



MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

July 2020

NEWS & SERVICES

GSA Student Advocacy & Support

The GSA-UW is here to help support graduate students who may be experience challenges. We offer confidential advising about navigating university policies, filing a grievance, appeal, or petition, and providing a support person for meetings. This service is managed by [Ashley, our Director of Student Wellness](#). Click [here](#) for more information about this service. To book an appointment, [contact us](#).

Empower Me

Graduate students at the UWaterloo have access to [Empower Me](#)—a 24/7, 365 days mental health and wellness service that seeks to contribute to a resilient student community by supporting existing on-campus and Studentcare mental health resources. Empower Me allows students to connect with qualified counsellors, consultants, and life coaches for a variety of issues, in confidence. As a graduate student, you're entitled to sessions delivered in person, by telephone, by video-counselling, or by e-counselling.

Annual General Meeting 2020: Postponed

The [AGM 2020](#) has been postponed until further notice due to COVID-19. [GSA Director Elections for 2020](#) have also been put on hold until a new date for the AGM 2020 has been determined. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEES

Graduate students serve on [university-level committees](#) to represent graduate student needs and experiences at an administration level.

The following university-wide committees have vacancies, with a start term of September 1, 2020 (1 year term):

- Senate Graduate and Research Council– ARTS representative
- Provost Advisory Committee on Timetabling
- Advisory Committee on Traffic Violations and Parking
- Working Group on Sexual and Gender Diversity LGBTTTQIPA+
- Course Evaluation Project Team
- Appeal Committee on Traffic and Parking
- Teaching and Learning Space Committee
- Amit & Meena Chakma Awards for Exceptional Teaching by a Student
- Distinguished Teaching Awards

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact [Sara, our Director of Student Engagement](#) via email at gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca and indicate which committee you are interested in.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Graduate Student Online Workshop Series

The [Graduate Student Online Workshops Project](#) is a collaborative virtual event series hosted by the GSA's of McMaster, Western, and UWaterloo, and is focused on developing and sharing graduate student skills during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming workshops:

[July 10 @ 3PM Student-Supervisor Relationship Foundations: Research Findings & Storytelling](#)

[July 30 @11AM Harnessing Potential: Professional Development Opportunities & Beyond](#)

July 14 @ 7PM: ON TAP Part 2: All Things Belgian Cam Bartel

Join us for part 2 of our Beer 101 series and learn all about Belgian beer. Beer curious! [Sign up for the Zoom link.](#)

GET INVOLVED

[Get involved](#) in campus life and join the GSA team!

If you're interested in joining [GSA Council](#) or the [GSA Board of Directors](#), please email [Sara, our Director of Student Engagement](#) at gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca for more information.

GSA Board of Directors

The GSA Board of Directors is a governing body that is highly involved in critical conversations and decisions directly related to student life at the University of Waterloo. The GSA Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing corporate interests of the Graduate Student Association, which includes areas such as governance, strategic planning, policy, committee reports and budget approval.

The GSA Board of Directors are currently looking for students to join, both for one-year and two-year terms.

GSA Council

This month, the GSA Council would like to welcome **Kaylia Little** (kaylia.little@uwaterloo.ca) from the School of Environment, Enterprise and Development, **Caitlin Laidlaw** (c3laidlaw@uwaterloo.ca) from the department of Geography and Environmental Management, and **Helene Chow** (helene.chow@uwaterloo.ca) from the department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as new councillors. Students are encouraged to reach out to their school/departmental councillor regarding any academic, social or political comments or concerns that can be brought to future Council meetings.

Contact information for all councillors can be found on the Council Member section of the GSA website [here](#).

The following departments still require a Council representative:

- Public Issues Anthropology (ARTS)
- Catholic Thought (ARTS)
- Economics (ARTS)
- Public Service (ARTS)
- Social Work (ARTS)
- Sociology (ARTS)
- Theological Studies (ARTS)
- Master of Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology MBET (ENGR)
- Combinatorics & Optimization (MATH)
- Computational Mathematics (MATH)
- Pure Mathematics (MATH)
- Biochemistry & Chemistry (SCI)

GRADUATE STUDIES ENDOWMENT FUND

Call for Applications - Treasurer of GSEF

The [Graduate Studies Endowment Fund \(GSEF\)](#) supports initiatives that improve the academic and social wellbeing of graduate students at UW. We are hiring a new Treasurer for the 2020-2021 academic year to oversee the finances of GSEF and aid internal decision making. Please see the [job description](#) for more details.

Application materials:

1-page cover letter highlighting qualifications and confirming the availability for an interview in late July.

2-page resume focusing on relevant experience. The applicant is expected to have a flexible schedule, be able to take the initiative, and self-manage their workload

Application instructions:

Interested candidates have until **July 17, 2020** to email their cover letter and resume to the GSEF Coordinator (Matthew Robbins) at gsef@uwaterloo.ca.

CAMPUS RESOURCES & INFO

[UWaterloo COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Research Lab Access Request](#)

[UWaterloo Library Services & Operations – COVID-19 Updates](#)

[Join the conversation at a special President's Virtual Town Hall – May 20 @ 1:30PM – 3:00PM](#)

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