



August Newsletter

President's Message

Hello AU Graduate Students!

Firstly, I would like to welcome back returning students, and all the new students who will be starting their studies in September. Your position as a graduate student also makes you a member of the Athabasca Graduate Students' Association (AUGSA). This membership allows you to access benefits such as our monthly newsletter and health and dental plan, to attend AUGSA council meetings and AGMs, to run for executive and faculty representative positions in the spring, and to provide input into the topics that AUGSA advocates for. You can always reach out for questions or comments by emailing president@augsa.com

Your VPEX and I just returned from the Canadian Alliance of Student Association's Policy and Strategy Conference, held in Vancouver. Heather has been elected as vice chair, and we are both looking forward to working on ensuring CASA's policies are reviewed and reflective of graduate student needs.

Finally, don't forget about the upcoming research conference in October! Check out <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca> for information on registration and accommodations.

Cheers,

Lindsay McNena, President

President, AUGSA

Student Lifeline – Free Counselling and Help Services for AU Students

Student Lifeline is a 24-hour help service available to all AU graduate students. Student Lifeline provides a variety of counselling and support services, free of charge. Access Student Lifeline online or by telephone:

URL: <https://app.lifeworks.com>

Username: AUGSA

Password: wellness

Telephone: 1-877-418-1537

Student Conference:

Thank you!



**A special thank you to Knowledge First Financial Inc.
for providing sponsorship for the 2018 Graduate Student Conference.**

**For information on the conference, visit the conference website at:
<https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>**

**If you are interested in providing sponsorship for the conference please contact
fgs@athabascau.ca**

2018 Graduate Student Conference

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities
October 12-14, 2018

**Join us at the 2018 [Graduate Student Conference](#) on Oct. 12-14, 2018
Featuring Keynote Speaker
Dr. Stefanie Ruel**

Join your colleagues [register for the conference today!](#)

Funding Opportunities

Several external funding opportunities are available on the [FGS website](#)

Internal Funding Opportunities

AU offers a number of graduate student awards.

Please visit the Student Awards Website for more details:

<http://registrar.athabascau.ca/studentawards/studawrds.php>

Faculty of Graduate Studies

FGS Webinars

PRESENTING YOUR WORK AT A CONFERENCE

Date: September 11, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (MT)

Presented by: [Linda McCloud-Bondoc](#)

Mode of Delivery: Adobe Connect

View the [presentation abstract](#)

To register for an upcoming presentation, please email fgs@athabascau.ca

A note from The Journal of Integrated Studies (JIS):

The Journal of Integrated Studies (JIS) is produced by MAIS and MScIS student volunteers and coordinated by faculty member Dr. Reinekke Lengelle. This online journal includes peer-reviewed articles, poetry, narratives and cover art by graduate students (and from the AU art collection). Any graduate student nationally or internationally may submit work.

Each issue now also features an editorial by an AU faculty member. These guest editorials tell inspiring and humorous stories about the joys and pains of writing for academia.

The journal gives graduate students a chance to learn both sides of the peer-reviewed academic publishing process.

Winning poems from the recent poetry contest will appear in the next issue of JIS along with AU artwork.

The most recent issue has just come out, enjoy.

<http://jis.athabascau.ca/index.php/jis>