



August 2022



In a Nutshell

Affordable Housing

Last month, we hosted a [Housing Webinar](#) to provide resources to new and current students. We also have a new [Affordable Housing Research and Action Group](#) to support our advocacy strategies in this area.

The Graduate House is hiring until early August

The Graduate House is hiring all positions and also looking for an Events Coordinator. [For more details, check out the Graduate House section.](#)

New events!

Some of [this month's events](#) include a Guided Meditation, Outdoor Movie Night, Alumni Networking and many more!

At [the Graduate House](#), there will be a Trivia Night, Music Bingos, Karaoke Night, and a Live Music event.

News & Services

GSA Services Update: How to Opt In/Opt Out for Fall 2022

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 2022 term. You will also be able to find this information on the [News section](#) of our website.

GRT & ION UPass Refund Program

The GRT & ION UPass Refund Program will be launched for Fall 2022. All refund requests must be submitted between September 7 - 27, 2022. Instructions on how to submit a refund request and to access the refund request, will be updated on our [GRT & ION UPass service page](#) in mid-August.

Affordable Housing - Learn More!

Have you heard about our [Affordable Housing Initiative](#)? Our Affordable Housing Initiative provides incoming and current University of Waterloo graduate students with support and useful housing-related information.

Affordable Housing Research and Action Group

In an effort to foster supportive, healthy, safe, and reliable environments for graduate students, we formed a Housing Research and Action Group to support our advocacy strategies for affordable and proper housing. See our [Affordable Housing Research and Action Group](#) for more information and to get to know our Housing researchers!

Housing Webinar Recap

Last month, we collaborated with campus partners and hosted a successful [Housing Webinar](#)! With over 40 registered attendees, the webinar discussed on- and off-campus housing, and resources to support a smooth transition to the Waterloo region. Be sure to check it out!

International Graduate Student Blog

Check out our latest [July and August blog posts](#) to learn Natalia Horna's volunteer story and Neela Hassan's settlement in Canada as their new home!

If any international graduate students are interested in writing a blog post, please email GSA International Student Coordinator, Shu-Feng, at gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca.



Call for Action: International Graduate Student Discord!

Our [Discord](#) for international graduate students is growing! [Join our Discord](#) to connect with other graduate students, ask questions, and stay updated for events & on-campus part-time jobs!

Events

August 15: International Student Walk & Talk @ Graduate House Green @ 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcoming all **current and new international graduate students** to join us with **Kristine Meier**, International Graduate Student Liaison from Campus Wellness, for an informal campus tour while chit-chatting about anything! We will first meet at Graduate House Green and go through tunnels that connect most buildings on campus. No registration is required, but the first 10 students can get free cookies!

Plan B: If it rains, we will move into the purple room inside the Graduate House.



August 16: Guided Meditation @ SLC Grad Lounge (3216) @ 2:00 PM

Come clear your mind with other graduate students at our meditation event guided by a trained facilitator, Danette Adams. Please note that spots are limited and students will not be allowed to enter the event after 10 minutes past the start of the event due to distractions. Register today to get a spot [here](#).



August 18: International Student Mixer @ Graduate House Green @ 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us at the Graduate House Green for a fun outdoor event designed for international graduate students! Meet new friends from around the world, learn about campus and the GSA, and enjoy free pizzas while supplies last. No registration is required; just come and have fun! Remember to bring your

WATcard and credit/debit card for discounted beverages or other food.

Plan B: If it rains, we will move into the purple room inside the Graduate House.



August 23: Outdoor Movie Night @ Graduate House @ 8:00 PM

Meet up with your peers and graduate friends for a comedy movie night under the stars! The movie will be selected closer to the event, but we promise it will be a good one! You will also have access to some tasty treats. Register for a spot [here](#).



August 25: Alumni Networking @ Open Space between Graduate House and Dana Porter Library @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM

If you're an **international graduate student** who **already graduated** or **will graduate anytime in 2022**, join us at the Open Space between Graduate House and Dana Porter Library for an in-person networking with alumni from Kitchener-Waterloo chapter! Chat with alumni to know their career and personal stories, build connections, and enjoy free pizzas and beverages. No registration is required; just come and have fun!



Plan B: If it rains, we will postpone the event.

Get Involved in GSA Governance

Get involved with the GSA-UW Council

As a councillor, one student from each department sits on the GSA-UW Council and speaks on behalf of their peers regarding academic and political topics throughout the year. A GSA-UW councillor brings opinions of their department to the forefront, ensuring that decisions being made are in consideration of all students at UW.

Departments with vacant positions on the GSA-UW Council are listed below. If you are interested in applying for a position, please email the GSA-UW Elections Coordinator (gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca).

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| - Anthropology (ARTS) | - Master of Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology (ENG) |
| - Catholic Thought (ARTS) | - School of Architecture (ENG) |
| - Classical Studies (ARTS) | - Applied Mathematics (MATH) |
| - Economics (ARTS) | - Combinatorics & Optimization (MATH) |
| - Master of Digital Experience Innovation, Stratford (ARTS) | - Computational Mathematics (MATH) |
| - Global Governance (ARTS) | - Chemistry (SCI) |
| - Political Science (ARTS) | - Earth & Environmental Sciences (SCI) |
| - Social Work (ARTS) | |
| - Theological Studies (ARTS) | |
| - Civil & Environmental Engineering (ENG) | |

Graduate House

OPEN DAILY!

