Graduate Newsletter (Week of September 14th, 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 have begun on **Wed. Sept. 9**th, 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 in 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 <u>Graduate Course Outside Home Program</u> 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 was **Sept. 8**th; however, the Office of the Registrar will not charge late fee until Sept. 30th.

:: SGPS Online Services

SGPS services are offered online this term. More information about remote services is available at: https://grad.uwo.ca/administration/directory.html

:: Western Libraries Reopening

Western Libraries 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 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.

:: Hugh C. Morris Experiential Learning Fellowship Application Deadline February 15th, 2021

Valued at \$40,000 CAD, this fellowship is open to any graduate student studying in Canada who is working in a field related to earth, geosciences, environment, alternative energy, water, climate change, sustainability, or to the social impact, social sciences or design sciences related to these areas, and is designed to provide a unique experiential, international travel program designed by the student to engage diverse sectors, advance their research, learn from a range of contexts and cultures, and bring

their learning back to Canada. Full details can be found at the Kimberley Foundation at https://kimberley-foundation.org/hugh-morris-fellowship/

:: 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.

:: Management Consulting Opportunity

The University Consulting Group (UCG) is recruiting for the Fall 2020 Engagement. This student-run consulting group serves as a platform for students with different backgrounds to gain experience solving real-life challenges while providing quality professional advisory service access to non-profit organizations. Students from all faculties are invited to apply for a Fall consultant role. Register for the 2020 information night here.

<u>Applications</u> are open until filled or October 3rd (Whichever is sooner). More information email UCG Western

:: HEQCO is hiring - Research Intern

HEQCO is seeking skilled postsecondary students or recent graduates to join its small and dynamic research team. We will help you develop knowledge and skills that will be useful for your career success and provide you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the current landscape of public policy research in Ontario's postsecondary sector. You will bring enthusiasm, curiosity and a new perspective to our organization. Full Job Posting: Here.

:: 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 <u>Thrive Online</u> 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. <u>Learn More Here</u>.

Deadlines

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

<u>Important Information</u>

:: 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/ife/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).