



July 2022



## In a Nutshell

### **The GSA is hiring!**

There are openings at the GSA for Vice-President Administration, Vice-President Advocacy, and different Coordinator positions. [Check out the description for each position.](#)

The GSA is also looking for volunteers for upcoming events this fall. [You can find more information about this here.](#)

### **The Graduate House also has open positions**

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 BIPOC Student Collective, QTWELL events, GSA Yard Sale, Grad Bonfire, AccessAbility Webinar, International + BIPOC Game Night, and many more!

At [the Graduate House](#), there will be a Trivia Night, Music Bingo, Karaoke Night, and **two** Live Music events.

Outside the university, some events that will take place this month include the Downtown Kitchener Ribfest and Craft Beer Show, Music at the Market and the Wayback Festival.

### **Organize UW**

This month, Organize UW will throw a summer fun fair **TODAY (Friday, July 8), from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** on campus at the ML Green. There will be games, free food, and a giveaway!

## **News & Services**

### **Call for Volunteers**

There are lots of exciting events coming up this fall as the graduate student community can gather again on campus! Do you want to help with **Graduate Student Orientation**, or with events like the **Graduate House 50th Anniversary**? Fill out our [volunteer form](#) to send along your contact information. All events will have food and other perks for volunteers!

### **Call for Bloggers: International Graduate Student Blog**

We want to hear from you! The International Graduate Student Blog is looking for international graduate students to write a blog post for fellows to share their tips or experiences on any of the following topics, or any other topics you want to share:

- Any useful services you used on campus
- Any GSA-related leadership experiences
- Any clubs or student associations
- Volunteer stories
- On or off-campus job/co-op/internship experiences
- Trips to cities nearby, or within Canada

Email Shu-Feng at [gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca) if you'd like to write a blog post.



### 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

### July 13: BIPOC Student Collective @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM @ Graduate House

While so many of us work tirelessly to better our campuses and communities, we would all do well to remember that we are not alone in this struggle. Join us at the grad house for another in-person BIPOC collective with FREE FOOD.

This event will take place at the Graduate House Upstairs lounge on Wednesday, July 13 at 4:00 PM. Come join us!



### July 13: Community Chat & Cheers: Reception House @ 6:30 - 7:30 PM @ Graduate House

Please join us on July 13 at 6:30 PM at the Graduate House for a casual conversation and connection with [Reception House Waterloo Region](#). The Reception House provides a warm welcome and integration support for government-assisted refugees arriving in Waterloo Region. The organization provides support and services for refugees such as temporary accommodation and help finding their first home; system navigation for healthcare, education, and other government systems; as well as a multitude of orientations for life in Canada. An important part of the work that Reception House does is advocacy for systems change to ensure that these universal supports are better designed to support everyone in our community.



### QTWELL events this month

QTWELL is an open, drop-in group that is a part of UW Campus Wellness, for any graduate student who is a sexual and gender minority or identifies as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities. The group is facilitated by a counselor with lived experience in the area and will focus on the many different aspects of wellness. QTWELL Graduate Student Group June Meeting Times:

- June 13, 2022 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Register on [GoSignMeUp](#).
- June 27, 2022 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Register on [GoSignMeUp](#).

### July 18: Monthly Labour Coordinator Office Hours @ 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Connect with our Labour Coordinator Bara' AlShurman at [gsa-labour@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-labour@uwaterloo.ca) to discuss questions, concerns, or clarifications about your role as a teaching assistant, research assistant, or sessional instructor. Bara' is offering monthly office hours this semester, for which you can [register here](#).

### July 18: International Student Walk & Talk @ 3:30 - 4:30 PM @ Graduate House Green

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 a free GSA t-shirt!



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

### July 19: Navigating AccessAbility for Grad Students Online Webinar @ 3:00 - 4:00 PM

This online session is designed to guide you through the graduate student experience with AccessAbility Services. Are you unsure if you're eligible for support? Do you know how to get course-based accommodations? Do you know what research accommodations are available? Where do you start? This session is hosted by the GSA and presented by AccessAbility Services. Attend this session online to get the answers to your questions and a guide



to navigating AccessAbility Services as a grad student at Waterloo.

[Register here.](#)

**July 20: International + BIPOC Game Night @ 4:00 - 5:30 PM @ Graduate House**

Join us at the Grad House for a fun Board Game afternoon featuring both the BIPOC collective and the International Student Mixer communities. Meet new friends from different backgrounds and learn about each other while playing board games and enjoying FREE NACHOS.

This event will take place at the Grad House upstairs lounge on Wednesday, July 20 at 4:00PM. Remember to bring your WATcard for discounted beverages and other food.