Monday to Tuesday @ 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday to Friday @ 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

MAIN FLOOR PATIO NOW OPEN!



Come on in! We've got patio space upstairs and on the main floor, new menu items to try, and special weekly drinks and sides! We also have a fresh [new website and menu](#) for you to explore!

Don't forget! Graduate students who paid their fees can get discounts and free coffee!

We're Hiring!

The Graduate House is hiring all positions in preparation for the fall term! Want to work in the oldest building on campus? How about the only student-run pub? We've got you covered! Bring a resume in, and fill out an application at the bar. Restaurant experience is preferred, but not required. We will be hiring only until early August, so don't delay!

The Graduate House is also hiring an Events Coordinator. The successful applicant will be responsible for organizing and planning of GH events, producing social media posts, and working with GH Management as well as GSA team members for the promotion of events. If interested, bring a resume to the Graduate House!

Graduate House Events

We're offering a variety of in-person events this month at the Graduate House! Check out our list of events:

Wednesday, August 3: Music Bingo @ 6:00 – 8:00 PM: BING... BING... BINGO

Jam out to snippets of songs while trying to get your bingo in first. Join in on the friendly competition against fellow graduate students to win a prize!

Friday, August 5: Live Music @ 6:30 PM: The Martingales

What can be better than an evening of live music with The Martingales and special guests Treephones? Yes, you heard it right. Come join us to enjoy an outdoor event at GH green and celebrate end of the term, where the band will play music from their new upcoming album. Don't miss out on this amazing event.

Tuesday, August 9: Music Bingo @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM: BING... BING... BINGO

Jam out to snippets of songs while trying to get your bingo in first. Join in on the friendly competition against fellow graduate students to win a prize!

Wednesday, August 10: Trivia Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM: Bring in your knowledge HATS

Bring your friends or meet new friends and test your knowledge at Trivia Night! Join in on the friendly competition against fellow graduate students to win a prize!

Thursday, August 11: Karaoke Night @ 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Train your vocal cords at GH

Bring your friends or meet new friends as all of you sing along to your favorite hits or belt out to any song at your request!

DGSAs & Committee Representatives

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:

Honorary Degrees Committee:

The Honorary Degrees Committee is seeking one graduate student to serve on the committee and assist with the selection process for honorary degrees awarded by the university. Meetings occur 4 times per year, on average. For more information, visit the Honorary Degrees Committee page [here](#).

To apply for the position, please email gsa-president@uwaterloo.ca with your CV.

Graduate Studies Endowment Fund

The Graduate Studies Endowment Fund supports improving the academic, professional, 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.

Funding Opportunities

If you or your student group have an idea to improve the overall experience of your fellow graduate students, apply for small project funding (<\$600) or large project funding (>\$600). Funding is also available for projects focused on environmental sustainability. See below for upcoming funding application deadlines:

- Small project applications are **due every first of the month** (September 1)
- Large project applications are **due every sixth Friday of the term**
- Environmental Sustainability Award applications are due every sixth Friday of the term

Check out the GSEF website to learn more about [GSEF-funded student projects](#) and how to [apply for funding](#)! You can also read through the [GSEF blog](#) to learn more about recent activities, projects, and initiatives across campus! If you have any questions, email the GSEF Coordinator at gsef@uwaterloo.ca.

Organize UW

OrganizeUW is the campaign to [unionize](#) Graduate Student Workers at UWaterloo. OrganizeUW is supported by [CUPE](#).

Want to chat? Email the organizers at organizeuw@joincupe.org
Follow OUW on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)! #WhyNotWaterloo

The committee to organize uWaterloo (aka OrganizeUW) is a grassroots campaign to unionize the academic workers at the University of Waterloo. You can get more information and sign your card [here](#).

Already signed your card and want to get more involved?

Keep an eye out for an email about our Video Day on **Thursday, August 11** and sign up for your time slot with our Communications Team. They'll work with you to record your statement of support for the campaign's website and social media.

Looking for a place to kick back and relax?

Interested in making new friends? Then **Stammtisch** is the place for you!

Join us **every Monday from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in the Graduate House for Stammtisch. Stammtisch is an incredible community of TAs, RAs, and Sessional Instructors. It's the perfect place to hangout, meet your co-workers, and have lots of fun.

And in case you are asking yourself, "what is a Stammtisch?" Stammtisch (German for "regulars' table", 'ftamtf) is an informal group meeting held on a regular basis. It is not a structured meeting, but rather a friendly get-together.

See you at Stammtisch! [#OrganizeUW](#)

Delve into our online resources!

- View our [Equity principles](#) that shape our campaign efforts
- Check out our [comprehensive FAQ](#)
- Read our "for-International Students by-International Students" [blog posts and articles](#)
- Listen to topical webinars and more on our [Talks](#) page
- [View the list](#) of organizations that have publicly endorsed our campaign



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