



March 2015 News

AUGSA News:

AUGSA Elections

Our first round of nominations has now closed. We have not received any nominations for the position of **Vice President External**. To that end we are starting an additional round of nominations effective immediately and are accepting nominations (Form is on the AUGSA website- www.augsa.com) for the position. The position is described below:

Duties of the Vice President (External):

The Vice President (External) shall be responsible to the Association for the following:

- a. Representing the Association to government bodies of all orders;*
- b. Representing the Association on the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (if in Alberta), the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (if in Canada), and with any other external groups or meetings, in conjunction with the President;*
- c. Acting as a secondary spokesperson for the Association to the media;*
- d. Acting as an official signing authority for the Association;*

- e. *Completing another task or project assigned by Executive Committee or Council;*
- f. *Reporting their activities to the Executive Committee on a regular basis; and*
- g. *Presenting an Executive report on a monthly basis at a Council meeting on portfolio activities.*
- h. *The VP External will preferably be a resident of Alberta.*

Here is a summary of the election timeline going forward:

- February 28 to March 6: Nominations for By-Election (VP External)
- March 4 thru March 12- Campaign Period
- March 12-14 Polling
- March 16-19 Open Nominations for Council positions for Faculty Representatives
- March 26- April 2: Campaign for Faculty Reps
- April 3,4: Polling
- April 25-30: Executive Transition Training in Edmonton-New Executive and past Executive meetings
- May 1: New Executive and Council take on new roles.

Our Executive and Council have been excellent this year and we want to have an equally effective group take over on May 1, 2015.

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.

The URL for the Graduate Student Conference is:

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

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.

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Faculty of Graduate Studies News

Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship

Alberta Innovates – Technology Futures in partnership with the Ministry of Innovation and Advanced Education is providing scholarships intended to enable academically superior graduate students to undertake full-time research education at an Alberta university, leading to a research-based Master’s or Doctoral degree.

The structure of the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship program (GSS) is designed to connect scientific enabling platforms with strategically focused research areas. In Alberta, this means accelerating the development of the enabling platforms of [Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\)](#), [Nano](#), and [Omics](#), in support of the application areas of [Health](#), [Bio-industries](#), [Energy](#), and [Environment](#).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 20, 2015

Further information is available on our website at -
<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/opportunities/index.php>