

News & Services

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2021 - Save the Date!

The date of this year's AGM has been set for April 8, 2021, at 4:00 PM EST. The AGM 2021 will be held virtually over Zoom, with a registration link sent to graduate students via email. The AGM is a member's opportunity to engage with the democratic process of their student representatives, and to become better informed of the status and future of the GSA.

One of the most engaging activities of the AGM is the election to fill seats on the Board of Directors. Directors oversee the corporate interests of the GSA-UW, with responsibilities including strategic planning, policy oversight, and regular reports and progress updates provided throughout the year. Now is your chance to vote for people who you want to see lead this community of graduate students with dedication and commitment to enhance the quality of our academic and social experience.

Voting is easy. To vote you must complete the **vote ballot emailed to you on April 1, 2021.** To find the individualized ballot link, **check your email inbox and spam folders** or search for "GSA-UW AGM - Voting Form and Proxy Information". The polls are open and will close during the AGM on April 8, 2021.

Please contact the <u>Chief Returning Officer</u> for any questions or if you have not received the link: - AGM 2021 website

- Board of Directors Election 2021 & Candidates information is available here

Monthly GSA Key Performance Indicators Report: March 2021 KPIs

For questions regarding the report, please <u>email</u> Jacqueline (GSA Data Analysis & Report Design Coordinator).

A Special Message from Haley Wickenheiser

Attention all grad students! We have a special message for you from a surprise guest. Hayley Wickenheiser is a 4-time Olympic gold medalist in hockey and was named Canada's flag bearer in the 2014 Winter Olympics. She currently studies medicine and works for the Toronto Maple Leafs. To conclude our Wellness Week, Hayley has some wellness tips she would like to share with all of you. Check it out <u>here.</u>

Around the World Digital Quilt - Extended!

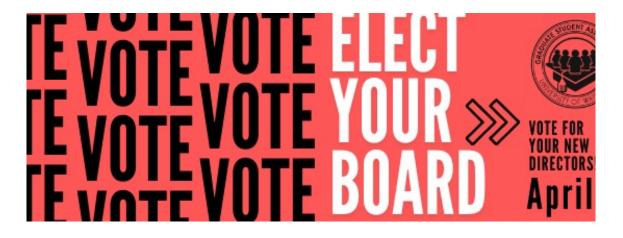
Whether you're studying remotely in another city, country, or locally in the Waterloo region, join us in making our very first grad student digital quilt. Submit a drawing, photo, poem, or short story describing where you are in the world right now... be creative as you like! The deadline for submission has been extended to **April 30**. Click <u>here</u> for more info and send your submission to <u>Navya</u>.

International Graduate Students Blog

We're excited to present our latest blog post by Meryem Chahboun, a graduate student at the School of Architecture, who shares about her experience adjusting to the Canadian winter. Meryem covers topics ranging from how insulation works to tips on bundling up for the cold. Check it out <u>here</u>. Our blog is for and is written by grad students. Email <u>Navya</u> if you'd like to write a post!

GSA-UW Leadership Awards – Coming Soon

The Graduate Student Association (GSA-UW), Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA), and the Office of the President annually recognize student leaders at the University of Waterloo through Leadership Awards. Graduate students who have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in various ways at the University of Waterloo and/or in the surrounding community can be nominated for the GSA-UW Leadership Awards. Stayed tuned for more details this month.





April 14: Flower Kit Pick-up

The GSA and GSPA are putting together quite the blooming Spring event! Drop by the Graduate House from 1:00 - 4:00 pm to pick up a flower kit. This kit will include a flower pot, paint, a brush, seeds, soil, and more! Register <u>here</u>

April 16: Flower Kit Plant & Decorate Session @ 3:00PM

Once you have your flower kit, join our Student Wellness Coordinator, Ashley Ryan, and your fellow graduate students and postdoctoral fellows over Zoom to paint, plant, and chat. If you're not in the Waterloo Region, feel free to buy your own flower kit supplies and join the session. Register <u>here</u>



April 16: Canadian Nature Escape Room

Interested in learning about the animals and plants you might come across in the forest? Take a swing at our virtual Canadian Nature Escape Room. Solve puzzles and riddles with friends to find your way through the forest. Those who make it to the end of the challenge will have the opportunity to win a prize! Register <u>here</u> to be sent a link on April 16 or keep an eye on our social media for a link posting.

April 23: International Student Hangout @ 7:00PM

Are you an international graduate student wanting to meet other students and are looking for a space to hangout? Come to our session and we'll leave it up to the group to play games like skribbl.io or just chat and catch up. Register <u>here</u>

BIPOC Student Collective

April 6: Graduate Student Equity Virtual Office Hours

Every other Tuesday beginning April 6 from 1:00-2:00PM our equity coordinator hosts an online safe

space for the GSA community. Ask questions, share resources and learn about new initiatives. Join us on <u>Discord!</u>

April 14: BIPOC Graduate Student Collective Social

Join us on April 14 between 7:00-8:30PM for a casual social 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. Drop in, and bring your chai! We will now be meeting on <u>Discord</u>. Hosted and moderated by GSA Equity Coordinator, Aaron Francis.

