



ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

January 2015 News

AUGSA News:

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2015, I wish you all much luck in your academic endeavors this year and may your dreams and goals be within your reach. We here at AUGSA would love to hear from you this year and hope you will consider running for a position on the 2015/16 Council. If ever we can assist in enhancing your experience at Athabasca University, please contact us by emailing the executive director, Ross Tyson, at ed@augsa.com.

Cheers!

Lynde McKinley, President

AUGSA Elections

January always has us thinking about the New Year and with that we have to start planning for 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) 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.

Our call for a **Chief Returning Officer** has just gone out so if you know of a person with that kind of skill set please steer them our way! Have them email ed@augsa.com with pertinent information.

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

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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 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!

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 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.

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

- [Resilience \(PDF\)](#)
- [Building a Healthy Work Culture \(podcast – 6:53 mins\)](#)

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