



June 2015 News

AUGSA News:



President's Message:

Greetings and I hope this message reaches you in summer-like weather!

May has been a busy month for the AUGSA team. Having finished our transition to the new executive I worked with representatives from the University of Calgary, University of Alberta, and University of Lethbridge for a transition weekend for the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (AbGPAC). I am rounding out the month with an introductory conference for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

Both these groups will lobby their respective levels of government on policies important for students. With strong AUGSA representation at both of these groups the needs of our unique student population will be heard at a national and provincial level.

I have been elected to the position of Grad Council Chair with CASA, so look forward to my association with this important advocacy group.

We have just completed our Council retreat on May 30 with the new Council. These folks are excited about their opportunity to serve you.

Best Wishes All!

Cynthia Gordon
President
Athabasca University Graduate Students Association

Graduate Student Conference: “Research in Practice” (Now Taking Registrations!!)

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. 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.athabasca.ca/?page_id=12

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.

- [Mental Health Matters! \(PDF\)](#)
- [Career Advancement Tips](#)

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

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Faculty of Graduate Studies News:

Association of Commonwealth Universities

Titular Fellowships Application Deadline - June 20, 2015

The [ACU Titular Fellowships](#) provide opportunities for staff from member universities and employees working in industry, commerce or public service in a Commonwealth country to spend periods of time in other member universities or relevant institutions outside of their own country.

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](#).