



December 2022



In a Nutshell

The GSA is hiring!

We are looking for an Events Coordinator, Advising Coordinator, Creative Coordinator, and two new Research Assistants for the GSA's Affordable Housing Initiative. If you are interested, check out more information about these openings [here](#).

TA/RA Survey approaching its deadline

We are conducting a survey about the experiences and challenges of all TAs and RAs, and its deadline is **December 7**. Check out more information about this survey [here](#).

New events!

Some of [this month's events](#) include Rock Climbing, Guided Meditation, and more!

At the Graduate House, there will be a Holiday Feast for Grads, World Cup games, a Trivia Night, and we already have the details for our Winter Welcome Party in January.

Awards and Scholarships

This month, we wanted to highlight the **Storwell's Foster Children Bursary Program**, available for students who were in foster care. Read more information about this [here](#).

News & Services

GSA Office closing for the holidays

The GSA Office will be **closed from December 19, 2022, to January 2, 2023**, and we will be operating at limited capacity. If you need to contact us, please fill out [this form](#) and we will get back to you.

Surveys

TA/RA Survey for Graduate Students

Are the TA/RA positions meeting your needs and expectations?

The GSA is working to understand the current experiences, challenges, and workload of all TAs and RAs. For that reason, we are conducting this survey to capture your voices and get your input in order to help us improve the RA experience. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

This survey is only open until December 7, so be sure to take it as soon as you can! You are free to fill it out using either of these two links provided below depending on whether you worked as TA or RA in the current and past terms.

- [TA Survey](#).
- [RA Survey](#).

We highly appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

Awards & Scholarships

Storwell's Foster Children Bursary Program

Storwell Self Storage is offering an annual bursary of **\$2,000** in support of foster children to help them attend post-secondary schools and to offer a hand up as they make their way forward in life. Check out more information about this bursary [here](#).

Events

December 12: Rock Climbing @ SLC Rock Wall @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Come climb with the GSA! No previous experience is needed to join this event. You will be supplied with equipment and instructions on how to safely use the walls. This is a great opportunity to get to know other graduate students and get fun exercise! If you have any questions, reach out to Ashley at gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca.



[Register here](#) to stay informed.

December 19: Guided Meditation @ SLC Grad Lounge (3216) @ 11:00 AM - 12:00 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 here](#) today to get a spot.

More Events:

- **December 7: BIPOC Student Collective @ Graduate House @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM**
- **December 14: International Student Mixer @ Graduate House Upstairs @ 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

Be sure to check out the [Events section on the GSA website](#) to read more details and find out about more events.

Get Involved

GSA is hiring!

We are hiring three coordinator roles starting in January 2023. These are paid roles for Events Coordinator, Advising Coordinator, and Creative Coordinator. The details of the role along with information on the hiring timeline are on the GSA website.

Please check out [the Get Involved page on the GSA website](#). **The deadline to apply for these positions is December 5, 2022.**

These are great opportunities to help elevate the non-academic experience for your peers in the Graduate Student Community. Give some thought to how you can contribute to your graduate community.

Hiring: Community Housing Research Assistants (x2)

Are you passionate about improving the housing landscape for graduate students at the University of Waterloo? We are looking to hire two new Research Assistants to assist in the GSA's Affordable Housing Initiative! For position details, please see the [job description](#).

Interested candidates can submit their CV and one-page cover letter to gsa-advocacy@uwaterloo.ca. **The deadline to apply for this position is December 2, 2022.**

Graduate House

OPEN DAILY!

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



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!

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

The Graduate House is Hiring!

Hiring grad students, that is! We're looking for a Kitchen and Counter staff as early as the Winter semester, 2023. If you're interested, come drop-off a resume at the Grad House and fill out an application at the bar. Message us on IG or drop by if you have any questions.

The World Cup Continues at The Graduate House!

Catch World Cup games morning and afternoon at The Grad House, for free! Enjoy good eats and our \$15 Crew Light Lager pitcher special (while supplies last). Don't miss out - games almost every day until December 14!

Graduate House Events

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

Featured Events:

- **December 7: Holiday Feast for Grads! @ 12:00 PM**

Come one, come grads for the annual Grad House holiday feast! For only \$10, enjoy a scrumptious chicken dinner or delectable vegan sans-meatloaf, including roasted veggies, hot chocolate, and holiday cheer!

- **January 13: Winter Welcome Party @ 5:00 PM**

New Grad Student? New to Campus or back for another term? Swing on by the Graduate House on Friday, January 13 for our Winter Welcome Grad Party! Join us for a complimentary beverage - house Mocktail, or a draft beer from Stockyards Brewing! Join the fun with our retro DJ spinning some real vinyl - just like back in the day! Festivities get rolling around 5:00 PM.

More Events:

- **December 7: Trivia Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Check out [the Events section on our website](#) for more information.

See You Next Semester!

While the **Grad House will be closing for the holidays on the evening of December 16**, we hope you keep us in your hearts and holiday wishes. Thanks to all the students, staff, and folks who made this semester awesome. If you're on campus, come by and pat the cold, lonely plaster and remind it you'll be



back next semester for more great events. **Open again on January 3!**

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](#).

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", 'ftamtɪʃ) 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

