



## March 2019 Newsletter

### President's Message

Hello AU Graduate Students!

Nominations for the executive positions have closed as of February 28, 2019. Polling will take place on March 11,12 and all the candidate profiles are included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to anyone who has decided to run, and good luck – may the best candidate win!

Nominations for Council Faculty Representatives will open on March 14 and close March 19 at 4 pm. Council is made up of Five (5) Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences representatives, three (3) Faculty of Business representatives, three (3) Faculty of Health Disciplines representatives, and two (2) Faculty of Science and Technology representatives. If you have any questions about running for a faculty representative position, feel free to email me at [president@augsa.com](mailto:president@augsa.com).

In the meantime, your VP External and myself will be spending the upcoming few weeks attending AGMs for our provincial advocacy group (abGPAC, March 2 in Red Deer), and our federal group (CASA, March 19-23 in Halifax). We also working with the office of the Provost to roll out some professional development opportunities through an AU partnership with Amazon Web Services.

All the best,

Lindsay McNena

President, AUGSA

### Elections 2019

Here is a list of the nominations for Executive Positions with AUGSA. These folks will be campaigning March 5-9:

[www.augsa.com/wp-content/uploads/AUGSA-Executive-Nominees.pdf](http://www.augsa.com/wp-content/uploads/AUGSA-Executive-Nominees.pdf)

Our Executive elections polling takes place on March 11-12. Watch for a special elections issue with the details of the polling process.

## AU/ AUGSA 2019 Research Conference:

We have now contracted Gabrielle Heselton to act as our Conference Coordinator for our upcoming research conference in September 2019. Please mark September 13,14 on your calendars to attend this conference in Edmonton at the beautiful Executive Royal Hotel at the Edmonton International Airport.

## AUGSA Negotiates new contract for Research Assistants and Teaching Assistants

Our negotiating committee met with AU in February to work out details of a new three year contract for our Graduate Assistants.

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## Summer Institute:

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Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit presents:

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2019

Dates: May 13-15, 2019

Location: Matrix Hotel (10640 100 Ave NW, Edmonton)

Join us for **SUMMER INSTITUTE 2019** where researchers, patients, clinicians, students, policy makers and more, gather to share insights, connect with colleagues and promote patient-oriented research.

We're working together to explore, evaluate and share the *Impact & Opportunities* of patient-oriented research. Join us for:

- an outstanding line-up of engaging speakers
- workshops on patient-oriented research topics
- networking opportunities with colleagues
- capacity building opportunities for patient-oriented research

**REGISTRATION OPEN! Go to the registration site @**

**<https://secure.affreg.com/r/spor2019?1>**

**Want to submit an abstract? VIEW THE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS @**

**<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rbNjHVGaJVWzMWqh6zGJZnJ0DB2ih7a/view>**

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

FGS is gearing up for the 2019 Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition which will take place virtually on March 22, 2019. Stay tuned for updates on the [FGS website!](#)

## [What is the 3MT®?](#)

Thinking about competing in this year's 3MT®? Register to attend [Creating a Successful 3MT®](#)

- Tips and Tricks presented by last year's AU 3MT® winner, Kim Jones.

### Funding Opportunities

Several external graduate awards are advertised on the FGS website.

More info on these opportunities can be found on the FGS Funding Opportunities Page:

<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/opportunities/index.php>