



August 2015 News

AUGSA News:



President's Message:

Hello AUGSA members!

July has come and gone much too quickly, I hope those of you who have been taking courses this summer have had some time to enjoy the outdoors.

The executive and council, along with the Faculty of Graduate Studies, have been working hard preparing for the Graduate Student Conference and it is shaping up to be an excellent event.

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts, I look forward to hear more about our research in September. Please read below and visit the website for more information:

<https://augradconference.athabascau.ca>, including updates about guest speakers and events.

This fall we will also be working with the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations on a “Get Out the Vote” campaign leading up to the federal election. More details to follow, but I encourage you all to take the time to vote.

This Civic Holiday weekend I will be Kempenfesting (an event in my home town of Barrie, ON). What are your traditions for celebrating the summer? I invite you to share a photo (“family friendly” please) on the AUGSA Facebook page, a winner of some AUGSA swag will be selected at random from the posts.

Thanks and Good Luck!

Cynthia Gordon
President
Athabasca University Graduate Students Association

AUGSA Awards for 2014-2015:

AUGSA is still accepting applications for the Graduate Citizenship Award. This award recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and leadership to fellow students and the community. AUGSA would like to encourage all students to review and apply for this award. More information can be found on our website.

<http://www.augsa.com/index.php/graduate-student-awards.html>

Teagan Gahler, chair, Awards Committee

Graduate Student Conference: “Research in Practice”

The Early Bird Registration has been extended to August 16! Great deal- Great time!

Athabasca University and the Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association are co-hosting the 2015 Graduate Student Conference in Edmonton, Alberta on September 25, 26, and 27th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Express in downtown Edmonton.

The conference is an opportunity for graduate students from AU and elsewhere to present their research, seek feedback, gain experience, network, and come together with other students in an academic forum. The evening of the 25th will include a reception, with presentations on the 26th and the morning of the 27th.

The conference steering committee is presently seeking volunteers for a number of subcommittees including IT, marketing, sponsorship, and registration and other day-of support. If you are interested, please contact AUGSA's Executive Director, Ross Tyson, at ed@augsa.com with a brief description of your experience and skills and any preference for placement. Some committees (such as day-of support) require the volunteer to be in Edmonton, but many others do not.

The URL for the Graduate Student Conference is:

<https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>

To book a room:

[Athabasca University Graduates Assoc.](#)

<http://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=ex&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=YEGED&PMID=99801505&GPC>

Interested in **sponsoring** the event:

https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/?page_id=12

Some Interesting Facts about AU:

- Founded as a residential university in 1970, AU changed course in 1972 to become Canada's first open, distance education University
- AU offered its first course in 1973 and held its first Convocation in 1977.
- Today, AU offers 816 courses in 56 undergraduate and graduate degree, diploma and certificate programs.
- AU employs more than 1200 faculty and staff members.
- One of four Alberta comprehensive academic and research institutions (CARI,s), AU has an annual operating budget in excess of \$133 million.
- As of March 31, 2013, AU had awarded 10,989 bachelor's degrees, 6,008 master's degrees and five doctorates.

Student Life Line: This service offered to you on behalf of AUGSA.

Student Life Line offers monthly links to help you in a number of areas of your life.

Click each link below to access a PDF e-flyer containing a description of the topic, as well as your link to the resource.

- [Work-Life Challenges \(PDF\)](#)

Simply log in **user name: AUGSA** and **password: wellness** to log in to your program website.

Ceridian EAP/EFAP is here for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with expert help for work, life and everything in between.

Faculty of Graduate Studies News:

Tenth Annual Grounded Theory Jamboree

August 5-7, 2015

Calgary, Alberta

Join Paul Wishart to further your understanding of [Grounded Theory \(GT\)](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

For more information on the awards below, visit the [FGS Website](#)

Prix Allard-Landry

The Centre de recherche et de développement en éducation (CRDE) of the Université de Moncton in New-Brunswick is glad to present the 2014-2015 edition of the Prix Allard-Landry. The Prix Allard-Landry rewards the best education related scientific article or chapter written by a graduate student. Along with the Université de Moncton students, any past Université de Moncton student now studying elsewhere is eligible for the Prix Allard-Landry.

Application Deadline - August 31, 2015

PRESENTATIONS

There will not be any presentations offered during the summer.

Sessions will resume in September.

Archived presentations can be found on the [FGS Website](#).

2015 Graduate Student Research Fund (GSRF)

Application Deadline: Three times per year

February 10, May 10 and October 10

Graduate students involved in major research projects or theses, please be aware of the Mission Critical, Disciplinary, and Dissemination categories of research awards available to you under AU's Graduate Student Research Fund (GSRF).

[AU Student Awards](#)

As a reminder, AU's Students Awards Program offers the following two awards to support dissemination/presentation opportunities for AU graduate students:

[Graduate Level Student Travel Awards](#)

[Profiling Alberta's Graduate Students](#)

More information on these two awards is available at

[Student Awards](#).