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**Keep Up To Date**

Want to know what is happening in the world of graduate studies at the University of Calgary? Check out our homepage for news about programs, students, and faculty. Follow us on Twitter or Like us on Facebook to hear about interesting and exciting events and get reminders of important things like fee payment deadline.

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**Vanier Competition**

Did you know? Successful students who submit their Vanier Preliminary Assessment Form (PAF) early will have more time to complete a full application and be invited to the Vanier workshop hosted by Dr George Shimizu, Associate Dean Scholarships in August. The Vanier award is $50,000 for up to three years.

**New International Students: Social Insurance Number**

Service Canada has changed their policy on documents required for international grad students to obtain a Social Insurance Number (SIN). It is important that you review the changes on Service Canada webpage and that you are familiar with the new requirements. Should you have any questions, please contact International Student Services at international.advice@ucalgary.ca.

**NEW Regulations!**

FGS has created webpages to assist students with the transition and implementation of the new graduate regulations concerning Thesis and Thesis Examinations, and Candidacy. Please read carefully to understand how the changes will affect you. A series of workshops for students to answer your questions about the new policies will start in the Fall. Stay tuned for more information!

**International Mentorship Program**

This volunteer program matches current UCalgary students with new international students. The goal of this program is to assist new students in transitioning into UCalgary and to enhance your new student experience. If you are interested in mentoring an incoming international grad student, please fill out the Mentor Application Form. For more info, please visit the Mentorship Program website or email imentor@ucalgary.ca.

FGS will be holding two live chat sessions for incoming international students this summer. If you’re wondering about working with a supervisor, making sense of school processes and regulations, or writing and defending a thesis, please contact Jingchang (Tom) Liu to sign up for a session.

**Grad Students – Looking to shape the world with your ideas?**

As a grad student you are dedicated to putting your brick in the wall of human knowledge. But who will see your work? How will it be applied? How will your ideas make a difference? Entrepreneurship provides an amazing vehicle to introduce your new idea, product or process to the world and we at the Hunter Centre have the expertise to help make your vision a reality. Apply now for our Entrepreneurship and Innovation Option. A unique offering aimed at providing entrepreneurship fundamentals to non-business graduate students. See where your ideas can lead you and connect with the Hunter Centre today. Application deadline has been extended to August 11, 2014. Email or visit the Hunter Centre website for more information.

**Research Opportunity: National Level Project on Health Equality**

A project entitled e-Campus Canada: Promoting Men’s Mental Health on Campus through a Health Equity Framework for Marginalized Communities has been shortlisted for funding through the Movember Canadian Mental Health Initiative. Male students who belong to gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, racialized, immigrant, refugee and Aboriginal communities with direct experience of mental health problems are invited to join the project design team and have an active role as co-designers, co-researchers, and co-implementers at each stage of the project. Interested? Contact Debbie Bruckner by July 31, 2014!

**Are You a Reader?**

The Common Reading Program (CRP) is UCalgary’s community book club. This year we are sending out the first three chapters of the book Misfit: Changemaker with an Edge to our grad students. Author Andreas Souvaliotis recounts his unique journey immigrating to Canada, coming out to his friends and family, and finding success as a social entrepreneur. Join the 437 students already registered and sign up to take part!