September 03, 2015

IMPORTANT UPDATES

Graduate Student Association Health and Dental Plan
September annual registration, opt outs, self/family enrolments must be submitted by Sept 25, 2015 at 4:30pm at ihaveaplan.ca

Graduate Student Teaching Development Series
The Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning is offering a series of workshops for graduate students who are interested in developing their university teaching. Graduate students who attend a minimum of five workshops in fall 2015 and winter 2016 and submit a summary statement about their learning will earn a graduate student teaching development badge issued through UCalgary badges.

Introduction to effective communication for international TAs
September 25, 2015 | 10am – 12pm | BI 561
In this interactive session you will be introduced to the University of Calgary’s teaching and learning environment and invited to consider communication strategies that you can implement in various aspects of your TA role. Using case studies, we will explore ways to engage students, communicate concepts, and clarify potential misunderstandings. Register today.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Queen Elizabeth II, FGS Travel Awards, Alberta Graduate Student Scholarships (AGSS)
You must be an Alberta resident and have an Alberta address in the student system to be considered for these awards. Please ensure your home/mailing address is up to date.

Faculty of Graduate Studies Travel Awards: Deadline to submit applications to FGS October 1 or if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the first business day following the deadline.

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program: Deadline to submit applications to FGS October 1, or if the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the first business day following the deadline.

Tri-Council Doctoral Competitions and Workshops
** All workshop attendees are asked to come prepared for active participation. It is recommended that students have started their application and be familiar with the application process prior to attending the workshop.

CIHR Doctoral Workshop
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 | 1:00pm-2:30pm | Clara Christie Theatre, Foothills

Deadline to request transcripts from Scholarship Office: Monday, September 21
Deadline to submit application through the portal: Tuesday, September 29

SSHRC Doctoral Workshop
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 | 11:00am-12:30pm | TFDL Gallery Hall

Deadline to submit NOI to Scholarship Office: Monday, September 14
Deadline to submit applications to your graduate program: contact your graduate program administrator

NSERC Doctoral Workshop
Tuesday, September 15, 2015 | 9:00am-10:30am | TFDL Gallery Hall

Deadline to submit NOI to Scholarship Office: Monday, September 14
Deadline to request transcripts from Scholarship Office: Thursday, October 8
Deadline to submit application through the portal: Thursday, October 15
NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships – Information Session
NSERC staff are coming to the University to present an information session on how to prepare a scholarship or fellowship application.
**Undergraduate and CGS Master's:** Wednesday, September 9, 2015 │ 9:30am-10:30am │ TFDL Gallery Hall

**Doctoral and Post-doctoral Fellows:** Wednesday, September 9, 2015 │ 10:45am-12:00pm │ TFDL Gallery Hall

**Tri-Council Master’s Competition – Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC)**

**CGS Workshops:**
- Tuesday, October 6, 2015 │ 10am-12pm │ TFDL Gallery Hall
- Wednesday, October 14, 2015 │ 2pm-4pm │ Foothills HS 01500 (O’Brien Centre)
- Wednesday, November 4, 2015 │ 2pm-4pm │ TFDL Gallery Hall

**CGS Master’s:**
- Portal opens to students Tuesday, September 1
- Deadline to request transcripts from Scholarship Office: Monday, November 16
- Deadline to submit application through the portal: Tuesday, December 1

**AROUND CAMPUS**

**Fearless Fridays**
Students are eligible to win a $50 gift card from the bookstore if they have downloaded and activated the UC Emergency app. A prize draw happens every Friday afternoon in September. Learn more, or download the UC Emergency app now!

**Graduate Students Needed for Medicine Symposium 2016**
The Medicine Symposium is currently scheduled for May 13, 2016. Every year, students in the Cumming School of Medicine get together to select and invite world-class speakers to Calgary, and we are looking for creative and organized graduate students to join the committee for this year! We are also looking for someone to chair the committee who will work with the chair from last year. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the committee, email Ted Verhey.

**Wellness Centre**
Starting September 8th 2015, the SU Wellness Centre will be open 9:00am – 7:00pm Monday to Thursday, and 9:00am – 4:30pm on Fridays. Please visit the Wellness Centre to book appointments or to find out more about services available during these hours. Sign up for the Healthy Campus newsletter to receive monthly updates and information from the Wellness Centre.

**Are you experiencing symptoms of stress, anxiety or depression?**
Students are invited to participate in a research study in determining the effectiveness of a 6-week synchronous online and an identical 6-week in-person mindfulness program. Mindful meditation is a form of mental training that is secular in practice, and teaches participants how to pay attention in the present moment, without judgment. Mindfulness will not remove the stress and difficulty in your life, but will teach you how to live with them. Click here for more information and registration details.

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Once you are registered with the University you are added to the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ mailing list. These communications are relevant to you and may contain important information you need to know as a graduate student.

You cannot be removed from this mailing list as long as you are a registered student. If you feel you are incorrectly subscribed or should no longer be subscribed, please let us know your email address, full name and UCID number. You can email this information to graduate@ucalgary.ca to enquire about your status.

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