

Graduate Newsletter (Week of September 7th, 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/Opportunities

:: Fall 2020 graduate courses

Graduate courses in the Faculty of Engineering will begin on **Wed. Sept. 9th**, unless otherwise notified. Please check your course site in OWL for updates and announcements. A reminder that all graduate courses in the Fall term will be offered online.

The enrolment for Fall 2020 graduate courses is open. Students can electronically enroll in the courses through their Student Centre: <http://student.uwo.ca>

To enroll in a course outside the home department, complete the [Graduate Course Outside Home Program](#) form, obtain all signatures, and submit the form to the Graduate Office in your home department before the course enrolment deadline.

:: Tuition Deadline

The tuition deadline is Sept. 8th. However, the Office of the Registrar will not charge late fee until Sept. 30th.

:: Western Libraries Reopening

Western Libraries re-open in September, and will be operating in-library services Monday to Friday, with Weldon Library open for 10 hours a day (8AM-6PM), and the Business, Law, Music and Taylor libraries for up to 7 hours a day. Final details are being confirmed and will be shared on their [website](#).

:: TA Day: Graduate Student Conference on Teaching

Tuesday, September 8th (9 am - 12 pm)

This half-day conference provides students with an introduction to teaching at Western and helps them prepare for their roles as TAs. All TA Day activities will take place online. Registrants will be able to access our synchronous sessions from 9am to 12pm along with asynchronous modules developed by our Student Experience partners, all through the TA Day OWL site.

To read more about TA Day, [visit our site](#).

Register: <https://teaching.uwo.ca/programs/allprograms/ta-day.html>

:: TA eLearning Series

Available September 10th, 2020 – April 30th, 2021

To prepare GTAs for some of the unique skills they will need to teach in the online and physically distanced environment, the Centre for Teaching and Learning is introducing five new asynchronous modules for teaching assistants. Each module will take GTAs one hour to complete, and will have unlimited participant capacity. They will be available through OWL until April 30th, 2021. [Register here](#).

:: GES Presidential Election Nominations Due September 8th at 4pm

The nomination period for nominations for the position of President of the Graduate Engineering Society are now open. A description of the position can be found in the GES bylaws on our Facebook

page or in the previous email correspondence. Please email your nomination along with a maximum 1 page biography/platform to Kristen Edwards, CRO. Please feel free to reach out to the outgoing President, Devin Machin (dmachin@uwo.ca) or the CRO (khunt29@uwo.ca) if you have any questions.

:: Mental Health Supports – Fall 2020 – Expanded Hours

Starting in Fall 2020, the Student Health & Wellness department will have expanded hours to help us better meet the needs of our students. Appointments will be available Monday – Friday 10am – 7pm. In addition, a walk-on clinic, offered in partnership with CMHA, will be open during the first two weeks of the semester (Sept 8-10 and Sept 14-17) as well as during exams Monday – Thursday 5pm-10pm. The evening walk-in clinic will be located in Room 11, UCC. Outside of those times, students can access telephone crisis counselling through our *Good to Talk* subscription. Phone: 1-866-925-5454 or Text: GOOD2TALKON to 686868.

:: CIHR 2020 Info Session for Trainees in Health Research

CIHR will be offering a series of MS Teams live events to trainees and institution staff regarding award programs offered by CIHR. It will include an overview about relevant policies, tips for applicants, guidelines on how to submit an application and information on how award competitions have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are interested in participating in one of these live events, please visit the website to register for the event: <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45096.html>

:: McMaster Engineering Graduate Society's [Annual Conference](#) - Oct 20-22

Western Engineering Graduate Students have been invited to participate in McMaster's annual METRIC Conference (McMaster Engineering, Technology, Research & Innovation Conference), hosted virtually on October 20-22nd. This year's theme is "METRIC 2020 - Adaptation: The Art of Staying Agile in a Changing World." More details to come. Visit their [website](#) for updates.

:: [Online Workshops](#): New and Returning TAs

Workshops Still Available, [Fall 2020](#)

The Centre for Teaching and Learning is please to provide the new Summer-Fall 2020 Programming Dates for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars. We encourage all graduate students and postdoctoral scholars (new and returning) to attend workshops designed to help them prepare for their teaching assignments. Details [here](#).

:: Grad Mentors Needed

The Academic Success Program (ASP) seeks grad students to facilitate Study Hall for student athletes. Grad mentors would have 3 hours in Study Hall each week and be connected with varsity teams to before or after practice to see how things are going academically and share info on campus resources. Grad mentors will support our undergraduate learning peers and SAMP mentors that are also part of the ASP team. This volunteer role is on Western's Co-Curricular Record. Please email melissa.ostrowski@uwo.ca for details.

:: Thrive Online Blog Submissions

Western Student Experience has launched a new website called [Thrive Online](#) where students are welcome to share their stories in their own words. You can write about your research, your experience as a graduate student, or something else of interest related to your time at Western. It is important to have the graduate student voice represented. [Learn More Here](#).

Deadlines

		Deadline
Fall 2020 Graduate course enrolment		September 15, 2020
Tri-Agency Doctoral Award		September 25, 2020

Important Information

:: International Travel

Any student who needs to travel must complete the online travel request form. The online travel request form is available at: https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dcyFVEXeAGYTR9H

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 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>

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).