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For questions regarding the report, please email the [GSA Data Analysis & Report Design Coordinator](mailto:gsa-reporting@uwaterloo.ca).  **GSA Services Update: How to Opt In/Opt Out for Fall 2021** We will be sending an email from the GSA in mid-August with information on how to opt-in/opt-out of several GSA services for the Fall 2021 term. You will also be able to find this information on the [News section](https://gsauw.ca/news/) of our website.   **GRT & ION UPass Refund Program** The GRT & ION UPass Refund Program will be launched for Fall 2021. All refund requests must be submitted **between September 7-28, 2021.** Instructions on how to submit a refund request and to access the refund request, will be updated on our [GRT & ION UPass service page](https://gsauw.ca/services/upass/) in mid-August.   **International Graduate Students Blog** Our International “Grad Student Adventurer” is updated with a latest blog post by Rodrigo Curty Pereira, a PhD student in Geography. Rodrigo shares with us the experience of transitioning starting graduate studies during the pandemic and tips on doing research at this time. Check out the blog post [here](https://uwaterloo.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=50d7445be217829068c1de964&id=133e7f8dc0&e=7beb50debc). Our blog is for and is written by grad students. Email [Navya](mailto:gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca) if you’d like to write a post!   **Around the World Digital Quilt Reveal** It was amazing to see a collection of pictures from our graduate student community in our digital quilt from all around the world. We challenged you all to submit a drawing, photo, poem, or short story describing where you are in the world right now. View the final quilt on our international student blog [here](https://uwaterloo.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=50d7445be217829068c1de964&id=133e7f8dc0&e=7beb50debc).  **DGSA Virtual Social** All dGSA executives are invited! Please save the date for August 25 between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM! This will be our last dGSA social for summer 2021. Please check your emails and the GSA-UW socials for upcoming details about the social event specifics. Please register [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvcuuvpjMjGtYcqtcmYvANsmWfMxJFkjig) and zoom link will be sent! If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please email the GSA-UW Student Engagement Coordinator at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Get Involved**  **Get involved with the**[GSA-UW Council!](https://gsauw.ca/governance/council/) As councillor, one student from each department sits on the GSA-UW Council and speaks on behalf of their constituents as the "voice" for various academic and political topics throughout the year. A GSA-UW councillor brings opinions and issues of their department to the forefront, ensuring that decisions being made are in consideration of all students at UW. The departments with a vacant one-year councillor position are listed below:                 - Anthropology (ARTS)                - Catholic Thought (ARTS)                - Classical Studies (ARTS)                - French Studies (ARTS)                - Social Work (ARTS)                - Chemical Engineering (ENGR)                - Combinatorics & Optimization (MATH)                - Statistics & Actuarial Science (MATH)                - Chemistry & Biochemistry (SCI)   To apply for a position as your department's councillor, please fill out the [Council Representative Nomination Form](https://gsauw.ca/forms/council-representative-nomination-form/)  **Online Teaching and Online Course Design Award Evaluation Committee** Call for Applications for the Online Teaching and Online Course Design Award Evaluation Committee: The GSA-UW is looking for 1 members of the graduate student community to serve on the Online Teaching and Online Course Design Award Evaluation Committee. The Online Teaching and Online Course Design Award Evaluation Committee is looking for someone who has some experience at Centre for Teaching Excellence (CTE) Fundamentals of University Teaching (FUT) level with critical analysis, critical writing, and arguing skills to defence why a nominee is eligible for the award from GSA point of view. This position can help the potential representative to understand how an award evaluation committee works and how a lecturer needs to design their package for such an award. We are seeking graduate student applications of qualified candidates who share our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome nominations of graduate students who are BIPOC, peoples with disabilities and/or accessibility needs, all gender identities and expressions and sexual orientations. If you are interested in policy, governance, or the GSA, we encourage you to apply. Interested students are encouraged to submit a brief statement of interest and their CV/Resume to [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca).   **Science Faculty Council** Call for Applications for the Science Faculty Council: The GSA-UW is looking for 1 members of the graduate student community to serve on the Science Faculty Council. The Science Faculty Council is looking for someone who knows how a university program or course is designed and interconnected with other programs or courses.  The position itself can helps the potential representative to understand what is the process of a course or program change, approval, or elimination. We are seeking graduate student applications of qualified candidates who share our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We welcome nominations of graduate students who are BIPOC, peoples with disabilities and/or accessibility needs, all gender identities and expressions and sexual orientations. 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Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gsa-community-stroll-tickets-165454724535).    **August 26: Candid Talks with Grads: TA Stressors @ 1:00PM** Come join us at our fourth Candid Talks with Grads session, monthly open discussion and support event that focuses on a different topic each month that is important to graduate students at the University of Waterloo. This month’s discussion will centre around the stressors of being a teaching assistant (TA). Students will have the opportunity to hear about and share their experiences, stories, tips, and more. Please note that a councillor from Counselling Services will be sitting in on the discussion. All graduate students are welcome to attend. Register [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItc-2uqz8tHtfGQs5vByUMeHeau5j4x56D).   **August 31: Outdoor Movie Night @ 7:00PM** Meet up with your peers and grad friends for a movie night under the stars! Before the event, feel free to stop by Graduate House for dinner before 6 pm and drinks between 6-8 pm. At 7 pm, swing by our sign in table to participate in a fun movie themed scavenger hunt on campus where there are prizes to be won! After 8 pm hits, make yourself comfortable on the grass area beside Graduate House and wait for the movie to start at 8:30 pm. Free popcorn sponsored by [OrganizeUW](http://organizeuw.org/" \t "_blank) and treats will be supplied! Please note that COVID-19 restrictions will be in effect. Register [here](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gsa-outdoor-movie-night-tickets-165457763625).                                             Text  Description automatically generated | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **BIPOC Student Collective**  **Solidarity Chat July 6 @7:00pm** While so many of us work tirelessly to better our campuses and communities, we would all do well to remember that we are not in this struggle alone. Join us in solidarity from 7:00pm-8:30pm, for an informal community conversation. This event will take place in our Lounge space on our [Discord channel.](https://discord.gg/EAT2cJ8w7W) Our Solidarity Chats are a casual informal social space that centres the experience of BIPOC graduate students at UWaterloo. All BIPOC faculty, students, and friends are invited to attend. This is chance to meet other BIPOC members of our community and also share ideas in an informal setting. Come as you are. Bring your chai!   **Drop-in Hours July 9 & July 23** We’re here with you. Join us during our drop-in hours if you’re looking for some support, or just want to take a break and chat. [Discord channel.](https://discord.gg/EAT2cJ8w7W) | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Graduate House**  **OPEN! Monday to Friday @ 11:30AM - 6:00PM** A picture containing linedrawing  Description automatically generated  **We’re hiring at the Graduate House!** All part-time positions: housekeeping, food runners, & bartenders. These positions are ideal for students who are seeking flexible work hours and looking for a fun and creative environment to work in. Send your resumes as soon as possible to Cam, our Hospitality Manager at the Graduate House via email at [gsa-gh@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-gh@uwaterloo.ca).   **Event Hosts!