

## Graduate Newsletter (Week of September 21 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.*

### Deadlines this week:

Item	Description	Deadline
Tri-Agency Doctoral Award	(8:00 p.m. EDT) : NSERC Online Application Deadline for Western University	September 25, 2020
Graduate Course Withdrawal Deadline	Any graduate courses withdrawn after this date will result in a WDN appearing on the transcript	September 30, 2020

### Faculty Graduate Office Announcements:

#### :: Fall 2020 graduate courses

Graduate courses in the Faculty of Engineering began 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.

Online enrolment access for the fall term has closed. To withdraw from a course, please submit a "Request to Drop Graduate Course" form (found on your home department's website) to your graduate program coordinator. The deadline to withdraw from a fall term graduate course is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020. Any course withdrawals processed after this date will appear as **WDN** on your transcript.

#### :: Academic Accommodation Policy (Graduate)

Students who are not able to meet certain academic responsibilities due to medical, compassionate or other legitimate reason(s), could request for academic consideration. The Graduate Academic Accommodation Policy and Procedure details are now available [here](#).

#### :: Tuition

The tuition payment deadline was September 8th; however, the Office of the Registrar will not charge a late fee until September 30th.

### Graduate Student Services & Supports:

#### :: SGPS Online Services

SGPS services are offered online this term. More information about remote services is available [here](#).

#### :: Mental Health Supports – Fall 2020 – Expanded Hours

The Student Health & Wellness department will have expanded hours to help meet student needs. Appointments available Monday – Friday 10am – 7pm. In addition, a walk-in clinic, offered in partnership with CMHA, will be open 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**.

### **:: 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](#).

### **:: Western Libraries unlimited institutional license to Covidence**

Covidence is a web-based software platform that streamlines the production of systematic reviews and other research reviews that require screening citations and full text, assessing risk of bias, or extracting study characteristics and outcomes. First, you must create an account with your Western email. [Sign up here](#). Once you have created your account, use [this link](#) to access Covidence. Questions, [email Marisa Tippet](#)

### **:: COVID-19 Information**

Western International has setup a Frequently Asked Questions website related to international students in the context of COVID-19 situation. For details, please check [here](#).

## **Graduate Scholarship Information:**

### **:: REACH Scholarship Programme by [SpaceBrains](#)**

**Application Deadline October 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 @ 23:59 CET**

The SpaceBrains Foundation, in collaboration with the European Space Agency (ESA), is glad to announce the availability of up to three €10,000 scholarships for last-year university or college students, as well as post-graduate or PhD students, from ESA Member and Associate Member States. Note that Canadian students are eligible. More Information [here](#).

### **:: Hugh C. Morris Experiential Learning Fellowship**

**Application Deadline February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](#).

## **Graduate Student Societies Announcements:**

### **:: 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.

## **Academic Opportunities:**

### **:: 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](mailto:melissa.ostrowski@uwo.ca) for details.

### :: [TA eLearning Series](#)

**Available September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.](#)

### :: [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](#).

## Department Announcements this Week

Biomedical: *(none this week)*

Chemical and Biochemical:

### :: **CBE Graduate Seminar Series**

**Tue. Sept. 22, 2020, 11:30am on OWL Zoom tab**

This seminar's presenter will be Prof. Xin Tu (University of Liverpool) speaking about Plasma Catalysis: An emerging technology for the activation of inert molecules. If outside CBE, Register by email [Prof. Michael Boutilier](#)

Civil and Environmental:

### :: **CEE Graduate Seminar Series**

**Tue. Sept. 22, 2020, 1:30pm** via Zoom Meeting ID 7182941417

Rodney Case, from Oliver Wyman, will present.

Electrical and Computer: *(none this week)*

Mechanical and Materials:

### :: **MME Graduate Seminar Series**

**Monday Sept. 21, 2020, 1:30pm** via Zoom Meeting ID: 92202435445

- Modeling of Resin Infiltration and Curing in Continuous Fiber Reinforced Plastic (Anthony Sherratt)

- Temperature and Velocity Behaviour During Melting of a Phase Change Material (PCM) in a Uniformly Heated Circular Cavity (Kyle Teather)
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**Western Engineering Graduate Office**

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

*Please send all information to be included in the weekly Graduate Newsletter to Pauline Shen [pkot2@uwo.ca](mailto:pkot2@uwo.ca) by Thursday no later than 4pm.*

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