Update from the Faculty of Graduate Studies
– August 16, 2012 –

Important Dates
August 31, 2012 – Last day to successfully complete PhD Candidacy in Spring/Summer session and move to Continuing fees in Fall 2012
August 31, 2012 – Last day to submit photos for FGS/GSA photo contest.
September 7, 2012 – New Graduate Student Orientation
September 28, 2012 – Last day to apply for November Graduation Ceremonies (http://grad.ucalgary.ca/current/managing-my-program/convocation)
September 28, 2012 – Last day to submit final approved thesis to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to have registration and fees cancelled for the Fall 2012 session & be eligible for November Graduation Ceremonies

New FGS Website
The new grad.ucalgary.ca website launched yesterday. Go take a look at the Current Students section. Managing My Program has lots of information you may find helpful. Please bear with us as we make sure all the links and documents are functioning. If you have any questions or problems with the new site, please email webgrad@ucalgary.ca.

FGS/GSA Photo Contest
Do you have a photo that captures your graduate research? Enter the FGS/GSA photo contest for a cash prize and a chance to have your photo permanently displayed in the new FGS/GSA offices in the MacKimmie Library Tower.

Check out the prizes, rules and regulations at http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/
Deadline for submissions: August 31, 2012. Please send your submissions to vpsl@gsa.ucalgary.ca

Scholarship News
SSHRC has announced changes to its Talent Program – including changes to the Doctoral and Postdoctoral programs.

NSERC has announced changes to the Postdoctoral Fellowships Program (PDF) – NSERC has reduced the number of applications an individual may submit in a lifetime from two to one. This change is made to more closely align the number of applications received with the number of awards available. The new policy will be outlined August 16, 2012.

Thesis News
Paper thesis submission only available until September 28!
After September 28th, all theses must be submitted electronically to theses.ucalgary.ca. Please note that all forms must be submitted to the FGS office prior to electronic submission. Visit our website for more information.

PhD News
PhD Candidacy Examinations
PhD students pay full program fees until the term immediately following successful completion of a candidacy exam. Note that Spring and Summer are counted as one 4 month term i.e. If you have a successful candidacy exam between May 1, 2012 and August 31, 2012 your fees will change to continuing fees starting in the Fall 2012 term. (This does not apply to EdD students in the Faculty of Education.)
Workshop News

Writing Workshops
The Student Success Centre offers a range of workshops.
Writing Boot Camp: Honours, Master’s or Doctoral Thesis writers – bring your own computer and get the tips you need.
August 22, 1:00-4:00pm (TFDL)

Workshops – Teaching & Learning Centre
See other workshops at the Teaching & Learning Centre.

TA Preparedness Workshop
September 4 & 5, 2012, 9:00am – 4:00pm – Biological Sciences 587
Cost: Free for all graduate students.
Registration required.

Useful Links
Academic Schedule
U This Week
Research in Action Online
Graduate Student Association
Postdoctoral Program

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