



ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## February 2015 News

### AUGSA News:

#### February Orientation

AUGSA is offering an orientation session for graduate students to learn about their digital campus, the services available to them, important information, and tips on being a successful AU graduate student. The sessions will be held online using Goto meeting. The sessions will run approximately one hour and will include time for discussion and questions. You can attend entirely online with a mic and headphones/speakers or you can dial in via telephone. It is recommended that attendees log in several minutes early to ensure you are connected and can familiarize yourself with the program before we begin.

There are two sessions scheduled:

- Wednesday, February 4th, 6:30 – 7:30pm (MST)
- Saturday, February 7th, 10am – 11am (MST).

Please email Nicole Hill at [vpacademic@augsa.com](mailto:vpacademic@augsa.com) to register for a session or if you have any questions. Participants are asked to register by Monday, February 2nd. Prior to the meeting, participants will be emailed a link through which they can access their session. Registrations will be first come, first served.

We look forward to meeting you!

#### AUGSA Elections

Each year we open our nominations process to students that plan to be with us at Athabasca University next year. We will be opening nominations in February for positions on Executive and in March for positions on Council. Please watch your email and the website ([augsa.com](http://augsa.com)) for this information. (Bylaw 2-Elections) Our Executive and Council have been excellent this year and we want to have an equally effective group take over on May 1, 2015.

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## Graduate Student Conference:

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.

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](mailto: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.

Further information will be announced once details have been finalized.

**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.

- [Taking Charge of Your Money \(PDF\)](#)

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.

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## FGS News

### Journal of Military and Strategic Studies

The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies is seeking submissions from graduate students enrolled at a recognized Canadian university for publication in an upcoming volume.

1st Prize \$1000

2nd Prize \$600

3rd Prize \$400

Submission deadline is February 6, 2015.

Further information is available on our website at -

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

### Searching for Canada's top dissertation

Are you working with or know of a doctoral student whose dissertation makes a unique contribution to their academic field? Then check out Canada's Distinguished Dissertation Award 2015 call for nominations <<http://www.cags.ca/cagsumi.php>>.

It is an exciting time of year here at CAGS when we put out this annual call. In partnership with publishers ProQuest-UMI we have been seeking out the best dissertations in Canada for more than 20 years.

Two awards are offered: one in engineering, medical sciences and natural sciences; and one in fine arts, humanities and social sciences.

The winners receive a \$1,500 cash prize which will be presented at the 2015 CAGS conference in Calgary, Alberta. In addition, the CAGS media team works with the winners to raise the profile of their research in the media and their stakeholder community.

The career paths of past winners are impressive. They are scattered around the world – teaching medieval studies in Australia, tracking the state of our oceans in Halifax, performing delicate lung cancer operations in Toronto and fighting homelessness on main streets in Canada and the United States.

Here is the check list <[http://www.cags.ca/documents/awards/Check\\_form\\_2015.pdf](http://www.cags.ca/documents/awards/Check_form_2015.pdf)> for the nomination process.

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Completed applications must be received by March 31, 2015

Questions? Feel free to contact the CAGS office <<mailto:info@cags.ca>>.

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