

Graduate Newsletter (Week of October 5th 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

Faculty Graduate Office Announcements:

:: Fall 2020 graduate courses

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 last day to withdraw from a graduate course beginning in the fall term without academic penalty is October 30th 2020. Students who drop after this date will receive an **F** on their 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](#).

Graduate Student Services & Supports:

:: Canadian Immigration Info Session for international Students

Hosted by IESC, Thursday, October 8th at 9 a.m. on current travel restrictions, PGWP eligibility, Express Entry system and permanent residence options for international students.

Please see here for registration information: <http://www.events.westernu.ca/events/iesc/2020-10/canadian-immigration-info.html>

:: Strong Legal Business Foundation

Have a great idea for a startup and ready to take the plunge to launch that venture? Hold your horses! Before forming your business, let’s ensure you have a solid, strong legal foundation. Join us for an interactive webcast with the affiliate counsel at DealPrep, an online legal support platform for entrepreneurs. Rajah Lehal, Founder and CEO of DealPrep and Cobalt Lawyers, will discuss the importance of a strong legal foundation and how to establish one for your growing business through the lens of core legal documentation and concepts.

When: Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-strong-legal-business-foundation-tickets-122764908145> | [Add to you Google Calendar](#)

:: 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's Indigenous Languages Revitalization Project Survey is now live

We want to hear about Indigenous languages needs, capacity and services at Western University. The survey will run until Oct 9th. Access it [here](#). Questions, email Ashley Sisco (ashleysisco@gmail.com)

Graduate Scholarship Information:

:: REACH Scholarship Programme by [SpaceBrains](#) Application Deadline October 31st 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](#).

:: Northern Scientific Training Program GRANT Application Deadline 11:59 pm, November 10, 2020

The Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP) provides funding for senior undergraduates and graduate students conducting research in the North. This supplementary grants program was put in place to help defray high costs of conducting fieldwork in the North and encourage students to develop a commitment to northern research. Students must also have other sources of funds to be eligible. The program funds thesis-based research projects on northern topics from all disciplines and in multi-disciplinary fields.

Direct questions to: Northern Studies Committee at northern@uwo.ca
More Information / Apply <https://nstp-pfsn.smapply.io>

:: Joan Bath and Peter Howe Bursary for Advancement in the Mineral Industry Application Deadline December 1, 2020

The call for applications is now open for two \$3,000 bursaries with the aim to assist geoscientists and engineers in a field related to mining, with their further education in Canada. The bursary will be available to one male and one female enrolled in post-graduate studies in geoscience or a field of engineering related to mining, with a minimum of three year's industry experience.

Please see here for more information: <https://www.pdac.ca/members/students/awards/joan-bath-and-peter-howe-bursary> :: **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](#).

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 for details.

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

Available to all graduate students through OWL up to 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](#).

:: **[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: *Tuesdays*

"How to Give A Presentation" from Dr. Yara Hosein

Welcome from BME Council

Please contact bmeoffice@uwo.ca for more information

Chemical and Biochemical: *(none this week)*

Civil and Environmental: *Tuesdays, 1:30pm – 2:30pm* Julia Martyniuk, Western Libraries:
“Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Workshop”

This workshop is designed to inform students on the difference between summarizing, quoting, paraphrasing, and stating common knowledge or one's own opinion. During your academic career, you will be asked to conduct research and write academically sound papers. Giving credit to the appropriate people in the appropriate situations is part of creating your own work. Come and learn about academic integrity, plagiarism, and citing.

Zoom Link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/7182941417>

Electrical and Computer: *(none this week)*

Mechanical and Materials: *Mondays, 1:30pm – 2:30pm*

Graduate Seminar Series:

Shoyon Panday: Spectrally accurate, grid-less algorithm: An alternative option,

Shumin Zhang: Gradiently Sodiated Alucone as an Interfacial Stabilizing Strategy for Solid-State Na Metal Batteries

Zoom Link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/92202435445>

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.

Please send all information to be included in the weekly Graduate Newsletter to Pauline Shen pkot2@uwo.ca by Thursday no later than 4pm.
