



October 2022



In a Nutshell

The Graduate House is turning 50!

Join us on October 21 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Graduate House. This month, the Graduate House will also host Halloween Events, such as Scary Movie Nights, Pumpkin Carving, and even a Halloween Party! There will also be an Open Mic Night, Live Music Night, and more!

New events!

Some of this month's events include an International Student Mixer, Speed Friending, BIPOC Student Collective, International Student Walk & Talk, Haunted Story Adventure, and Halloween Games!

In the community, the Oktoberfest Parade is happening on October 10, and they need volunteers! If you are interested, make sure to check that out here.

The deadline for the Fall 2022 Project Funding Application is approaching!

If your student group has an idea of how to improve the academic, social, or overall experience of your fellow graduate students, you can apply for funding from the Graduate Studies Endowment Fund (GSEF). The Fall 2022 application deadline is **October 14**. Find out more information about it here.

News & Services

Maintaining Effective Relations with your Supervisor

The power imbalance inherent to the graduate student/supervisor relationship can prevent effective communication when concerns arise, often leading to deteriorating relations. The GSA has partnered with the Conflict Management and Human Rights Office to publish an eight-part, self-paced microlearning series "Maintaining Effective Relations with your Supervisor" that introduces tools and strategies for addressing concerns, repairing strained relations, and seeking help when needed. Modules incorporate scenarios and reflective questions to facilitate individual application and skill development.

Make a Friend Challenge @ Graduate House

Let's get social with the return of this initiative! This is how it works:

Step 1. Drop by Graduate House and design a key/backpack chain using the supplies in one of the kits offered in bin A. **Step 2.** Write your name, program, and e-mail address on the tag or a piece of paper. **Step 3.** Put your design and information back in the supplied bag and place it in the finished bin (B) with all the others. **Step 4.** Take another key/backpack chain that someone else designed (you can keep it!). **Step 5.** Contact the person who designed the one you chose.



If you take any pictures along this challenge, tag us on Instagram @gsa.uwaterloo!

Events

October 12: International Student Mixer @ Graduate House Green @ 12:30 - 1:30 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 if you have paid GSA/GH fees.

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

October 18: Speed Friending @ SLC Grad Lounge (3216) @ 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Looking for another opportunity to meet other grads in different programs and faculties? Come on out to our speed friending event to socialize and enjoy some free food! All grad students welcome! Please register [here](#).

October 19: BIPOC Student Collective @ Graduate House @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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 Graduate House for an in-person BIPOC collective solidarity chat with FREE FOOD.

This event will take place at the Graduate House Upstairs lounge on Wednesday, October 19 starting at 4:00 PM. EVERYONE is welcome. Don't hesitate to join us!



**October 19: 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 Graduate House.



**October 26: Haunted Story Adventure
@ Columbia Lake @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

Face your fears on our spooky haunted story adventure by Columbia Lake (we will send you more details closer to the event). Students are requested to bring their own flashlight and story listening device (e.g. cell phone) as QR codes will be used to access the stories. Register for a spot [here](#).



**October 31: Halloween Games @ Grad
House Green @ 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Come on out to our spooktacular outdoor Halloween group games event to have fun, get some fresh air, and meet some new friends! If you come in costume, you will also be entered to win a prize! There will also be free food! Register for a spot [here](#).



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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| - Accounting & Finance (ARTS) | - School of Architecture (ENG) |
| - Anthropology (ARTS) | - Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering (ENG) |
| - Catholic Thought (ARTS) | - Combinatorics & Optimization (MATH) |
| - Classical Studies (ARTS) | - Computational Mathematics (MATH) |
| - Economics (ARTS) | - Chemistry & Biochemistry (SCI) |
| - Master of Digital Experience Innovation (ARTS) | - Earth & Environmental Sciences (SCI) |
| - Political Science (ARTS) | |
| - Social Work (ARTS) | |
| - Theological Studies (ARTS) | |

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! 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!

Graduate House Events

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

October 5: Open Mic Night @ 6:00 - 8:00 PM: [Read, Sing, Jam, Joke](#)

Check out local talent or take the stage yourself. Instruments and acts of all kinds are welcome!

October 6: 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!

October 19: 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!

October 20: 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!

October 21: 50th Anniversary Bash

Join us Friday, October 21 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Grad House, afternoon 'til night! Among the attractions are live music, tacos, and local breweries for cask and tap tasting. Local acts Treephones, Hyness, and CxViolet will be performing, and we'll also be hosting breweries Block Three, Neustadt Springs, and Wellington to show off their beers IN CASKS and on tap. Pulled pork courtesy of proud bacon and beef provider Oakridge Acres (with a vegan option). Follow our socials for more information about bands, breweries, and everything Grad House!

October 24-26: Scary Movie Nights @ 5:00 PM: [POPCORN INCLUDED](#)

Drink, eat, and scream at this assortment of three horror classics! Including FREE POPCORN and admission. Movies start at 5:00 PM and will be projected in the green room @ The Graduate House.

Monday, October 24 - Rocky Horror Picture Show

Tuesday, October 25 - A Nightmare on Elm Street

Wednesday, October 26 - Cabin in the Woods

October 25: Pumpkin Carving @ 5:00 PM

Come hang out, get some drinks, and carve your own FREE pumpkin. Enjoy FREE popcorn as well for an accompanied viewing of A Nightmare on Elm Street, all at 5:00 PM @ The Graduate House.

October 27: Live Music with The Insouciant! @ 7:00 PM

Drop by for live music from professor-based group The Insouciant! Meet new folks, enjoy our food, and drink some local craft beer at The Graduate House! Don't miss it, October 27 @ 7:00 PM.

October 28: Halloween Party! @ 6:30 PM

Get dressed up for our Halloween Party on Friday, October 28 @ 6:30 PM. Eat, drink, dance, and compete in our Costume Contest for your chance at \$300 in CASH PRIZES. You can register for this event [here](#).

Graduate Studies Endowment Fund

Apply for Project Funding!

Does your student group have an idea how to improve the academic, social, or the overall experience of your fellow graduate students? If so, you can apply for funding from the Graduate Studies Endowment Fund (GSEF). The Fall 2022 application deadline is **October 14**.

Don't forget – for smaller projects with total budgets less than \$600, the deadline is the first of every month!

Every idea will be considered. For more information, please visit [this page](#). If you have any questions, contact the GSEF Coordinator at gsef@uwaterloo.ca.

Apply today!

Recruiting PRC Member from the Faculty of Health!

GSEF is recruiting a committed volunteer to join our Project Review Committee! We are looking for graduate students from the Faculty of Health to step forward and offer their unique perspectives and experiences. In this role, you will help to review student-led project applications and make funding recommendations. Interested applicants can [visit our website](#) for application details.

Community Events

October 10: Oktoberfest Parade

The Oktoberfest Parade is back on this year and they are in need of volunteers! The Parade is running on October 10, 2022, which is Thanksgiving Monday. If you are interested, check out opportunities [here](#).

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



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