** We’re also looking for graduate students who are interested in hosting our regular events like Music Bingo and Trivia Night. Volunteers get free meals the days they host at the Graduate House. Please contact Cam, our Hospitality Manager at the Graduate House via email at [gsa-gh@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-gh@uwaterloo.ca). | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Organize UW**  Monthly updates on the #OrganizeUW unionization campaign for graduate student workers supported by [CUPE](https://cupe.ca/). Visit the campaign [website](https://organizeuw.org/) including a comprehensive [FAQ page](https://organizeuw.org/docs/faq/), email the organizers ([organizeuw@joincupe.org](mailto:organizeuw@joincupe.org)), or attend **weekly Tuesday 1:30pm (ET) drop-in video calls**[**at this link**](https://8x8.vc/organizing/uwaterloo-committee-weekly)**.**Follow OUW on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/OrganizeUW), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/organizeuw), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/organizeuw/).  **Upcoming and Recent Events - NEW AUGUST events!** August 12 @ Scoop du Jour for FREE Ice Cream (time TBD, watch our socials) August 31 @ The Graduate House 7-10pm for an Outdoor Movie Night  COMING SOON Stay tuned for Orientation events and updates in September!  **Recent News and Articles** COMING SOON Equity principles will be up on our website Funding Clawbacks at the University of Waterloo [article](https://organizeuw.org/post/stop-the-clawbacks-whynotwaterloo/) Pandemic Working Conditions and Graduate Student Mental Health [article](https://organizeuw.org/post/uwaterloo-working-conditions-creating-graduate-student-mental-health-crisis/)  **Helpful Resources**            - [Mental Health and Unions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sm_KupdUDck&feature=youtu.be) recorded webinar             - [Climate Justice and Unions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAg1tpdBlyk) recorded webinar             - [International Students & Unions](https://organizeuw.org/talk/international-student-session/) recorded webinar             - [Anti-Racism and Unions](https://organizeuw.org/talk/anti-racist-action/) recorded webinar             - [Health, Safety & Unions](https://organizeuw.org/talk/union-intro/) recorded webinar             - [Safe Return to Campus](https://organizeuw.org/talk/safe-return-to-campus/) recorded webinar             - [Mandarin Translation](https://organizeuw.org/post/工会-101/) of the unionizing process   **Campaign Endorsements** [View the list](https://organizeuw.org/post/endorsements/) of UWaterloo campus organizations that have publicly endorsed the drive | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Graduate Studies Endowment Fund**  **Funding opportunities:** The [Graduate Studies Endowment Fund](http://gsef.uwaterloo.ca/) supports improving the academic and social experience of graduate studies at the University of Waterloo. To this end, we regularly provide financial assistance for student-driven projects and initiatives. In the past, we have funded:                - Conferences                 - Social Events                 - Graduate space improvements                - Anything that will help improve the graduate student experience    **Small project funding applications** are due on **September 1, 2021**. For more information on student project funding, please see the [GSEF website](https://uwaterloo.ca/graduate-studies-endowment-fund/apply-project-funding) or email [Monica](mailto:gsef@uwaterloo.ca).   **Position openings:** We are recruiting student representatives from the **Faculty of Health and Math to sit in the Project Review Committee**. We are also recruiting student representatives from the **Faculty of Engineering to sit in the Board of Directors**. Not only does this look good on your CV, but is also a great opportunity to be involved in the graduate student community.   Please visit the [GSEF website](https://uwaterloo.ca/graduate-studies-endowment-fund/get-involved) for more information. To apply, send your resume/CV and a cover letter to [gsef@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsef@uwaterloo.ca) by **August 17, 2021**. | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Community Events**  **Art Market at 10 Father David Bauer Drive** By City of Waterloo - Multiple dates - 5-9PM  **Kitchener BIA, Flamenco Fest Pop Up Patio** By City of Kitchener - Aug 5 - 6-9PM [Event Details](https://calendar.kitchener.ca/default/Detail/2021-08-05-1800-KW-Flamenco-Fest-Pop-Up-Patio-Performances-Downtow )  **Movies in the Parking-Lot** By Create Waterloo of City of Waterloo - August 6-[Twister](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/movies-in-the-parking-lot-twister-tickets-163688565907), August 