



April Newsletter

President's Message

Congratulations to the newly elected 2016/2017 AUGSA Executive Council!

President - Teagan Gahler

Vice President External - Jamie Czerwinski

Vice President Academic - Steve Green

Vice President (Operations & Finance) - Margaret Clappison

As this is my last monthly message I want thank the outgoing council and executive for an excellent year. It has been a privilege to serve as AUGSA President and work with you. Getting to know our members from across the country and even the world is one of the unique benefits of this organization and our university. The beauty of Athabasca University is in its diverse student body and the opportunities it creates for all of us to pursue graduate education regardless of our personal situations.

Best of luck to all of you as you continue on your journey. Time moves too quickly so please take a moment to relish in whatever it is that gives you joy.

Cynthia Gordon, President

Election 2016:

Faculty Representative Election- April 3, 4:

The nomination period has now closed for 2016. Below is the list of candidates that have been declared acclaimed as well as the candidates that are running for the positions indicated. Please remember that our polls open on April 3 and continue until 4 pm April 4. A notice of polling information will be sent under separate email.

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Faculty of Business

- Three Representatives needed

Shawn Ang- Acclaimed

Peter Chan: Acclaimed

Vanessa Colettas- Acclaimed

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences –Three Representatives needed

Michelle Halle- Acclaimed

Govind Pillai: Acclaimed

Susan Suchak- Acclaimed

Faculty of Health Sciences

Three Representatives needed (election required- one position available)

Lisa Gray: Acclaimed

Komal Kumar- Acclaimed

Christina Keyes- Election Candidate

Lindsay McNena- Election candidate

Tracey Nyhus- Election candidate

Julia Radke- Election Candidate

Centre for Distance Education- Two Representatives needed

Shanna Rowney: Acclaimed

Mahsati Abdul- Acclaimed

Faculty of Science and Technology- Two Representatives needed

Robert Janzen- Acclaimed

Patrick Corbett- Acclaimed

Student Life Line:

This service is 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 on the PDF link to see the topic this month: [PDF](#)

To access full free services go to: www.lifeworks.com

To access more areas of Student Life Line simply login with username: AUGSA and password: wellness

Graduate Student Conference 2016- “Research Beyond Borders”

Owing to our success last year Athabasca University and the Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association are co-hosting the 2016 Graduate Student Conference in Edmonton, Alberta on September 16, 17, and 18th. The conference will take place at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre at 4485 Gateway Blvd on the South Side of the city. This is a new venue this year.

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 16th will include a reception, with student research presentations on the 17th and the morning of the 18th.

The conference steering committee is presently seeking volunteers for a number of subcommittees including IT, marketing and sponsorship, 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.

Here is a list of the committees that you are able to serve on:

- 1) Social, Venue, Food
- 2) Peer Review Committee
- 3) Program
- 4) IT
- 5) Marketing and Sponsorship, and
- 6) Conference Day

Alberta Innovates Summer Studentship Program

The Alberta Innovates Health Solutions Summer Studentship Program offers motivated students with exceptional academic records the opportunity to participate directly in medical or health research in Alberta in the summer months (May to August). The intent of the program is to encourage such students to consider formal training and a career in medical/health research.

Candidates will usually be registered in a full-time Alberta undergraduate degree program relevant to the objectives of AIHS. Students registered in an undergraduate degree program outside Alberta may also apply; however, the research must be undertaken at an Alberta institution. A student registered in a M.D. program that may already hold an undergraduate or graduate degree may also apply to the Summer Studentship program. Exceptional senior year high school students with records of participation in the health care system and clear interest in a medical/health research career will also be considered.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at jillc@athabascau.ca or 780-675-6102.

Students must mail their applications to:

Jill Calliou
Research Centre
Athabasca University
1 University Drive
Athabasca, AB.
T9S 3A3

All original and complete applications must be received prior to Friday, April 8th, 2016.

Applications that are not complete, or in which the required information is not provided in the manner requested, will not be considered by the AIHS Summer Studentship Review Committee.

GLOBAL EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES CONFERENCE

September 7-9, 2016
GIRNE, NORTH CYPRUS

We would like to invite you to submit research papers to **the International Global Education and Human Sciences Conference (IGHSC)** which will be held between September 7-9, 2016 in Girne (Kyrenia), North Cyprus. The main goal of the IGHSC 2016 Conference is to bring together scholars, researchers, educators, students, professionals and other groups who are interested in education and human sciences to present their works in this academic platform.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission: September 02, 2016

Registration Deadline: September 05, 2016

Full Paper Submission: September 20, 2016

PROCEEDINGS & PUBLICATION?

All accepted papers will be published in *the Proceeding Book* with ISBN and modified version of papers in English will be published in TOJNED (www.tojned.net)

For more information about IGHSC 2016, please check our website: <http://www.ighsc.net>

For all conference information kindly contact us via ighsconferences@gmail.com

INTE 2016 International Conference Invitation- Vienna

The Association of Science, Education and Technology (TASET), Governors State University, Vienne

Technical University and Sakarya University are pleased to invite you to the

7th "International Conference on New Horizons in Education" to be held in Vienna, Austria on **July 13-15, 2016.**

The main aim of this congress is to bring scholars, researchers, educators, students, professionals and other groups interested in education to present their works in educational studies. This conference is now a well-known educational event worldwide and the number of paper submissions and attendees are increasing each year. Prospective presenters are encouraged to submit proposals for oral, poster and video presentations that offer new research and theoretical contributions in the field of education.

All accepted papers will be published in TOJET (www.tojet.net) as a Special Issue which is indexed on Scopus and ERIC, and the Proceeding Book with ISBN and modified version of selected papers will be published in peer reviewed journals such as *TOJNED* and *TOJDEL*.

Submission:

You can submit your abstract through <http://www.int-e.net> or email at: inteconferences@gmail.com

For our all conferences please visit TASET at <http://www.taset.net>

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Envisioning the Future of FHSS

FHSS is continuing discussions regarding *an FHSS-appropriate instructional model emphasizing increased presence for students and instructors as appropriate.*

As part of this process, FHSS is seeking student input. We are inviting AUGSA members to meet with members of FHSS on April 5, 2016 at 6:00 (MST). The teleconference numbers are:

Dial-in number: [1.855.228.6652](tel:18552286652)

Participant Pass-Code: 7503945#

AU Library Orientation

The Library is offering two Library Orientation webinars next week. We will offer an evening session from 6 to 7 pm MT on Wednesday, April 6, and a second afternoon session from 12 to 1 pm MT on Thursday, April 7.

To see the date and time of the April 6 evening session in your time zone, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/lib6eve>.

To see the date and time of the April 7 noon-hour session in your time zone, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/lib7noon>.

The webinars will provide an orientation and overview of the Library and the services we offer. All students are welcome to attend.

The Adobe Connect link is: <https://athabascau.adobeconnect.com/library/>. Please log in as a guest.

Recordings will be available shortly after each session at: <http://library.athabascau.ca/orientations.html>.

Major topics include:

Overview of AU Library collection

Services available to students

Tour of the Library website

Basic search for journal articles

Using the Library catalogue

Finding full text journal articles from a citation Getting help for writing, citing, and research Reference librarians

Questions can be directed to Jennifer Rempel (jrempel@athabascau.ca; 780-675-6257).