

## Graduate Newsletter (Week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)

You are receiving this email in order to keep you up-to-date and informed of important events, information and deadlines pertaining to Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Engineering.

### Upcoming Events

#### :: **Western Accelerator**

Application are now open for the [Fall 2020 Western Accelerator](#). The program is focused on Western founded companies that are building high potential and scalable ventures. The program provides a rapid and immersive education for prospective entrepreneurs, accelerating the life cycle of their enterprises and compress a year's worth of learning into a few months. The program runs online from September to December 2020, and accepted companies receive education, mentorship, \$12,000 in funding, and can participate virtually from anywhere around the world.

Our program is open to companies with at least one Western founder (Ex: A Western student, faculty, staff and/or alumnus). Application website: [www.uwo.ca/accelerator](http://www.uwo.ca/accelerator).

### Deadlines

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| <b>Last day to withdraw from a summer term course</b> |                          | June 29, 2020 |
| <b>Health and Safety Deadline</b>                     | <i>New Students Only</i> | June 29, 2020 |

### Important Information

#### :: **Fall 2020 Term Graduate Courses**

All Fall 2020 term graduate courses in the Faculty of Engineering will be offered online.

#### :: **New Library Services Launching**

Beginning Monday, June 22 Western Libraries is introducing two new services enabling enhanced access to collections. Through the catalogue users will have the option to request **digital delivery** (a PDF scan, sent via email) of a portion of printed text as permitted through copyright, or the option to request to borrow material from our regular circulating collection for **no-contact pick up** from Weldon Library. Making requests will be as easy as clicking a link in the catalogue record of an item you wish to have scanned, or to borrow.

#### :: **Mandatory Training for Human Research**

Western Research will be implementing mandatory human research ethics training for **all** study team members, including faculty, librarians, archivists, students, postdoctoral scholars and staff, beginning on the following dates:

- All students (including undergraduate, Master's, PhD, other) listed on new research projects submitted for review after October 1, 2020 must have completed training
- All faculty, librarians, archivists, postdoctoral scholars and staff on new research projects submitted for review after January 1, 2021 must have completed training

All students, faculty, librarians, archivists, postdoctoral scholars and staff on existing research projects will need to confirm completion of training at the time of the submission of their Continuing Ethics Review (CER) between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

For more information, visit: <https://www.uwo.ca/research/ethics/human/workshops/index.html>

#### **:: Summer Term 2020 Graduate Courses**

For the summer term (May 1, 2020 - August 31, 2020), graduate students have the opportunity to enrol in courses outside of their degree program. These course include:

- Missing Data (Biostatistics)
- Multi-Level Modelling (Biostatistics)
- Special Topic: Information in Pandemics and Disasters (Information and Media Studies)
- Project Management (Engineering)
- Writing in Graduate School I and II (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)

For full details, please visit <https://grad.uwo.ca/covid19/academics/courses.html>.

If you are interested in taking any of these courses, please consult the Graduate Office in your department. Some of these courses may be taken only as non-credit.

#### **::Western Libraries – New process for Access to Print Collections**

Need access to print materials? Send an email to [wl-prrt@uwo.ca](mailto:wl-prrt@uwo.ca) listing the items you require. Once we receive your email, our team will search to see if we currently have digital access; if successful, we will send a link to the online item. If we do not have access, we will inquire if a digital copy can be purchased and, if possible, we will purchase the item. If an item cannot be purchased, we would be happy to work with you to see if an alternate item might suffice.

#### **::International Students**

Western International has setup a website listing Frequently Asked Questions related to international students in the context of COVID-19 situation. For details, please visit <https://iesc.uwo.ca/COVID-19-FAQs.html>

### COVID-19 Helpful Links

Western University: <https://www.uwo.ca/coronavirus/>

School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: <https://grad.uwo.ca/covid19/index.html>

Western Engineering: <https://www.eng.uwo.ca/Engineering-COVID-19-FAQ.html>

#### **Western Engineering Graduate Office**

Western Engineering is committed to provide best support to graduate students. If you have any question or concern, please contact the Graduate Office in your Department or Faculty Graduate Office ([wegraduate@uwo.ca](mailto:wegraduate@uwo.ca)).

