February 5, 2015

IMPORTANT UPDATES

NEW! Graduate Student Best Practices
As a Graduate Student you have an obligation to devote the time, effort, and energy necessary to engage in scholarship. The following set of "best practices" serve as a guideline to help manage your graduate career: Graduate Student Best Practices Guide.

Residence Survey
On February 6, you will receive a survey from Residence Services, inquiring into your satisfaction with housing options both on and off-campus. Please respond and help shape the future of on-campus living!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award
Results of February 1 Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award competition will be announced mid to late February.

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

Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship (AGSS) – Update
All successful applicant information has been forwarded to the Alberta Government. Cheques should be received by mail by the end of February (cheques will be mailed to the address provided in your Student Centre at the time of application). If you do not receive your cheque by the end of the month, please contact Alberta Scholarships Programs directly via e-mail: scholarships@gov.ab.ca or phone Toll-Free in Alberta: 310.0000 then 780.427.8640.

Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS) Information Session
February 11, 2015 | 1:00 - 2:00pm | Clara Christie Lecture Theatre, HSC, Foothills Campus
To provide information about the application process to individuals and supervisors wishing to submit a Graduate Studentship, Clinician Fellowship or MD-PhD Studentship application to AIHS for training support. Application deadline: April 1, 2015.

External Competition Deadlines
• Engineers Canada-Manulife Financial Scholarship: Deadline March 1, 2015
• Engineers Canada-TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Scholarship: Deadline March 1, 2015
• Autism Research Training (ART) Program: Deadline March 6, 2015
• 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
MY GRADSKILLS

3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Graduate Speaking Competition - March 2014 - Registration Opens Today!

Do you want to practice your research communication skills? Do you like the thrill of competition for prestige and cash prizes? The UCalgary3MT is an excellent way for you to practice your presentation skills. Watch the YouTube videos of UCalgary 2014 winners to see what 3MT is all about. Registration is open until February 23rd!

All you need to know about participating in the UCalgary 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) – Info and Practice Session
February 11, 2015 | 4:00 - 5:00pm | Foothills Campus (location TBA)
February 12, 2015 | 12:00 - 1:00pm | Mackimmie Tower 215

Attend this workshop to learn about the 2015 UCalgary3MT competition including rules and regulations, how to register, and the process of the competition at UCalgary. You will also have the opportunity to practice speaking about your research to a non-specialist audience. Email mygradskills@ucalgary.ca to register.

WORKSHOPS

MITACS SKILLS OF COMMUNICATION – ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT
Feb. 18, 9:00 – 5:00 pm, FOOTHILLS campus, BACS Centre, G801E, HSB. Register

VISUALIZATION – USING VISUAL VARIABLES
Feb. 20, 10:00 – 12:00 pm, TFDL 466A. Register

VISUALIZATION – USING TABLEAU
Feb. 20, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, TFDL 466A. Register

VISUALIZATION – USING THE TFDL VISUALIZATION STUDIO
Feb. 20, 2:30 – 3:00 pm, TFDL 466B. Register

MITACS DISCOVERING THE ENTREPRENEUR WITHIN
Mar. 6, 9:00 – 5:00 pm, Gallery Hall, TFDL. Register

MITACS FOUNDATIONS OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT (LETHBRIDGE)
Mar. 14 - 15, 9:00 – 5:00 pm, University of Lethbridge, Anderson Hall. Register

MITACS CAREER PROFESSIONALISM
Mar. 20, 9:00 – 5:00 pm, Escalus Room, MacEwan Hall. Register

AROUND CAMPUS

Career Conversations with Industry Professionals
February 11, 2015 | 9:00am - 4:00pm | Gallery Hall, TFDL
Check out a best-seller (industry professional) and have a 15 minute career conversation to gain information and insight into different industries associated with your degree. This is a great opportunity to network and learn about your career possibilities. To RSVP: Book a time on CareerLink: Sign-in to CareerLink, on the left-hand side click on ‘Registered Events’, then ‘Career LIVEbrary’. Choose which professional you want to 'check out' and book an available time with them. More information.

Working in Canada: Resumes, Interviews and Work Permits
February 12, 2015 | 4:30 - 6:30pm | Gallery Hall, TFDL
Are you an international graduate student and have questions about working in Canada? If so, this workshop offered during Career Week might be of interest to you. The workshop will provide opportunities for discussion around resume writing, and interview processes, as well as some group internet advising on work permit information. Please RSVP through CareerLink as space is limited.

Nanotechnology Research Symposium
May 30 - 31, 2015 | Banff Conference Centre, Banff, AB
The Alberta Nanotechnology Symposium is a two-day event co-organized by the U of A Nanotechnology Group. Students, post-doctoral researchers, and faculty are invited to submit an abstract for the Symposium. This will provide an opportunity to enhance knowledge in nanotechnology, as well as promote the development of new collaborations with experts in this field. Registration deadline: February 20, 2015. Register now!
Science is GREAT: UK & Canada Energy Futures and Carbon Capture & Storage
February 26, 2015 | 6:00 - 8:00pm | Rozsa Centre
Join us for a discussion of energy futures in the UK and Canada, looking particularly at CCS and energy efficiency approaches. Panelists from UK organizations and the University of Calgary will discuss what this means for national and international society; how governments, companies and education institutions are engaging the issues in respective countries (including a review of the CCS joint statement the countries just signed together); and look at what the UK and Canada could do together toward the common goal for a sustainable energy future. Free and open to the public. Register today.

HEALTHY CAMPUS & U
February is Physical Wellness Month!
What is Physical Wellness? Physical Wellness means taking care of one’s self through healthy eating, active living, and self-care practices which support optimal development and functioning. Read the latest newsletter for tips, tools and events to help you get and stay active this winter.

Important Dates
Feb 15 - 22       |       Feb 16
Reading Week      | Family Day. University Closed