**July 21: GSA Yard Sale @ 1:00 - 4:00PM @ Graduate House Green**

Let's practice financial wellness with a yard sale! Yard sales are a great way to recycle unwanted items, make some money, and find some great items at a great price point! All grad students are welcome to participate by either selling at the event or attending as a buyer (or both!). **Interested in selling items at the event? Contact Ashley at [gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca) by July 19th.**

There are many things that can be sold at our yard sale including clean used clothing, books, accessories, electronics, etc. It is time to clean out those closets and get rid of items you no longer use or want! You can even sell items that you make (e.g., art, jewelry, plant pots). Sellers keep all the money they make! Free snacks will be at the event as well!



**July 26: International Student Mixer @ 5:00 - 6:00 PM @ Graduate House Green**

Join us at the Graduate House Green for

a fun outdoor event designed for international grad 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.



### **July 26: Grad Bonfire @ 7:00 - 10:00 PM @ Laurel Creek Fire Pit**

Swing by the Laurel Creek fire pit across from Environment 3 on campus between 7:00 - 10:00 PM for an evening of star gazing, meeting new friends, and enjoying some tasty treats around the fire! If you have any questions about this event, you can contact our Student Wellness Coordinator, Ashley at [gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca).

[Register here.](#)

## **We're Hiring!**

*The GSA is involved in significant conversations and decisions directly related to student life at UW, and this dialogue is strengthened when the GSA staff team is composed of students with diverse backgrounds, identities, challenges, and experiences. The GSA welcomes and encourages applications from qualified individuals who are Black persons, Indigenous persons, persons of colour, persons with disabilities and/or accessibility needs, all religions and ethnicities, and all gender identities, gender expressions, and sexual orientations.*

Current position openings have application deadlines of **July 29**. Applications require a cover letter and resume. More position details and application instructions can be found on our [Get Involved page](#).

### **Vice-President Administration**

The primary purpose of this position is to—under the oversight of the President—lead the operation and strategic planning of the GSA-UW's administrative, corporate compliance, reporting, and student advising initiatives. The Vice-President of Administration will support the President in developing, executing, monitoring, and evaluating organizational strategies for student wellness (inclusive of supporting student tribunals and policy grievances), reporting and data visualization, policy development, and student engagement.

### **Vice-President Advocacy**

The primary purpose of this position is to — under the oversight of the President and guided by our Political Positions — lead and manage the GSA-UW's advocacy initiatives, including developing an advocacy strategy and planning long-term



initiatives that support graduate students at University of Waterloo, on- and off-campus. The VP Advocacy will manage support staff dedicated to the organization's various advocacy portfolios including (but not limited to) Equity, Labour, and Housing. Collaborating on work plans and strategy under these portfolios would be part of their responsibilities.

### **Social Media Coordinator**

The Social Media Coordinator will help support the Vice President of Communications in managing the daily operations of social media channels of the GSA, including creating an efficient social media posting schedule, providing new content, responding to queries and "customer support" requests, etc.

### **Elections Coordinator**

The role of the Elections Coordinator is to develop and/or manage the GSA's elections, referendums, and membership lists for governance groups within the GSA. Groups include: the GSA Council, departmental GSAs, select university committees, and the GSA's Annual General Meeting. This position may also serve as the Chief Returning Officer for matters pertaining to the Annual General Meeting.

### **Policy Coordinator**

The Policy Coordinator is in charge of reviewing and advocating for changes to the policy suites of the University of Waterloo and the GSA, with the aim of better supporting the academic, social, and professional experience of graduate students. This position is responsible for championing the discussion for an on-campus ombudsperson, drafting and proposing new policy, organizing policy-related workshops, and sitting on relevant committees.

### **Student Engagement Coordinator**

The Student Engagement Coordinator supports the strategic planning and operation of the GSA's student outreach initiatives. This position will facilitate ongoing and future student engagement initiatives (e.g., workshops, events, etc.) and will be responsible for growing membership/participation and training of the GSA Board and Council, as well as departmental GSAs.

## **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](mailto:gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca)).

- Anthropology (ARTS)
- Catholic Thought (ARTS)

- School of Architecture (ENG)
- Applied Mathematics (MATH)

- Classical Studies (ARTS)
- Economics (ARTS)
- Global Governance (ARTS)
- Political Science (ARTS)
- Social Work (ARTS)
- Theological Studies (ARTS)
- Civil & Environmental Engineering (ENG)

- Combinatorics & Optimization (MATH)
- Computational Mathematics (MATH)
- Chemistry (SCI)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences (SCI)

## 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, 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 preferred, but not required. We will be hiring in July and 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:



**Thursday, July 14: 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, July 15: Live Music @ 7:00 PM: THE INSOUCIANTS**

The Graduate House brings to you live music on Friday Night. Put off all your week's pressure while you see the band perform and enjoy the melodious night.

