

May Newsletter-

President's Message

Hello AU Graduate Students!

I'm very excited to serve as the AUGSA President for the upcoming year! In the last year as VP External I've had a great experience advocating for graduate students while connecting with other student leaders and stakeholders, and I look forward to continuing this work as President.

I would like to welcome the new and returning members on Council, and the three new members of our Executive team: Heather DeBoer (VP External), Meaghan Sullivan (VP Academic), and Muhammad Kamran (VP Operations & Finance). We have just finished our Executive transition in Edmonton and are excited to get to work! As always, we are here to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Finally, a reminder that the AU Graduate Student Research Conference is happening October 12-14, 2018. This is a great opportunity to share ideas and hear what other graduate students have been researching. The abstract submission deadline is June 1, 2018; more information can be found at <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca>

Have a great summer semester!

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

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 - 14, 2018.

For more information please visit: <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



2018 GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCH CONFERENCE

IMAGINE: TRANSFORMING LIVES, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

 WHEN
Oct. 12 - 14, 2018

 WHERE
Holiday Inn Convention Ctr. South
4485 Gateway Blvd., NW
Edmonton, AB. Canada

The [Faculty of Graduate Studies](#) and [Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association](#) are excited to announce the CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for the 2018 Graduate Student Research Conference, taking place in Edmonton, AB on October 12 - 14, 2018.

Current graduate students and recently graduated alumni are invited to submit an abstract for either a paper or poster presentation. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed.

We are pleased to accept abstracts for both virtual and in-person poster and paper presentations

Deadline to submit abstracts:

June 2018

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accepting a limited number of submissions!

[Submit your abstract](#)

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Events

The FGS Research Software Tools Workshop

May 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Registration is open for the FGS Research Software Tools workshop! Learn about SPSS and R for data Analysis in this FREE 3 hour workshop which will be offered online via Adobe Connect. Registration is open to all graduate students of Athabasca University, University of Lethbridge, University of Alberta, and University of Calgary.

[Register today!](#) **Deadline to register: May 15, 2018**

Find more details on the [FGS Events Page](#)

**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS for the
2018 Graduate Student Research Conference**

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities

Graduate Students are invited to submit an abstract for a poster or paper presentation.

Submission deadline: **June 1, 2018 (midnight)**

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference will be held virtually and in-person at the

Holiday Inn Conference Centre – Edmonton South on **October 12 - 14, 2018.**

View the [conference website](#) for more details and instructions on submitting an abstract.

Announcements

Final Oral Exam Announcement

Germaine Chan – DBA Candidate

Date: Friday, May 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (MT)

Supervisor: Dr. Fathi Elloumi

Mode of Delivery: Adobe Connect

If you are interested in attending this open oral examination, please email fgs@athabascau.ca

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>

FGS Webinars

ADVENTURES IN INDIGENOUS METHODOLOGIES: MAKING SPACE FOR MÉTIS-SPECIFIC APPROACHES

Date: May 10, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (MT)

Presented by: [Dr. Chantal Fiola](#)

Mode of Delivery: Adobe Connect

WRITING AN ABSTRACT FOR A CONFERENCE

Date: May 18, 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](#)

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

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 Dr. Helen Kelley,
School of Graduate Studies at: helen.kelley@uleth.ca