

January Newsletter

President's Message

Happy New Year AUGSA!

Two items from me this month:

1. AUGSA is hosting meet-and-greets across the country on January 27th! We will be in Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton, and Mississauga. More details below!
2. Remember the [AUGSA Survey priorities](#)? In my report to the AU Board of Governors, I advised them of our position on:
 - a. Teaching and research assistant opportunities
 - b. Credit card payments, and
 - c. Tuition at AU

I was very encouraged by the board's level of interest in my presentation. If we continue to work constructively with AU, I am optimistic that we can make genuine progress on these priorities.

We hope to see you at a meet-and-greet!

Jamie Czerwinski
President, AUGSA

[AUGSA Meet and Greets](#)

Opportunities to meet your colleagues at AU: Please plan to attend:

Host-Shelby Guidi; Saturday, January 27 at Societe Coffee Shop, 1223 11 Ave SW, Calgary, AB 3pm-5pm

Host-Lindsay McNena: Saturday, January 27 at Starbucks attached to Chapters, Gaetz Avenue South, Red Deer, AB 3pm-5pm

Hosts- Patrick Corbett/Jamie Czerwinski: January 27 at 3pm. Starbucks 3227 Calgary Trail NW, Edmonton

Hosts: Chris Rudan and Vanessa Colettas: Saturday January 27, Boston Pizza at 2pm. 50 Courtney Park Drive, Mississauga ON

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

January AUGSA Council Meeting

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, control and click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Edmonton on October 12 - 13, 2018.

More details to follow!

To view the presentations, abstracts, and bios from our past conferences, visit the Online Conference website.

Indigenous Graduate Awards

FYI....the deadline for the Indigenous Graduate Awards is coming up...January 15th.

Feel free to direct students to the news story posted last week...[Indigenous Student Awards](#)

Faculty of Graduate Studies

External Workshops

Workshops and webinars offered by the University of Lethbridge

The School of Graduate Studies at the University of Lethbridge has partnered with Athabasca University to offer free in-person and online workshops to all AU students!

View their Calendar of Events here

If you are interested in any of these workshops please contact Stacey Leavitt,

School of Graduate Studies at Stacey.leavitt@uleth.ca

External Funding Opportunities

Joseph-Armand Bombardier

Canada Graduate Scholarships Program Doctoral Scholarships and SHRC Doctoral Fellowships

AU's internal Deadline: December 10, 2017

For doctoral students who are preparing to apply to the SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship Program at the Doctoral level. Eligibility requirements are available on the SSHRC website.

Please direct all inquiries to Vikki Bellerose, Faculty of Graduate Studies vikki@athabascau.ca 780-421-2544 or 1-800-788-9041 x 2544.

2017-2018 Journal of Integrated Studies Poetry Contest

Graduate students from Athabasca University and beyond are welcome to submit poems in response to one or more of 11 pieces of artwork (i.e. visual artwork, including paintings, photography, and sculptures) by First Nations artists. These pieces are from the Athabasca University art collection.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

More info on this contest can be found on the FGS website.

FGS Webinars

The Journal of Integrated Studies and the Faculty of Graduate Studies present:

Get pumped about peer-review!

Join us for this unique webinar and learn about both sides of the peer-review process!

Presented by: Kat McNichol

Date: January 11, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MST)

More info!

To register, please contact fgs@athabascau.ca

External Funding Opportunities

**GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS for DISARMAMENT,
ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION**

Application Deadline: January 8, 2018

Value: \$5,000

To apply, and for more information visit:

www.thesimonsfoundation.ca or ISROP