Community Events

International-Domestic

By Peer Support Program - Sign up <u>here</u> by April 7 Calling all domestic and international students/fellows across your university's name faculties. Apply now to the International-Domestic Peer Support Program to support and network with a fellow in and/or outside your name through 4 meaningful virtual OR in-person meetings over 5 months full of opportunities and fun! Exchange valuable resources, broaden your connections, gain cultural awareness, show appreciation of diversity, and most importantly build the community!



SONICA | The Sound Experience Virtual Tour By THE MUSEUM - April 7 - 7:00PM Event Details

Dino Drive Thru Walk Only 2021

By Bingemans Camping Resort - April 7 - 9:00AM

Jesse Cook Concert in Kitchener

By The Centre In The Square - April 8 - 8:30PM

Colours of Art

By Button Factory For Arts - April 10 - 7 to 8PM Event Details

Run Waterloo's Winter Virtual Challenge

Multiple Dates Event Details

Virtual Spring Break Camp: Dinosaur Discovery By THE MUSEUM - April 12 - 9:00AM to 4PM Event Details

Staying Healthy and Well - GARDENS OF THE WORLD - David Hobson By City of Waterloo - April 14 - 1:00PM to 2:00PM Event Details

Earth Day Clean Up

By Kitchener Farmers Market - April 17- 9:00AM to 2:00PM Event Details

Timed Tickets for Schneider Haus National Historic Site

By Schneider Haus National Historic Site - Multiple Dates Event Details

Make & Take DIY Wall Flower Candle Holder / Nightlight By The Wizard of Vase - April 17 Event Details

Art, Poetry and Puzzles with Lauren Prousky By Homer Watson House & Gallery - April 20 -1:00PM to 2:30PM Event Details

The Brush of Paint Party

By THEMUSEUM - April 22 - 7:00PM Event Details

People Talk Series with Instagram Live @CanalPursuit The City of Waterloo - April 25 - 3:00 to 4:00PM Event Details

Building Beats with Balloon Bongos By THE MUSEUM - April 26 -11:00AM Event Details

Stewart and Stravinsky By the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony - April 30 - 8:00PM Event Details

X-CAMERA: Zun Lee - Distant but not alone: Exploring collaboration in visual storytelling By Inter Arts Matrix - April 30 - 1:00PM Event Details

Graduate Student Interest Groups

Shu-Feng Tsao (she/her), a first-year PhD student from School of Public Health and Health Systems, is initiating a journal club focusing on social media health informatics as both health professionals and consumers rely on digital approaches. These approaches include social media and use of the Internet, which are being used more than ever especially with the pandemic. As a result, more researchers have studied health using social media data such as tweets. The goal of this journal club is to discuss and

learn about current social media or digital health studies in the context of health informatics or public health. If you're interested, fill out this <u>survey</u> by **April 9**.



Monthly updates on the #OrganizeUW unionization campaign for graduate student workers supported by <u>CUPE</u>. Visit the campaign <u>website</u> including a comprehensive <u>FAQ page</u>, email the <u>organizers</u>, or attend **weekly Tuesday 1:30PM drop-in video calls** <u>at this link</u>. Follow OUW on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.

Schedule Pauses Grad Student Experience survey: Were you able to take a break during the recent "pause? Fill out our <u>5-min survey</u> to better inform student advocacy.

International Student Survey: If you are an international student at UWaterloo, please consider completing this anonymous <u>5-min survey</u> to help better inform OUW's campaign.

Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for outdoor organizing events in Waterloo Park, Victoria Park, and Campus.

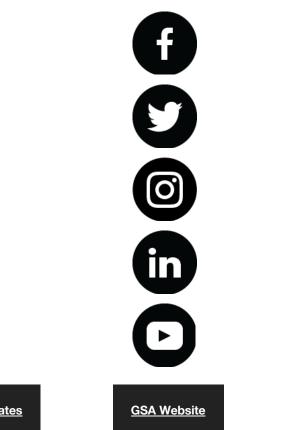
Helpful Resources

- Mental Health and Unions recorded webinars
- Climate Justice and Unions recorded webinars
- International Students & Unions recorded webinars
- Anti-Racism and Unions recorded webinars
- Health, Safety & Unions recorded webinars
- Mandarin translation of the unionizing process

GSA-UW YouTube Channel

Visit and subscribe to our new <u>Youtube Channel</u> to watch recordings of our previous events and workshops on your own time!





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