



February

Newsletter

President's Message



Hello,

I hope everyone is enjoying winter across the country or world – whatever that looks like depending your location. One of the great things about Athabasca University is our diversity of locations and backgrounds. On January 11th Dr. Neil Fassina was officially installed as Athabasca University's 8th President. A link to his speech can be found here <http://news.athabascau.ca/news/neil-fassinis-installation-speech/>.

Coming up is our 2017 Executive Council elections. The nomination period will open February 17 and I encourage all graduate students continuing their studies over the next year to consider applying and running for an executive position. These positions are part-time and allow you to interact with graduate students and the university in a meaningful manner. Watch your email for more details on how to get involved.

As always we are here to answer any questions or support you through your studies.

Regards,

Teagan Gahler, President

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AUGSA Meet and Greets:

In an effort to engage students and allow for some face to face interaction between students, AUGSA has planned two meet and greet opportunities in Alberta this year:

February 10- Edmonton: Boston Pizza on Jasper and 106 st, 7:30 pm, and

February 17- Red Deer: Boston Pizza at 3215 Gaetz Ave at 7:30.

Come out and enjoy pizza, fellowship and collegial discussion. AUGSA is buying the pizza!

Elections 2017- Positions and deadlines:

Each year we open our nominations process to students that plan to be with us at Athabasca University next year. (May 2017 through April 2018) We will be opening nominations in February for positions on Executive and in March for positions on Council. Please see our website (augsa.com) for this information.

Our Executive and Council have been excellent this year and we want to have an equally effective group take over on May 1, 2017.

Our Chief Returning Officer is Chris Fukushima. Chris is excited to work with his Elections and Referenda Committee this year to produce a full slate of officers and representatives. We still need a “student at large “to sit on the Elections and Referenda Committee. The committee work is not onerous, but is important. Interested students are asked to contact Ross at ed@augsa.com for more information.

Nomination Form For Election: This form can be found on the front page of the augsa.com website. Or simply copy and paste the url below to get the form.

www.augsa.com/media_files/election/2017/Election-Nomination-Form.pdf



Student Life Line: This free 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. Control c lick on the PDF link to see the topic this month: [PDF](#) From tips on saving for an emergency to paying back student loans or sticking to a budget, we can help you get a handle on your money worries and build financial wellness. Call Student LifeLine any time, 24/7: 1-877-418-1537

Competition Open for Canadians: Canada-China Scholars' Exchange Program, 2017-2018

Canadian academics, students and professionals can now apply for scholarships for studies, research, and Chinese language training in China.

- **Program name:** Canada-China Scholars' Exchange Program
- **Funding organizations:** Global Affairs Canada and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China
- **Target audiences:** Canadian students (college, undergraduate and graduate levels in Canada); Canadian faculty members and research staff at a post-secondary institution in Canada; Canadian mid-career professionals
- **Number of scholarships:** Over 20
- **Duration:** 4 to 12 months for students; and 8 weeks to 12 months for faculty members and mid-career professionals
- **Inclusions:** Airfare, tuition fees, monthly living allowance, housing, medical insurance, and teaching and research materials

- **Deadline:** March 6, 2017

For full program details and to submit an online application, visit: [Canada-China Scholars' Exchange Program](#).

All inquiries regarding this scholarship program should be directed to: admin-scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca.

Subscribe to the [International Scholarships RSS feed](#) to be kept informed of competition launch dates and other news relating to the International Scholarships Program of Global Affairs Canada.

Commonwealth Scholarship Plan - India, 2017-2018 Deadline: February 20, 2017

All inquiries regarding this scholarship program should be directed to: admin-scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca.

[Faculty of Graduate Studies](#)

Upcoming Events

[3-Minute Thesis Competition:](#)

Save the date! The 2017 Athabasca University 3MT Competition is scheduled for March 29, 2017 More info to follow~

[Dissemination of your research Findings](#)

Presented by Dr. Maiga Chang

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (MST)

For information on our upcoming presentations, visit:
<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/news/presentations/index.php>