14-[Stand By Me](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/movies-in-the-parking-lot-stand-by-me-tickets-163690585949), August 28-[Godzilla Vs. Kong](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/movies-in-the-parking-lot-godzilla-vs-kong-tickets-163691225863) (8:30PM for all)  **Kitchener Blues Festival 2021** By Bobby O'Brien's Kitchener - Aug 6-8 [Event Details](https://www.songkick.com/festivals/52006-kitchener-blues/id/39935552-kitchener-blues-festival-2021?utm_medium=organic&utm_source=microformat)    **Kitchener Food Truck Days - Rockway Centre** By City of Kitchener - Aug 6 [Event Details](https://www.kitchener.ca/en/arts-culture-and-events/food-truck-days.aspx?fbclid=IwAR39uhyT68mEuuYNPssZM-qlEAqVEGp_f9VQTCFjqBz4Le7duFkCMYg0WSY)   **Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum Presents: Dog Day at Doon** By Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Museum - Multiple dates [Event Details](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ken-seiling-waterloo-region-museum-presents-dog-day-at-doon-tickets-158498209411?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)   **We Could Be – Theatrical Production** By Green Light Arts - Multiple dates - 8-9:30PM [Event Details](https://www.greenlight-arts.com/we-could-be )  **Avalon & Robert Reid at KW Blues Fest 2021** By The Crazy Canuck Dtk - Aug 6 - 9:30PM [Event Details](https://www.facebook.com/events/338032401377815/)  **The 5K Foam Fest - Kitchener / Waterloo** By Chicopee Ski & Summer Resort - Aug 7 - 8AM-5PM [Event Details](https://allevents.in/kitchener/the-5k-foam-fest-kitchener-waterloo/200021282438839)  **Saturday Farmers' Market** By Kitchener Market - Aug 7, 11AM-6PM [Event Details](https://calendar.kitchener.ca/default/Detail/2021-08-07-0700-Saturday-farmers-market)  **High Tea Box TO - GO St Jacobs** By Homewood Suites by Hilton Waterloo - Multiple dates [Event Details](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/high-tea-box-to-go-st-jacobs-tickets-153678441355?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)  **Cambridge RIbfest** By Hespeler Memorial Arena - Aug 7 - 11AM-8PM [Event Details](https://www.todocanada.ca/city/kitchener/event/cambridge-ribfest/)  **Belmont Village Bestival** By City of Kitchener - Multiple dates - 10AM-8PM [Event Details](https://calendar.kitchener.ca/default/Detail/2021-08-14-1000-Belmont-Village-Bestival)  **Guided Nature Meditation** By Kitchener Nature Areas Program - Aug 9 - 7:30-8:30PM [Event Details](https://www.kitchener.ca/en/parks-and-trails/kitchener-natural-areas-program.aspx)  **Rusty Nail Comedy Presents:Comedy Comeback** By The Crazy Canuck Dtk - Aug 20 - 8-10PM [Event Details](https://www.evensi.ca/rusty-nail-comedy-presents-comeback-crazy-canuck-dtk-ontario-street-north-141/401758438)  **Cameron & Cameron Live** By Abe Erb Brewing Company Waterloo - Aug 21- 8PM [Event Details](https://www.facebook.com/events/1911901618983308/)  **Virtual Kids in the Kitchen** By City of Kitchener - Aug 21 - 10-11AM [Event Details](https://calendar.kitchener.ca/default/Detail/2021-08-07-1000-Virtual-Kids-in-the-Kitchen)  **Walk the Talk: Architectural Tour - Explore our city's built heritage on an outdoor guided tour** By City of Kitchener - Aug 21 - 2-3:30PM [Event Details](https://calendar.kitchener.ca/default/Detail/2021-08-07-1400-Walk-the-Talk-Architectural-Tour-Explore-our-citys)  **Sun Life Financial Waterloo Busker Carnival 2021** @ The Busker Carnival - Aug 25-29 [Event Details](https://directory.ontariovisited.ca/events/waterloo-1/festivals-events/waterloo-busker-carnival/)  **Brett & Patti Country Party** @ Doon Mills Dr. Kitchener - Aug 28 - 4PM [Event Details](https://www.facebook.com/events/553864312716988/) | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/gsauw) |  |  | | --- | | [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GSA_UWaterloo) |  |  | | --- | | [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/gsa.uwaterloo/) |  |  | | --- | | [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/graduate-student-association-university-of-waterloo/) |  |  | | --- | | [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClNZRVFtDOMsOl88uKkw9Qw?view_as=subscriber) | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**COVID-19 Updates**](https://uwaterloo.ca/coronavirus/research-information) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**GSA Website**](http://gsauw.ca) | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**Contact Us!**](https://gsauw.ca/contact/) | | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This email is sent from Graduate Students Association - 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