IMPORTANT UPDATES

NEW!! The College @ UCalgary

The College @ the University of Calgary is a brand new initiative that will bring together a core community of exceptional scholars to realize a bold and exciting vision to connect, enrich and energize our communities.

The College is currently inviting applications for 2015-16 membership from graduate students and postdoctoral scholars interested in taking on a role as either a resident or non-resident scholar. Both incoming and in-program students and PDFs are eligible to apply. Applications are due May 4, 2015.

Full information about The College and its application process, timeline, criteria, and requirements are provided on The College website. Questions about The College and/or the application process may be directed to gradcollege@ucalgary.ca.

Spring General Fees

- All graduate students are registered for 12 months and general fees are assessed in the Fall, Winter and Spring terms of the 12 month registration year regardless of whether you are taking a course in that term or not.
- Most of a graduate student’s general fees are assessed on a “term by term” or pay as you go basis. The exceptions are the Graduate Student Association, and Graduate Student Health and Dental Plan fees.
- Students in a Master’s thesis or Doctoral program are assessed tuition fees in the Spring and Summer term. See our website for more details on tuition fees.
- Full-time student registration includes a charge for the Grad UPASS (Transit Pass) for the Spring and Summer 2015 session. To find out where and when you can pick up your transit pass, see below.

Post-Graduation Work Permit

Many of you are reaching that exciting time in life where you will be graduating from your degree. Once you have completed all requirements, you may request a Completion of Degree Confirmation from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. You cannot apply for your post-graduate work permit before receiving this confirmation and it must confirm that you have finished all requirements of your degree. You will then be able to use this confirmation to apply for your post-graduation work permit. Once you have applied (which you can do online through your MyCIC), you may begin working.

Working Off-Campus During May – August: International Students

Please note that if you are registered full-time during the months from May - August, you are not considered as being on a scheduled break and are limited to working only 20 hours a week off-campus. If you are unsure of whether or not you are considered full-time, please contact either your GPA or look at your Enrolment Verification letter which can be found in your Student Centre.

If you have any questions or concerns about Post-Graduation Work permits, or Working Off-Campus during May-August please contact International Student Services at international.advice@ucalgary.ca or come into ISS to speak with one of our advisers.

Spring/Summer UPASS

The Spring/Summer UPASS will be available to eligible students at Campus Ticket Centre (MSC) and Parking & Transportation Services (North End of McMahon Stadium) starting April 27. Visit www.ucalgary.ca/upass for hours of operation. The UPass will be valid from May 1 until August 31, 2015. Additionally it will be available at Health Science Centre at the Foothills Campus (Outside of the Feasby Student Lounge) on the following dates and times:

- May 5: 9am to Noon
- May 7: 11 am to 2 pm
Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award: April 1 Competition Update
Due to the upcoming provincial election, the results of the April 1 competition have been delayed. The results will be announced once the province confirms 2015 funding commitments.

MEXT Scholarship to Study in Japan
The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho/MEXT) of the Government of Japan offers scholarships to foreign students who wish to study at Japanese universities. **Deadline May 15, 2015. Apply now!**

Summer Programs in Japan or Taiwan
The Summer Programs in Japan or Taiwan provide graduate students in science and engineering with a hands-on research experience and an introduction to a different culture, language, and university research system. **Deadline June 10, 2015. Apply now!**

External Competition Deadlines
- **Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies – Zaglembier Society Scholarship:** Deadline May 15, 2015
- **Canadian Foundation for Governance Research (CFGR):** Deadline June 7, 2015
- **John W. Davies Memorial Award:** Deadline June 26, 2015

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**Kick Start Your Summer of Graduate Research and Writing! Attend Grad Success Week from May 7 to 11.**

**Grad Success Week**
*Kick start your summer of graduate research and writing*
May 4 - 7, 2016  **Register at ucalgary.ca/ssc**

This summer, count on being productive. Grad Success Week offers a week of seminars and events designed to help graduate students prepare and focus on their important research projects. The summertime is the perfect time to get down to business, and this week of free events will ensure you’re set up for success. **Register now!**

**Graduate Coaching Program: Student Success Centre**
The Graduate Coaching Program offers coaching sessions with trained peer coaches to equip students with strategies to help them thrive in their programs. Peer coaches will discuss goal setting, research management, motivation, implementing feedback and other topics that will improve your chances of success in graduate school. Get more information online or if you are interested in benefiting from the Graduate Coaching Program or becoming a graduate coach email wconline@ucalgary.ca.

**Connect with NSERC’s President on a Vision for 2020**
May 5 | 10am – 12pm | EEL 161
This consultation session provides researchers, students, administrators and stakeholders an opportunity to learn more about NSERC’s President as well as obtain views and feedback on NSERC 2020 Strategy Plan. **Register here.**

**Science with Impact®: Registration Required**
May 12 | 9am-12pm | HSC O’1500
Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI) REALISE is pleased to welcome Robyn Auld, PhD from Let’s Talk Science. Science with Impact is a comprehensive outreach training workshop for anyone who wants to learn more about doing science outreach with youth. This 3-hour workshop showcases effective strategies to plan and conduct outreach in a variety of settings. (Please note: if you currently volunteer with Let’s Talk Science, you may have already participated in a similar session.) **More information.**

**Campus Alberta Student Conference on Health**
September 4 - 5 | Banff Centre, Banff, AB
CASCH is a free provincial student conference, organized for Alberta students, by Alberta students. This conference will bring together and help Alberta graduate and senior undergraduate students training in community health sciences and public health to situate their work within Albertan, Canadian and global contexts, allowing them to explore their program, field of study and career opportunities from various perspectives alongside established and accomplished leaders and researchers. **Deadline to submit abstracts: June 8, 2015. More information and to register.**

**Important Dates**

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