Update from the Faculty of Graduate Studies – May 3, 2012 - Scholarships, Workshops and News

External Scholarship Opportunities


Annual Progress Reports

All thesis-based graduate students who show an active registration for the Winter 2012 term will be receiving an email requesting that they complete and submit the on-line progress report to comment on achievements during the past twelve months. If you are using webmail you will need to cut and paste the link in your email to your browser. You will not be able to click on the link directly.

Your achievements can include courses completed, grades received, scholarships, research progress, papers submitted and conferences attended. Academic plans for the upcoming year should also be identified. You can find the Graduate Student Annual Report in your Student Center by going to “other academics’ drop down menu, selecting “Grad Student Annual Prog Rpt” and clicking the arrow. A job aid is attached for your convenience. Please note: APR Progress Report Job Aid - Student.pdf. If you have questions or concerns, please email gsapr@ucalgary.ca.

Updated Fees and Spring 2012 Fee Payment Plan Now Available

Updated fees for 2012-2013 are available at: [http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/fees]
The payment plan application is available on FGS website along with the 4 term payment option for eligible registered students. Payment plan applications must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies (MLT 213) or Enrolment Services before the fee payment deadline for Spring session which is May 18, 2012.

Spring General Fees

Spring General Fee Assessments are now showing in Student Centre. General Fees, such as the Student Services Fee, UPASS, Campus Recreation and Athletics are now charged on a per term basis (with Spring and Summer considered one term). This change has allowed students to pay for services closer to the date of use. All graduate students are registered for a 12 month year.

Extended Health and Dental Insurance

Full time Graduate students in a Distance delivery program can opt in for Extended Health and Dental Insurance during the month of their annual registration and before the fee deadline once every year.

Revised Thesis Guidelines and Templates

The Thesis Guidelines and thesis templates have been revised. A new section on thesis preparation has been created on the FGS website to help Grad Students with their theses. The Previous Thesis Guidelines are still applicable until September 28, 2012. The Guidelines and templates can be found at: [http://grad.ucalgary.ca/thesis_dissertation_prep]
Important Note for International Grad Students holding an off-campus work permit

International graduate students who have a valid off-campus work permit and who are enrolled in a full-time, thesis based program are restricted by the conditions of the off-campus work permit regulations to work 20 hours per week off campus during the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer terms. This is because grad students are registered as full-time students 12 months of the year, and are working on their thesis/projects when they are not enrolled in courses.

International graduate students who have a valid off-campus work permit and who are enrolled in a full-time, course based program and are on regular, academic scheduled break from May to August, are able to work full-time off campus during the Spring/Summer terms. If this is the case, it is recommended that students request formal documentation from their department stating that they are not registered full-time and are on a regular, academic scheduled break. A copy of this letter should be sent to the Designated Institutional Representative for the Off-Campus Work Program at international.advice@ucalgary.ca.

2nd Annual Alberta Graduate Conference May 3-5

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) would like to extend an invitation for you to participate in the 2nd annual Alberta Graduate Conference, May 3-5 at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, AB. For the complete program and to register please visit: albertagradconference.ca **Please note that the GSA has a coach bus transporting student to and from Edmonton.** The bus will leave campus Wednesday May 2nd at 5pm and will return Saturday May 5th at night. The first 50 students to register will be guaranteed seats. To register for the bus, please email gsaaa@ucalgary.ca

For any questions regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact Franco at gsapres@ucalgary.ca

Registration

Graduate Students can begin Fall 2012/Winter 2013 course registration on Wednesday May 30, 2012.

Looking for a Workshop? See below:

Taylor Family Digital Library - Learning Commons Workshops
Questions? Information? Email Leslie Potter BPE or http://library.ucalgary.ca/icinstruct

GSA Wellness Workshops

Writing Workshops – Student Success Centre
For more information about dates, times and locations for all workshops at the Student Success Centre and a link to the registration login page: https://success.ucalgary.ca/home.htm

Writing Boot Camp
The workshop offers a quiet sunny space in the TFDL with plenty of plugs. It is BYOC, bring your own computer. This is only open to a student writing an honours, master, or doctoral thesis.
May 17 1:00-4:00pm

Dissertation/Thesis Support Group
This informal group will be facilitated by Writing Services instructors and group leaders will facilitate peer-to-peer discussion and provide resources on various topics for participants. Students must have completed their proposals.
May 24 2:00-4:00pm
Personal Development & Wellness Workshops – Wellness Centre (MSC 370)
For more information about these free workshops: http://www.ucalgary.ca/counselling/workshops#Personal
For events happening at the Faith and Spirituality Centre: http://www.ucalgary.ca/faithandspirituality/event

Workshops – Teaching & Learning Centre
Information about all workshops at the Teaching & Learning Centre: http://tlc.ucalgary.ca/workshops/

The Spring Edition of the TLC’s Newsletter is available:
http://tlc.ucalgary.ca/newsletter/TLC_Newsletter_Spring2012.html

Faculty Teaching Certificate (6 Days)
April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10 9:00am-4:00pm

Course Design Workshop (1 full day and 2 half days)
Wednesdays April 25, May 2 and 9 OR Tuesdays May 8, 15 and 22

Decision Making: Mind mapping in action
May 4, 11:00am-2:00pm
Presenter: Hesham Khairy, PhD, MD
For more information: http://tlc.ucalgary.ca/teaching/workshops/1220

Blackboard Essentials
Thursday May 10, 10:00-12:00pm

Teaching in Canadian Classrooms (5 Days)
May 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 9:00-4:00pm

Creative Thinking
May 16, 12:00-2:00pm
Presenter: Hesham Khairy, PhD, MD
For more information: http://tlc.ucalgary.ca/teaching/workshops/1221

Assessment Tools in Blackboard
Thursday May 17, 1:00-3:00pm

Memory: User Guide
May 18, 12:00-2:00pm
Presenter: Hesham Khairy, PhD, MD
For more information: http://tlc.ucalgary.ca/teaching/workshops/1222

Getting Started with Adobe Presenter
May 24, 10:00-12:00pm

Useful Links

Academic Schedule
U This Week
Research in Action Online
Graduate Student Association
Postdoctoral Program
* Your feedback on this communication is welcome. Please e-mail graduate@ucalgary.ca with comments.