



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 [Chief Returning Officer](#) 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 [email](#) Jacqueline (GSA Data Analysis & Report Design Coordinator).

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 [here](#)

**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 [here](#) 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 [here](#)

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 [Discord](#)!

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 a 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 [Discord](#). Hosted and moderated by GSA Equity Coordinator, Aaron Francis.

Community Events

International-Domestic

By Peer Support Program - Sign up [here](#) 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!

International-Domestic Peer Support Program 2021



- Exchange valuable Resources**
- Broaden your Connections**
- Gain Cultural Awareness**
- Show Appreciation of Diversity**
- Build the Community!**

Apply to support and network with an amazing peer in and/or outside your university through 4 meaningful and fun virtual OR in-person meetings over 5 months!

Multi-culturalism ceremony with lots of surprises at the end of the program!

More info. in the Registration Form- Sign Up By: **April 7, 2021**



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 [survey](#) by **April 9**.

OrganizeUW

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

Schedule Pauses Grad Student Experience survey: Were you able to take a break during the recent "pause? Fill out our [5-min survey](#) to better inform student advocacy.

International Student Survey: If you are an international student at UWaterloo, please consider completing this anonymous [5-min survey](#) 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 [Youtube Channel](#) to watch recordings of our previous events and workshops on your own time!



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