



## News & Services

### **Job Posting: Graduate Student Programming Strategist – Deadline: November 15, 2021**

[Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs \(GSPA\)](#), with financial support from the GSA-UW, is hiring a Graduate Student Programming Strategist. The Graduate Student Programming Strategist will support GSPA-led graduate student experience initiatives by working in roles that involve conducting research, marketing and outreach activities, the development and facilitation of interdisciplinary programming, as well as strategic communications, research projects, and a range of other support activities.

**Position Length:** One year; **Pay rate:** \$8,168.00/term \*(plus 4% vacation pay) for 10 hours/week.

**Read more about this posting and how to apply by visiting the job posting on the GSPA website [here](#).**

### **GSA Services**

The GSA provides graduate students with academic support, a social community, mental and physical health supports, legal aid, as well as advocacy and representation. Click [here](#) to learn more about the GSA services that we provide!

### **The Catalyst Anti-Racism Newsletter**

The Catalyst Anti-Racism Newsletter, a newsletter providing regular updates on the intricate and long-term work of the President's Anti-Racism Taskforce (PART). This newsletter is also an opportunity to showcase the many staff, faculty and students who are engaged in anti-racism work each day on campus. Subscribe now to receive each issue of this newsletter direct to your inbox: [Click Here](#)

## International Student Experience

### **Call for Bloggers: International Graduate Student Blog**

Are you an international graduate student living off campus? We want to hear from you! The International Graduate Student Blog is looking for international graduate students who are living off campus to write a blog for fellow and prospective students about resources and experiences to find affordable off campus living. Email Shu-Feng at [gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-international@uwaterloo.ca) if you'd like to

write a blog! Check out our latest blog [here](#) to learn some tricks about winter driving in Canada.

### **November 17: Virtual International Student Meet & Greet @ 8:00 PM**

Jump in a Zoom call for an evening of meeting other international graduate students! This is a great opportunity to socialize learn about campus life, and play some games. [Register here](#) in advance for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### **November 18 & 25: International Student Mixer at the Graduate House @ 3:00 PM**

Join us at the Graduate House for a fun socially distanced event designed for international students! Come meet new friends from around the world, learn about campus and GSA, and get a free GSA t-shirt while supplies last. Remember to bring your WATcard and credit/debit card for discounted food and beverage! [Register here](#).

## **Events**

### **November 10: Second Annual Student Mental Health Research Conference @ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

The University of Waterloo's second annual Student Mental Health Research Conference is taking place on Wednesday, November 10 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Microsoft Teams. The conference aims to bring together members of our campus community to share knowledge, connect researchers, and promote mental wellness through presentations and interactive Q&A sessions.



Please visit the [Thrive website](#) to register for the conference and view the agenda online.

### **November 16: Outdoor Games @ 1:00 PM**

Did you ever attend summer camp growing up or like participating in icebreaker games? This is the event for you! Come swing by the Grad House green (grass on the right hand side of the Graduate House) to participate in a 1.5 hour game event! You will have the opportunity to meet other graduate students, get some outdoor exercise, breathe in that fresh fall air, and improve your teamwork and communication skills. [Register here](#).



### **November 25: Candid Talks with Grads: Work-Life Balance @ 1:00 PM**

Come join us at our sixth Candid Talks with Grads session, a monthly open discussion and support event that focuses on a different topic each time that is important to graduate students at the University of Waterloo. Students will have the opportunity to hear about and share their experiences, stories, tips, and more. Please note that a counselor from Counselling Services will be sitting in on the discussion. If interested, sign up [here](#).



## **Get Involved**

### **Get involved with the [GSA-UW Council](#)!**

As councillor, one student from each department sits on the GSA-UW Council and speaks on behalf of their constituents as the "voice" for various academic and political topics throughout the year. A GSA-UW councillor brings opinions and issues of their department to the forefront, ensuring that decisions being made are in consideration of all students at UW. The departments with currently vacant councillor positions are listed below:

- Anthropology (ARTS)
- Catholic Thought (ARTS)
- Classical Studies (ARTS)
- Economics (ARTS)
- French Studies (ARTS)
- Religious Studies (ARTS)
- Social Work (ARTS)
- Theological Studies (ARTS)
- School of Planning (ENV)
- Chemistry & Biochemistry (SCI)
- Earth & Environmental Sciences (SCI)

If interested in applying for a Council position, please email the GSA-UW Council Speaker ([gsacounc@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsacounc@uwaterloo.ca)) and cc the GSA-UW Elections Coordinator ([gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-elections@uwaterloo.ca)).

### **University-Wide Committee Graduate Student Representatives**

We have an event series during the fall term that will be an excellent opportunity to connect with other GSA Grad Rep Committees and build a toolkit to better advocate and represent grad students in your respective committees. Please check your email soon for event details and registration information. If you have any questions, contact our GSA Student Engagement Coordinator via email at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca). Please save these dates:

- November 24: Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session
- December 7: End of Term Destress Social dGSA + Committee Reps - stress ball making

### **Human Research Ethics Board (HREB)**

The Human Research Ethics Board (HREB) is looking for a graduate student representative with a background in kinesiology. Members typically meet monthly (2 hours) and provide feedback on research ethics applications. If interested please contact Karen Pieters at [karen.pieters@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:karen.pieters@uwaterloo.ca).

## **BIPOC Collective**

While so many of us work tirelessly to better our campuses and communities, we would all do well to remember that we are not in this struggle alone. Join us in solidarity from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, for an informal community conversation. Our Solidarity Chats are a casual informal social space 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. Come as you are. Bring your chai!

