February 26, 2015

IMPORTANT UPDATES

GREATadministrator Appreciation Week
This week is the first annual GREATadministrator Appreciation Week (February 23 to 27). It is a time for the community to show its appreciation to all the Graduate Administrators and the important role they play in supporting graduate studies at UCalgary. Please share on social media, or on our webpage what makes your administrator(s) great. Graduate administrators are also welcome to post what they find the most rewarding about their work with grad students. Post kudos on social media, using the hashtags: #GREATadministrator #UCalgary, or share longer comments on our webpage.

Don’t Wait! Apply to Graduate!
If you anticipate completing your degree requirements in the Winter 2015 term then it’s time to apply for graduation. If you anticipate completing your degree requirements in the Spring or Summer 2015 terms then it’s time to familiarize yourself with the deadlines to apply for graduation. All students must apply to graduate. Applying to graduate is not connected to whether you plan to attend your convocation ceremony.

- Application Deadlines: Spring Convocation (May and June) – For students who anticipate completing their degree requirements by the end of the Winter term should apply for this convocation. Applications close: March 1, 2015
- Fall Convocation (November) – For students who anticipate completing their degree requirements by the end of the Spring and/or Summer terms should apply for this convocation. Applications open: March 1. Applications close: September.
- How to Apply: In your Student Centre go to the ‘Academics’ section, then in the drop down menu titled ‘Other Academics’ select ‘Apply to Graduate’, select your program(s) and follow the steps listed

T2202A Now Available
Your T2202A is now available in the Student Centre.

International Student Advising
Book one-on-one consultations with the Academic Development Specialist (International), Jennifer Parsons, through the Student Success Centre and receive help with language issues, learning support, and cultural adjustment, as well as an introduction to academic expectations. We also regularly run specific workshops, conversation groups and a graduate level book club.

Residence Survey
Residence Services wants to know just how satisfied students are with housing options (both on and off-campus). Your confidential feedback on housing preferences, price sensitivity and preferred combinations of unit (room) types and amenities is valuable. In exchange for your feedback, you will have an opportunity to enter a draw to win a 64 GB iPad Air, or one of two Uni-dollar gift cards valued at $100 each. Referral Program: Were you referred to this survey by another student currently attending UCalgary? If so, tell us who it was so we can thank them with a $5 Starbucks gift card! Complete the survey now!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Conference Travel Grants – International students only
- Up to $1,500 for international (overseas) conferences and $750 for conferences in North America (including Mexico and Hawaii)
- Thesis/Dissertation Research Grants – up to $1,500 for PhD students and $1,000 for Master’s students
- Applications must be signed, scanned and emailed by 4:30 pm on March 2, 2015 to rsogrants@ucalgary.ca
- A complete overview of URGC funding programs, submission requirements and application forms are available online
- For more information, contact Denise Ward, Research Grants Officer at (403) 220-5925, ward@ucalgary.ca

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External Competition Deadlines

- **MITACS Globalink Research Award: Campus France**: Deadline **March 13, 2015**
- **Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada Scholarship for Canadian Women**: Deadline **March 15, 2015**
- **SCRIPT Award**: Deadline **April 1, 2015**
- **AICF Douglas McRorie Memorial Scholarship**: Deadline **April 8, 2015**
- **Alberta Gambling Research Institute**: Deadline **April 10, 2015**

**MY GRADSKILLS WORKSHOPS**

**MOVING BEYOND CONFLICT IN THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP**
Mar. 2, 12:00 – 1:00pm, MT 215. Register

**NEGOTIATING YOUR DREAM JOB**
Mar. 3, 4:30 – 6:00pm, MT 214. Register

**INTRODUCTION TO BIOSAFETY**
Mar. 5, 12:00 – 2:00pm, HSC Clara Christie. Register

**GENERAL INTERVIEW STRATEGIES FOR NON-ACADEMIC CAREERS**
Mar. 5, 2:00 – 4:00pm, Native Centre, Large Board Room. Register

**COPYRIGHT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR YOUR THESIS AND TEACHING**
Mar. 11, 10:00 – 11:00am, TFDL 316. Register

**WRITING AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL: STRATEGIES FOR DEVELOPING RESEARCH PROPOSALS**
Mar. 11, 6:00 – 7:00pm, TFDL 440D. Register

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**China Days 2015: Education, Research and Arts ShowCase**
March 3 | 5:00-8:00pm | UCalgary Downtown Campus
You are invited to join President Elizabeth Cannon and Consul General Wang Xingping to officially launch China Days and to celebrate the opening of the University of Calgary’s Global Energy Site in Beijing that took place in October 2014. Join us for an evening of presentations on current research projects with China, engage in the dialogue and enjoy Chinese cultural performances and traditional food. RSVP by February 26. More information on China Days 2015.

**Roundtable: Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UCalgary**
Main Campus | March 4 | 12-2 pm | Register
Foothills Campus | March 9 | 1-3pm | Register
Participate in a roundtable discussion about academic entrepreneurship, technology transfer and innovation at the University of Calgary. Hosted by the Advisory Committee on Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

**What Makes a Great TA? What is Great About Being a TA?**
March 13 | 10:00-11:30am | BI 540A
What attributes, attitude and aptitude contribute to being a great TA? Join teaching assistants, Jodi, Carmen and Prat in their discussion on their experiences and successes of learning how to be a great TA at UCalgary. All three students are recipients of Teaching Awards in their work as a TA. This workshop will be of interest to current TAs and those aspiring to be a TA. Register now!

**Chiniki Lecture in First Nations History**
March 21 | 2:00-5:00pm | Margaret Greenham Theatre, Banff Centre
The UCalgary History Graduate Students’ Union, Stoney Tribal Administration, and the Banff Centre are pleased to present the annual Chiniki Lecture in First Nations History. This year’s lecture will feature historians Maureen Lux and Frits Pannekoek. More information.

**HEALTHY CAMPUS**

**Champions for a Healthy Campus**
Do you have an idea to create positive change on campus? The SU Wellness Centre is inviting students to work in teams to propose projects that will contribute to a healthier campus community. Teams have a chance to win five prizes of $5000 to implement their ideas on campus Deadline: February 28, 2015. More information.

**Important Dates**
- Mar 16 – 18
- Mar 24
- 3MT Heats
- 3MT Finals

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