



News & Services

Monthly GSA Key Performance Indicators Report: [August 2021 KPIs](#)

Check out our new report layout! For questions regarding the report, please email the [GSA General Manager](#).

Welcome Message from New VP Admin

Hello Everyone! I am [Glaucia](#) and beyond thrilled to be starting my term as Vice-President of Administration at the GSA-UW. I want to welcome you all to our university and encourage you to contact the GSA whenever you need it! Please visit our [website](#) to learn of all our services, and events happening soon too! I am looking forward to meeting you all – whether in person or online. I hope to see you around and serve our graduate student community the best I can =D

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!

We're hiring an Events Coordinator!

This position will support the planning and execution of ongoing and future events of the Graduate Student Association-University of Waterloo (GSA-UW) and the Graduate House, and will be required to support the strategic planning of the GSA-UW and Graduate House communications per the direction of the GSA-UW's Vice President of Communications, and on occasion the Graduate House Hospitality Manager. If you are interested in this position, please send your CV and cover letter (max 1 page) to gsa-comms@uwaterloo.ca. **Deadline to apply is September 24, 2021.** [Visit our website to see the full job description.](#)

Events

Grad Student Orientation Lunches at the Graduate House

We're bringing back our classic grad student faculty socials for Fall 2021 Orientation, with a twist! Join us for a free* lunch outside on the Graduate House Green and meet fellow grad students in your faculty! *Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, there is a capacity limit for this event, and

registration is required.

**This event is sponsored by [OrganizeUW](#).

September 14 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – MATH [[Registration Link](#)]

September 16 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – ENVIRONMENT [[Registration Link](#)]

September 21 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – SCIENCE [[Registration Link](#)]

September 23 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – ARTS [[Registration Link](#)]

September 28 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – HEALTH [[Registration Link](#)]

September 30 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM – ENGINEERING [[Registration Link](#)]

September 14: Navigating UW Policies for Grad Students @ 11:00AM

Join us to learn or get a reminder about the policies that pertain to graduate students and how to navigate these policies. All graduate students are welcome! Register [here](#).

September 14: International Student Mixer at the Graduate House @ 4:00PM

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, enjoy some snacks, and play our get to know you BINGO game. Register [here](#).



September 15: BIPOC Collective Solidarity Chat @ 6:00PM

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 6:00pm-7:30pm, for an informal community conversation. This event will take place in our Lounge space on our [Discord channel](#). 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!

September 16: Studentcare Services Virtual Information Session @ 11:00AM

Learn all about the Studentcare Services offered to you by your own GSA! Did you know that Studentcare goes beyond physical health and dental and supports graduate students in other matters, such as legal affairs and mental health? If you want to learn more about what is offered and how to have access to these services, join the webinar! [Register](#) in advance for this webinar.

September 20: #PoliticsToday: Election Night @ 7:00PM - 10:30PM

We'll be streaming the 2021 Canadian Federal Election inside as well as on the jumbo screen outside on the Graduate House Green. Due to COVID-19, there is a capacity for this event. Registration for a seat on the Graduate House Green will be on-site, first-come first-serve. COVID-19 social distancing protocols will be in place.

September 21: BIPOC Collective Virtual Drop-in Hours @ 3:00PM-4:00PM

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. [Discord channel](#).

September 21: Virtual International Student Meet & Greet @ 7:00PM EST

Jump in the 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](#).

September 22: Get to Know GSEF: Supporting Grad Student Experience, Info Session @11:00AM

The [Graduate Studies Endowment Fund](#) (GSEF) aims to empower and support students to improve the grad student experience through providing funding opportunities to student-led projects and initiatives. Come to this session to learn more about the GSEF team, how GSEF works, and previous and current GSEF-funded projects. We look forward to meeting you virtually! Registration [here](#).

