New GSA Website soon!
The GSA-UW is excited to announce that it will be launching a new website in the next week. As such, hyperlinks in our March 2020 E-Newsletter may eventually be broken. To ensure continued access to accurate and up-to-date information, we will resend the newsletter to all graduate students, with updated hyperlinks, at the time of launch. Thanks in advance for your patience!

Vital Signs Survey 2020 Extended
We have extended the close date of the Vital Signs Survey to MARCH 8 at 5:00PM EST. We want to ensure we get as many responses as possible, as your feedback will directly impact our strategic planning process (GP-15), and will help the GSA-UW to improve services and supports available to graduate students at the UWaterloo.

Participants of this survey will be entered into a competition to win one of the following:

- 1st Prize: $100 cash prizes in EACH Faculty x 2
- 2nd Prize: $50 Amazon gift cards in each Faculty x 2
- $50, $30, $20 Graduate House coupons in EACH Faculty for 3rd prize

To take the survey and read more, visit our Vital Signs Survey page.

Thank you to all of those who have already completed the survey!

Rose Vogt Award of Excellence
The Rose Vogt Award of Excellence is the GSA's highest award. It is named after the General Manager of the organization from 2011 to 2018. The Rose Vogt Award of Excellence may be presented once per year to an individual (or in exceptional circumstances, individuals) who demonstrates selfless dedication to graduate students. *Nomination Deadline: MARCH 9 at 11:59PM EST

Election: Graduate Student Representative Candidates for University Senate Announced – Voting starts March 12!
The call for nominations for two graduate student representatives to Senate closed on February 28, 2020.

Four nominations for the upcoming vacancies were received, and candidate statements are posted on the Secretariat website.

Of the four candidates, the GSA Council has voted to officially endorse Sara Marsh and Twesh Upadhyaya to serve as graduate student representatives on Senate. Stay tuned for additional communications concerning the Senate elections.

GSA Wellness – Free Massages
Take some time to unwind from the grad school grind. Treat yourself to a free massage therapy session brought to you by the GSA and the Collage of Massage. Date: MARCH 9 - Time: 3:30-6:30PM - Location: DC 1301 - The Fishbowl
Annual General Meeting 2020: Request for Agenda Discussion Topics
The GSA-UW is asking graduate students to suggest decision and/or discussion items for the upcoming AGM. Please send your request to the Corporate Secretary by MARCH 13. The GSA will consider inclusion of the suggested topics into the agenda. The official notice of the meeting with the finalized agenda, will be distributed later, at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Graduate Student Initiatives Funding: Call For Proposals
Graduate students are eligible to apply for GSIF for social or academic initiatives such as a reception, a workshop, a panel, a guest lecture, hosting a conference for graduate students, and more! *Deadline: MARCH 15 at 12PM EST. Visit our website for submission details.

GSA Tax Aid Clinics & Personal Consultations
The GSA-UW hosts an Income Tax Aid Clinic and personal consultations each year to help graduate students learn how to complete their income tax return forms. A Tax Seminar is held for general information each March. Join us for this walk-in seminar. It is free! This seminar will provide an overview of the income tax return submission process. Personal consultations (by appointment) with the GSA Accountant are scheduled approximately once a week in late March and April prior to the deadline for submitting income tax returns on April 30th and is free for graduate students registered this term (GSA-UW members). Please note that the GSA-UW does not provide a tax filing service. Dates for these clinics are posted on our website.

GRT Refunds
We have negotiated terms with GRT. Refunds for service disruption are being processed for those who have paid the GRT UPass fee and will be on Quest accounts as soon as possible. More information will be available soon.

GRADUATE HOUSE EVENTS

March 4 Trivia Night 7pm
March 5 Music Bingo 7pm
March 9 Board Game Night 6pm
March 12 Karaoke 7:30pm
March 17 St. Patrick’s Day
March 18 Trivia Night 7pm
March 19 Music Bingo 7pm
March 23 Board Game Night 6pm
March 24 Paint & Plant 2-5pm *Registration required
March 25 International Graduate Student Meet & Mingle 6pm
March 26 Karaoke 7:30pm

GET INVOLVED

Get involved in campus life and join the GSA team!

GSA Council Speaker & Council Deputy
We are looking for a new Speaker of Council to facilitate council meetings, be the voice of council at GSA board meetings, and serve on other committees as necessary. We are also looking for a Deputy Speaker to assist the speaker and serve in the Speaker’s place when they might be unavailable. All applications for Speaker will also be considered for Deputy Speaker. Candidates will be interviewed by the Council Executive Committee, and be expected to attend the April meeting of Council to provide a case for their election to the role. These volunteer positions are open to all graduate students, and come with a small monthly stipend. Interested candidates will have until March 15, 2020 to submit their cover letter and CV to Cindy Yeung by email at chtyeung@uwaterloo.ca.

GSA Council Representatives: Represent your department in our council meetings. Email Sara at gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca for more information.

The following departments require a Council representative:

- Public Issues Anthropology (ARTS)
- Catholic Thought (ARTS)
GSA Board Members:
Join our Board of Directors and contribute to overseeing the corporate governance of the GSA. The GSA-UW is now accepting nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election to fill seven (7) vacant positions. The directorships terms of office are:

- One (1) directorship beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30 2021, and
- Six (6) directorships beginning May 1 2020 and ending April 30, 2022.

The call for nominations closes on MARCH 13, 2020 at 3:00 PM EST. More information can be found here.