensive instructor development program designed to enhance the teaching effectiveness and confidence of both new and experienced educators.

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 26 to Thursday, June 28, 8:45 AM to 9:45 PM each day
Location: TBD

Note: This workshop is reserved for faculty, staff and student instructors in the College of Biological Science.

Visit the the OpenEd website for more information and to register.
Deadline to register: June 22

Research Skills

DH@Guelph Summer Workshops 2018
The University of Guelph is hosting a series of 4-day workshops on topics related to digital humanities research and teaching, with a diverse group of instructors from a variety of disciplines and institutions.

Go to the workshop website for more information about the workshops and registration.

Workshop dates: May 14 to 17
Deadline to register: May 11

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.

Presentation Skills

Presentation Boot Camp: Fundamentals
This session is for students who would like to learn more about presentation skills and strategies to use in academic settings.

Date and Time: Friday, June 15, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Location: Library 384

Visit the workshop webpage for more information and to register.

Presentation Boot Camp: Put It In Practice
This session is for students who would like to practice their presentation skills with a supportive group of staff and students.

Date and Time: Friday, June 15, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Location: Library 384

Visit the workshop webpage for more information and to register.

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.

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.

Writing Skills

Writing Tune-up: Day 1 of 2

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 08, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Location: Library 384

Visit the workshop webpage for more information and to register

Writing Tune-up: Day 2 of 2

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 09, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Location: Library 384

Visit the [workshop webpage](#) for more information and to register

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 [webpage](#) 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](#)

EAL Graduate Writing Camp
This intensive **four-day program** is designed to help graduate students who have English as an additional language develop their writing and grammar skills to help them edit their own work more effectively. The camp includes eight workshops, independent writing time in a quiet work space, writing consultations with Writing and EAL Specialists, and practice in self-editing written work.

Date and Time: May 28 to May 31, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day
Location: McLaughlin Library

NOTE: students are expected to attend all 4 days

Visit the [workshop webpage](#) to register.

Scholarships and Internships

IDRC Doctoral Research Awards 2018

The International Development Research Centre provides funds for students to do research in developing countries. Projects can be for 3 to 12 months, with awards up to CA$20,000. This call for proposals is open to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries pursuing doctoral studies at a Canadian university.

Visit the [IRDC website](#) for more information on the program and how to apply.

Application deadline: **May 30** by 4pm (EDT)

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](#)

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

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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