**November 10: (Online) BIPOC Collective Solidarity Chat @ 6:00 PM @ our [Discord ChannelLounge](#)**

**November 17: (In-person!) BIPOC Collective Solidarity Chat @ 3:00 PM @ the Graduate House**

We're here with you. Join us during our **drop-in hours** on our [Discord Channel](#) if you're looking for some support, or just want to take a break and chat.

**November 16: BIPOC Collective Virtual Drop-in Hours @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**November 30: BIPOC Collective Virtual Drop-in Hours @ 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

## **Graduate Student Endowment Fund**

The Graduate Studies Endowment Fund supports improving the academic and social experience of graduate students at the University of Waterloo. To this end, we regularly provide financial assistance for student-driven projects and initiatives.

### **Position Openings**

Are you enthusiastic about student-driven initiatives and want to support the graduate student experience at the University of Waterloo? GSEF is recruiting student representatives from

the **Faculty of Health** and **Faculty of Science** to sit on the **Project Review Committee!** To apply, send your resume/CV and a cover letter to the GSEF Coordinator at [gsef@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsef@uwaterloo.ca) by **November 17**. Check the [GSEF website](#) for more information about the openings available.

### **Funding Opportunities Available**

If you or your student group have an idea to improve the academic, social, or the overall experience of your fellow graduate students, apply for small project funding (<\$600) before the first of every month. **The upcoming deadline for small project funding is on December**

**1.** Check out the GSEF website to learn more about [GSEF-funded student projects](#) and how to [apply for funding](#)! If you have any questions, email the GSEF Coordinator at [gsef@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsef@uwaterloo.ca).

## **dGSA**

### **Departmental GSAs (dGSAs) General Announcements**

It's that time of the term! Association Fee Status. Please email by **November 16 by 5:00 PM** the fee Status for Winter 2022 by stating if you are choosing to accept or not accept fees. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any comments or questions at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca).

### **dGSA Communication Platforms**

Please email any and all of your communication platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Website, dGSA email contact). This will help us update our contact to better support you!

Email [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca).

### **Events**

Howdy dGSAs, as part of our Fall 2021 GSA-UW event series for the dGSAs, we wanted to highly encourage you to attend our (Virtual, In-Person or both!) Communication Strategy and EDI Marketing dGSA workshop to learn about ways and strategies to improve your dGSAs communication strategy that better supports. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email the GSA-UW Student Engagement Coordinator at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca).

### **November 16: Communication Strategy and EDI Marketing dGSA workshop (virtual) @ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Register for virtual [here](#).

### **November 23: Communication Strategy and EDI Marketing dGSA workshop (in-person - Graduate House) @ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Register for in-person at the Graduate House [here](#). Free drinks!

### **November 24: Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session (virtual) @ 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

As we continue our Fall 2021 GSA-UW event series for the GSA-Grad Committee Reps, we want to highly encourage you to attend our (virtual) Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session to learn how to advocate for equity-seeking grad students. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email the GSA-UW Student Engagement Coordinator at [gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-engagement@uwaterloo.ca). Register [here](#).

## **Graduate House**

**OPEN!**

**Monday to Friday @ 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

**Live music afternoon on November 22, starting @ 4:00 PM.**

For all Graduate Students: Come drop by the Graduate House to enjoy live music by local musician and UW graduate student, Graeme Zinck @[instagraemezi](#). Check out his [website here](#). It's a great way to meet new folks, enjoy food, drink some local craft beer while listening to live music.



**Chalice of Champions**

Did you just defend your thesis? If you answered YES, then stop at the graduate house and celebrate with a FREE PINT ON US. You get FEATURED on our instagram story as well!

## Organize UW

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 ([organizeuw@joincupe.org](mailto:organizeuw@joincupe.org)), or attend **weekly Tuesday 1:30 PM drop-in video calls at this link**. Follow OUW on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

**Upcoming and Recent Events**

Check out upcoming events at the OUW website [here](#).

**Recent News and Articles**

NEW! We recently did a Q&A with the Faculty Association of the University of Waterloo (FAUW) which is [featured on their blog](#)! This is a great post to share with faculty members who might be curious about OUW, the union drive, and what it might mean for them once we unionize. It also includes a [quick survey](#) in which faculty members can privately register their support!

- [Equity principles](#) are on our website! Check them out.
- Funding Clawbacks at the University of Waterloo [article](#)
- Pandemic Working Conditions and Graduate Student Mental Health [article](#)

**Helpful Resources**



- [Mental Health and Unions](#) recorded webinar
- [Climate Justice and Unions](#) recorded webinar
- [International Students & Unions](#) recorded webinar
- [Anti-Racism and Unions](#) recorded webinar
- [Health, Safety & Unions](#) recorded webinar
- [Safe Return to Campus](#) recorded webinar
- [Mandarin translation](#) of the unionizing process

### **Campaign Endorsements**

[View the list](#) of UWaterloo campus organizations that have publicly endorsed the drive.

## **Community Events**

**November 6: Ken Seiling Waterloo Region Musuem Deep Roots: Forest Therapy Walk**

Register [here](#).

**November 10: Networking for Graduate Students in Education**

Register [here](#).

**November 15: Sustainable Waterloo Region - Fireside Chat with Suncor**

Register [here](#).

**November 16: diverCity at Work: 2SLGBTQ+ Community**

Registration link [here](#).

**November 17: Waterloo International – Virtual Cross Cultural Plane Trip**

Register [here](#).

**November 22: University of Waterloo Research Talks: The workplace revolution: Envisioning the future of employment**

Register [here](#).

**November 21 - 23: The Museum – Alternative Conference for Emerging Arts & Culture Professionals**

Register [here](#).





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