**Wednesday, July 20: 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, July 21: 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!

**Friday, July 22: Live Music + BBQ Lunch @ 12:00 PM: An afternoon of delicious food and live music**

What can be better than a BBQ Lunch with some live music by Onion Honey? Yes, you heard it right. Hit the Graduate House to enjoy an afternoon of good food and music, and not only this, but you can also add a pint of Neustadt beer at a nominal price.

## DGSAs & Committee Representatives

**EVENTS:**

**Communication Strategy and EDI Workshop**

Are you on a dGSA? As part of our Spring 2022 GSA-UW event series for the dGSAs, please attend our Communication Strategy and EDI Marketing dGSA workshop at the Grad House on **July 11 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM** to learn about ways to improve your dGSAs communication strategy. During this workshop, you will be provided with unique communication tools to better support your marketing process and have a chance to connect with other dGSAs. For the event registration, please find the link below. 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).

Register for this event [here](#).

**Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session**

Are you a GSA-Grad Committee Rep? As we continue our Spring 2022 GSA-UW event series for the GSA-Grad Committee Reps, we wanted to highly encourage you to attend our Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session at the Grad House to learn how to advocate for equity-seeking grad students. This workshop session will provide you with the tools and resources to advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion within your committee as the graduate representative. Please join us on **July 12 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM**. 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).

Register for this event [here](#).

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:**

Are you a graduate student (full-time or, part-time) and/or a graduate teaching assistant, graduate research assistant, or instructional assistant who has feedback about the university's Digital Learning Strategy? We are looking for interested graduate students who have feedback to join us at one of our four consultation focus groups.

The Digital Learning Strategy (DLS) is designed with the goal of developing a comprehensive framework for digital instruction and program design, including selection of digital teaching and learning tools and support for the learning experience. We are looking for YOUR feedback!

Snacks (in-person sessions only) and compensation will be provided. See session times below and click on the desired time to register:

- [July 14 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM \(virtual\)](#)
- [July 15 from 5:00 - 6:00 PM](#)
- [July 27 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM](#)
- [July 28 from 4:00 - 5:00 PM](#)

## Community Events

**July 15-17: Downtown Kitchener Ribfest and Craft Beer Show @ Victoria Park**

Celebrate the best summer has to offer! Enjoy mouth-watering barbecued ribs and chicken, an incredible selection of Ontario craft-brewed beer, plus live entertainment and a Kids Fun Zone - all in the open atmosphere of Victoria Park. Free admission and an opportunity to savor the flavor with your friends, family and co-workers.

For more information, click [here](#).

**July 7-28: Music at the Market @ Thursdays @ Kitchener Market**

This summer, the Kitchener Market is your Thursday night go-to for food and beverage, shopping, and entertainment! Music at the Market returns on Thursdays in July and is co-presented by Good Company Productions. Join for piazza, live music, a street food market showcasing local culinary talent, a bar that includes options for all, and artisan products that will be sure to wow you!

For more information regarding performers and vendors, click [here](#).

**July 23: Wayback Festival @ 6:00 - 10:30 PM @ Carl Zehr Square at Kitchener City Hall**

Kitchener's classic rock celebration is back and gives attendees a trip back in time. Experience retro fun with performances from two legendary Canadian acts. Complete your Downtown Kitchener experience by visiting one of the many restaurants, pubs, or patios.

For more information on performers and the festival, click [here](#).

## Graduate Studies Endowment Fund

The Graduate Studies Endowment Fund 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 through [two sources of funding](#). In the past, we have funded:

- Conferences
- Social events
- Graduate space improvements
- Anything that will help improve the graduate student experience

Deadlines are the **first of every month** for the small project fund (<\$600). Apply today!

We are also recruiting for the new Vice-Coordinator of GSEF! Enhance the graduate student experience at Waterloo AND your resume! The deadline to apply is July 18th. Email the GSEF Coordinator at [gsef@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsef@uwaterloo.ca) or visit [gsef.uwaterloo.ca](http://gsef.uwaterloo.ca) for more information.

## 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](mailto:organizeuw@joincupe.org)  
Follow OUW on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)! #WhyNotWaterloo

### UPCOMING:

We have a summer fun fair upcoming **TODAY (Friday, July 8), from 2:00 - 4:00 PM** on campus at the ML Green. We hope to see you there - there will be games, free food, and a giveaway!

Join us at our new weekly in-person drop in, **Stammtisch**! What is Stammtisch? Stammtisch (German for "regulars' table") is an informal group meeting held on a regular basis. Stammtisch is not a structured meeting, but rather a friendly get-together! We want to chat with you! Stammtisch is held between 5pm and 7pm every Monday at the Graduate House.

**Catch us in the news!**

We have an article coming out in Imprint soon - keep your eyes peeled!

### 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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