



July 2015 News

AUGSA News:



President's Message:

Happy Canada Day!

As June winds up and summer has officially begun we have been working on a number of projects for the fall. Our Graduate Student Conference is coming up shortly and we are hard at work at AUGSA to prepare an excellent event. Please read below and visit the website for more information:

<https://augradconference.athabascau.ca>

We are also working on a new mobile app to allow you to connect with fellow students and the university. Details will follow once it's ready to launch.

This month I was lucky enough to be able to attend convocation in Athabasca. It was a wonderful 3 days of celebrations as hundreds of graduates attended to receive their degrees. Among those graduates

was former AUGSA President Lynde McKinley and I had the pleasure of awarding her the first Honorary Lifetime Membership in AUGSA in recognition of her dedication and strong leadership of our organization.

Congratulations to Lynde and all the other Athabasca University Graduates!

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”

Wow, the response has been terrific for our Conference with over sixty abstracts and posters being presented!

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. We are now taking submissions for abstracts and the deadline for abstracts is extended to June 7, midnight MT. Please plan on presenting and attending.

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

AU Students at a Glance:

- Over 40,000 students study at AU each year
- The average AU undergraduate is 29; the average graduate student is 39.
- 67% of students are women
- 43% of students support dependents
- 87% of students work while they study
- 26% of undergraduates are visiting students from other institutions
- 33% of Alberta aboriginal students attending CARI attend AU.
- AU students live in every Canadian province and territory and in 95 foreign countries worldwide: 38% of undergraduates live in Alberta, 36% in Ontario
- 70% of AU graduates are the first in their family to earn a university degree
- 37% of AU graduates live and work in Alberta
- AU graduates' rate of participation in the workforce has exceeded the provincial average for post-secondary institutions in each of the past seven years.

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.

- [Help for life's choices & changes \(PDF\)](#)
- [Q2 2015 Newsletter](#)

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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures Award

Two MSc IS students receive the Alberta Innovates-Technology Futures Award

Congratulations

Nathan Laan, MSc(IS) student

Supervisor: Dunwei Wen

Steve Harris, MSc(IS) student

Supervisor: Vive Kumar

These Master's students have been awarded \$10,000/year for two years. It was a competitive pool of applications with more applicants than last year. This is the fourth year that AU has been given the opportunity to offer this award. Depending upon the amount of funding received from AI-TF, a second call for applications may occur later this year.

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](#).