September 23: Laurel Creek Fire Pit @ 7:00PM

Swing by the Laurel Creek fire pit across from Environment 3 between 7-10 pm (reservation time required) for an evening of star gazing, meeting new friends, and enjoying some tasty treats around the fire! If you have any questions about this event, you can contact our Student Wellness Coordinator, Ashley at gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca. Register [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 vacant or soon-to-be-vacant councillor position are listed below:

- Accounting & Finance (ARTS)
- Anthropology (ARTS)
- Catholic Thought (ARTS)
- Classical Studies (ARTS)
- Master of Digital Experience Innovation MDEI, Stratford (ARTS)
- Economics (ARTS)
- French Studies (ARTS)
- Public Service (ARTS)
- Religious Studies (ARTS)

- Social Work (ARTS)
- Theological Studies (ARTS)
- Master of Business, Entrepreneurship & Technology MBET (ENGR)
- Chemical Engineering (ENGR)
- Management Sciences (ENGR)
- School of Planning (ENV)
- Chemistry & Biochemistry (SCI)
- Earth & Environmental Science (SCI)

To apply for a position as your department's councillor, please fill out the [Council Representative Nomination Form](#). To view the upcoming Fall councillor election information and schedule, please visit the [Join Council webpage](#).

Call for Candid Talks with Grads Speakers (\$50)

The GSA is currently looking to bring students together who want to be part of group discussions about issues faced by graduate students. These sessions will be facilitated through a collaboration with Counselling Services and will include a short presentation at the beginning of each session, providing an overview of the topic discussed that month. We are currently seeking graduate students who might be interested in presenting on the issues below. Presentations will be 5-10 minutes and will be paid \$50. We are specifically seeking students who have lived experience with the issues or are currently researching them in their respective fields. If you are interested or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the GSA Student Wellness Coordinator, Ashley Ryan, at gsa-wellness@uwaterloo.ca.

- Supervisor conflict
- Transitioning back to campus after COVID-19
- Culture shock
- Work-life balance
- Stress management

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. Please save these dates!

September 17	GSA Grad Rep Committees Social Graduate House
September 30	GSA Grad Rep Committees Virtual Training
October 27	GSA How to Engage (Virtually)- Committee Reps
November 24	Advocacy Tactics Workshop Session
December 7	End of Term Destress Social dGSA + Committee Reps- stress ball making

Departmental GSAs (DGSA's)

During the fall term event series, you will be able to meet other dGSA within your faculty. You will be provided with the resources to better collaborate with other dGSAs to effectively support the students in your departments and faculty. 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. Please save these dates!

September 16	DGSA Social Graduate House
September 28	Virtual DGSA Training
October 18-22	Faculty-specific brainstorming sessions
November 17	Communication Strategy and EDI Marketing dGSA workshop
December 7	End of Term Destress Social dGSA + Committee Reps- stress ball making

Graduate House

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

**September 10 @ 12:00PM-2:00PM: Welcome to Fall 2021 BBQ Lunch Special & Live Music**

Welcome back graduate students! Drop in and enjoy our BBQ Special (while supplies last) with some live music! This time we'll be joined by local musician, [Eric Bolton](#). As usual meat and vegetarian options will be available. The [Graduate Studies Endowment Fund](#) will have a booth set up outside and will be doing special giveaway (while supplies last)!

September 15: Trivia Night at the Graduate House* @ 3:00PM-6:00PM

Our classic Trivia Night at the Graduate House is back! Our first event will be hosted by graduate student organizers of OrganizeUW! Attend a brief information session to learn more about the unionization of graduate student workers at UWaterloo and ask them any questions you may have. Then, join in on the fun and play a few rounds of trivia to win a prize! *This event will be held in-person and streamed virtually! COVID-19 protocols in place.

September 30: Cheers If You Got Vaccinated!

We'll be giving away 100 free beverages at the Graduate House on September 30 to those graduate students who bring proof of receiving their COVID-19 vaccine. Bring proof of your first or second dose and your WATCard. Still need to get vaccinated? Visit the [Campus Wellness COVID-19 Vaccine Centre](#) on campus.

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), or attend **weekly Tuesday 1:30pm (ET) drop-in video calls [at this link](#)**. Follow OUW on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

Upcoming and Recent Events

NEW! We have lots of events coming up in September! Here's a list of when you can find us! All events are at the Graduate House.

September 10 [12pm - 2pm] GSA BBQ Lunch and Live Music

September 15 [3pm - 4pm] OUW Info Session

September 15 [4pm - 6pm] Union Trivial Night

September 30 [1pm - 3pm] Shot for Shot (100 free drinks to giveaway! Bring proof of Vaccine)

Last month we had a great time at our free apps GSA / Grad House event, as well as our card signing event at Scoop Du Jour! We also hung out with the GSA at their movie night on August 31st! It was great to see so many of you!

Recent News and Articles

[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.



[COVID-19 Updates](#)

[GSA Website](#)

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