

Graduate Newsletter (Week of October 13th 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.

Faculty Graduate Office Announcements:

:: Student Feedback Survey

Faculty of Engineering has launched a survey to get feedback from graduate students regarding the academic and research activities in the current pandemic situation. Use the link below to complete the survey. The survey is open till Oct. 16th.

https://uwo.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1Yxc4pPtiEWGt93

:: Engineering graduate honoured with prestigious Governor General's Gold Medal

Congratulations to Armin Geraili Nejadfomeschi (MESC) in Biomedical Engineering for being selected as a recipient of 2020 Governor General's Gold Medal at the Western University.

:: 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:

:: 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](#).

:: Skills for Wellness (Support Group)

Thursdays, October 22nd - December 3rd from 1:30-3pm over Zoom

This is an active 6-week therapy group. We will discuss building awareness and understanding of who you are and what you stand for in this world, which helps us as human beings to find purpose and take steps towards a meaningful life. If you are looking to find strategies and skills to cope this group may be of interest to you. You can expect to learn how to be more present, identify difficult thoughts and feelings, more effectively regulate emotions and reactions, and do more of what matters to you by clarifying your values and setting goals. This group will focus on psychoeducation, and practicing experiential exercises, to apply these strategies to your day to day life. To register, call **519.661.3030**

:: Emotion Regulation (Experiential Group)

Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Oct. 14 - Nov. 25 over Zoom

This is a 7-week psychoeducational and experiential group designed to help participants develop skills for understanding and experiencing emotions. General discussion topics will include identifying and understanding emotions, reducing emotional vulnerability and decreasing emotional suffering by integrating aspects of Linehan's DBT Emotion Regulation module as well as other neurobiological and psychotherapeutic concepts [e.g., "window of tolerance" Dr. Dan Siegel & Dr. Pat Ogden; polyvagal theory (Dr. Stephen Porges); somatic experiencing (Dr. Peter Levine)]. Attendance to first session is mandatory in order to participate.

To register, call **519.661.3030**

:: Parental Loss (Support Group)

This is a professionally facilitated, weekly support group over Zoom for students who have lost a Parent during the time they are studying at Western. It's a safe space to connect with others to give and receive emotional and practical support and learn about grieving your loss.

Once signed up, a group facilitator will contact you to do an individual intake and schedule group dates and times. To register, call **519.661.3030**

:: Journey Together (Wellness Group for BIPOC students)

Thursdays 10-11:30am, beginning October 22 until December 3rd

(no session during reading week)

This is a 6-week virtual support group for students who identify as racialized (Black, Indigenous, Person of Colour). This is a pilot wellness group that aims to create a safe and healing space to share lived experiences with race-related stress. To register, call **519.661.3030**

**Please note this is not a drop-in group. We are asking people to join for the full duration.*

Graduate Scholarship Information:

:: NSERC CGS-M and OGS Information Session

Join the Faculty Graduate Office on Thursday, October 22nd at 12:30pm to learn more about upcoming scholarship opportunities and deadlines!

NSERC CGS-M: https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/cgsm.html

OGS: https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ogs.html

Zoom Meeting ID: 958 0697 2634 – Please keep an eye on your email this week for a registration link.

:: 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. 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:

:: SOGS [Wellness Week](#)

October 13 through 17, 2020

The Graduate Peer Support (GPS) committee is proud to present a week of interactive and virtual wellness programming for SOGS members! SOGS is committed to graduate student wellness and has teamed up with the [Wellness Education Centre](#) to tailor our workshops to better support #GradLifeWesternU during the COVID-19 pandemic. All events are free! Prize giveaways all week for participation! Learn more [here](#).

Academic Opportunities:

:: [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 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](#).

Other Upcoming Events:

:: Digital Marketing & SEO Webcast (Western Entrepreneurship)

Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Learn the marketing advantages and disadvantages of the most popular online digital marketing platforms, including Google, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat and TikTok. Get practical advice on how you can make some simple changes to your website to make it 'search engine friendly' and address your local market area with Google My Business map placement. Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-marketing-and-seo-tickets-122765674437>

:: Social Planning & Content Creation Webcast (Western Entrepreneurship)

Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Join this webinar for tips, tricks, and tools for developing content for your social media account(s). If you're looking to save time, build brand awareness, gain credibility, and increase lead generation - this session is for you! Anything is possible when you have a clear plan and executable strategy for social.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/social-planning-content-creation-tickets-122766111745>

:: Raise Funds for Your Business Webcast (Western Entrepreneurship)

Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 1:00pm.

If you want to know how to raise money for your business, you're not alone. Today, entrepreneurs have a variety of options when it comes to securing funds. The catch? Each funding option is drastically different and has its advantages and disadvantages. In this webcast, our host Shaherose Charania breaks down the basics of acquiring funds and the various funding opportunities available to your business.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/raise-funds-for-your-business-tickets-123349757445>

:: Women in Engineering Annual e-Brunch

Sunday, October 25 | 11:30am - 1pm | via Zoom

[Women in Engineering \(WiE\)](#) will be hosting their annual brunch virtually this year on October 25th.

Western Engineering alumnae and co-founders of [@enggirlproblems](#) Elaine Samuel and Olivia Gillis are this year's keynote speakers. All are welcome! Register

now: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgON9iGAMKPNClwPB3aa1Rt_Lq4XoUBKeBU4AEroOaHUeVfA/viewform

Department Announcements this Week

Biomedical:

:: "How to Give a Presentation," Presented by Dr. Yara Hosein
Tuesdays | Time TBD
Contact bmeoffice@uwo.ca for more information.

Chemical and Biochemical: *(none this week)*

Civil and Environmental:

:: Civil Seminar with Alexander Hay, Founding Principal of Southern Harbour Ltd.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 | 1:30 pm

“Evidence and Risk in Infrastructure Engineering for Future Generations” — Infrastructure Engineering tomorrow will not be as it has been before. It is continually evolving, only the rate of change is greater today than ever before, and we must learn to use better the tools at our disposal. Please join via the following Zoom link: <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/7182941417>

:: Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Workshop, Presented by Julia Martyniuk of Western Libraries.

Tuesdays | 1:30-2:30 pm

This workshop is designed to inform students on the difference between summarizing, quoting, paraphrasing, and stating common knowledge or one's own opinion. 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: *(none this week)*

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.
