January 8, 2015

WINTER GRADUATE ORIENTATION: CURRENT STUDENTS
Current students are also welcome to sign up for the sessions you may have missed at Fall GradO. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about My GradSkills workshops, applying for Scholarships or working with your supervisor. Please register here.

FOOTHILLS CAMPUS GRADUATE STUDENTS
January 12, 9:00am – 12:00pm | January 13, 11:00am – 2:00pm
Winter 2015 UPass will be available to eligible students at the temporary UPass Issuance Desk, located at the Health Science Centre Mall, during the above times. For inquiries call 403.220.8555 or email upass@ucalgary.ca

SCHOLARSHIPS
Workshops
Graduate Award Competition
January 14, 2015 | 10:00 – 11:30 | Taylor Family Digital Library Gallery Hall
Attend a workshop to hear from graduate scholarship officers and scholarship winning graduate students to learn more about how to apply for different scholarships awarded through the Graduate Award Competition, how to complete the combined application form, and how to develop a successful application.

NSERC IPS Workshops - Student and Faculty Information Sessions
January 26, 2015 | 11:30 | TFDL Gallery Hall
Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships (IPS) provide financial support for highly qualified science and engineering graduates. The support allows them to gain research experience in industry while undertaking advanced studies in Canada.

Competition Deadlines
- Alberta Innovates – Technology Futures (AITF)
  - New students starting a graduate program in May, September, or January, deadline is January 15 to your Graduate Program Administrator, unless the program has an earlier deadline. New students can also apply through the February competition if you miss the January 15 deadline.
  - Continuing students apply through the Graduate Award Competition by February 1 to your Graduate Program Administrator, unless the program has an earlier deadline.
- Graduate Award Competition
  - Deadline February 1 unless your program has an earlier deadline
  - The Izaak Walton Killam Pre-Doctoral Scholarship, AITF awards, Open Doctoral Scholarships, Doctoral and Master’s Special Awards and Bursaries (from $750 to $60,000) are awarded through this competition.
- Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Award
  - Deadline February 1, or if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the first business day following the deadline.
  - Open to Canadian and Permanent Resident students only
- Mackenzie King Scholarship
  - Deadline February 1, or if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the first business day following the deadline.
  - Supports graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in areas of international relations or industrial relations (including the international or industrial relations aspects of law, history, politics and economics).
External Competition Deadlines

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Evaluation Internship Program: Deadline January 23, 2015
- Grand Challenges Canada, Summer Student Program: Deadline January 23, 2015
- Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP): Deadline January 31, 2015

**MY GRADSKILLS**

My GradSkills: the ONE resource for all your academic and career professional development needs!

Whether you are a new or seasoned graduate student, My GradSkills is a great resource. Check out the website for more information on workshops, resources for new students, job search engines, information on the 3 Minute Thesis, and more! Do you have any questions? Send an email to mygradskills@ucalgary.ca! All grad students are also welcome to stop by an information session Friday January 9th, 1:00-1:50pm or 2:00-2:50pm in ICT 116.

**AROUND CAMPUS**

The Ultimate Cross-Town Smack Down at the ‘Dome!

January 15, 2015 | 5:00pm | Scotiabank Saddledome

The Crowchild Classic is an annual competition between the University of Calgary Dinos and the Mount Royal University Cougars in CIS regular season games across the sports of basketball, hockey, soccer, and volleyball. Each year, the school that wins the most games in the series is awarded ‘The Medal’ – a 68-kilogram cast iron City of Calgary manhole cover. Get your tickets now!

Teaching Assistant Orientation Workshop

January 16, 2015 | 9:00am to 12:00pm | Biological Sciences room 587

This half-day professional development event is open to all current and prospective University of Calgary Teaching Assistants. The morning involves a number of interactive sessions which will provide opportunities to reflect on the importance and value of teaching and TA excellence at the U of C. You will discuss the roles, responsibilities and relationships involved in being a TA; develop effective teaching and communication strategies; and, make connections with your peers from across campus. Refreshments will be provided.

REGISTRATION: Participants are required to register in advance. For more information, or to register, please contact Mary-Jane Leeder at (403)220-3493 or mjleeder@ucalgary.ca. More information.

**HEALTHY CAMPUS AND U**

Health Campus & U newsletter: January is Social Wellness Month

Social Wellness refers to one’s ability to interact with people around them. It involves using good communication skills, having meaningful relationships, respecting yourself and others, and creating a solid support system of family, friends, coworkers, and peers. Click here to read up on strategies for enhancing you your social wellness and see upcoming events, or sign up for the monthly newsletter.

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**Important Dates**

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