



# January Newsletter

## President's Message



Hello,

Welcome to 2017 a New Year brings about many new beginnings. As we kick off the new semester of our studies I encourage everyone to check out some of the great opportunities Athabasca University and AUGSA offers. There are many awards and travel grants we can apply to as graduate students. I would highly recommend checking out the Graduate Student Research Fund, Profiling Alberta Students, and the Graduate Student travel award. You could receive money to present your research at an academic conference! Such a great experience related to our academic journey.

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

Regards,

Teagan Gahler, President

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**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. Click on the PDF link to see the topic this month: Student feature: Again this year, we selected our themes by examining website utilization statistics and by collecting feedback from clients. The plans champion prevention and overall well-being; support productivity and effectiveness; and deliver practical, everyday advice and resources to address the needs and challenges of students, employees, and managers of all ages in all stages of life. [2017 Student LifeLine Communication Plan](#) To access full free services go to: [www.lifeworks.com](http://www.lifeworks.com) To access more areas of Student Life Line simply

The advertisement features a silhouette of a person with long hair against a light background. To the left of the silhouette, there is handwritten text: "Learn to focus your attention on the present moment, and you'll be better able to manage everything in life." Below this, there are three white boxes containing text: "LifeWorks.com", "User ID AUGSA", and "Password wellness". At the bottom left, it says "Help is at your fingertips, 24/7". On the right side, there are logos for "Available on the App Store", "ANDROID APP ON Google play", and "Get it on BlackBerry World". At the bottom right is the AUGSA logo.

### **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](mailto: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.

#### AU Library:

AU Library & Scholarly Resources is pleased to let you know about a new resource that is available to our students.

We have created an AU Library Orientation Video Series, based upon our live Adobe Connect orientation webinars. These videos feature optional closed captions, chapter-by-chapter viewing, and chapter descriptions. This will allow students to quickly and conveniently access the information presented in the webinar on their own time, and at their own pace. These videos can be embedded in course pages and in Moodle.

The AU Library Orientation Video Series has its own dedicated webpage, which you can view here: <http://library.athabascau.ca/AULibOrient.html>; a link to this page can also be found on our ["Orientations" page](#) and our ["Get Research Help" page](#).

AU Library will still offer live Library Orientation webinars, as well as live webinars on an ever-growing number of topics. Please visit our ["Orientations" page](#) for our current webinars schedule, and to view recordings of past presentations.

AU Library & Scholarly Resources is pleased to let you know about our webinar schedule for the fall and winter of 2016-'17. We will be offering general Library Orientations as well as sessions on Nursing and Health Studies resources, citation management tools, keeping your research organized, and more.

The schedule is below, and is also available on our Orientations page (<http://library.athabascau.ca/orientations.html>):

**January:**

**AU Library Orientation:** Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, 6-7 pm MT

The Adobe Connect URL for all of these sessions is

<https://athabascau.adobeconnect.com/library/>. All current and prospective AU students are welcome to attend.

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

### Upcoming Events

### Upcoming Exams

See more information on the upcoming oral exams at:

<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/news/announcements/index.php>

### Upcoming Presentations

**Using Educational Technologies to Improve Teaching** Presented by Dr. Mohamad Ally  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (MST)

For information on our upcoming presentations, visit:

<http://fgs.athabascau.ca/news/presentations/index.php>

### Funding Opportunities

#### **Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC) Graduate Student Awards of Merit**

**AU internal deadline is January 6, 2017**

At least three awards, each in the amount of \$3000.00, will be awarded annually to the women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records.

<http://fgs@athabascau.ca> <http://www.swaac.ca/graduate-student-award-of-merit.html>  
Submit your application to For further information on eligibility, criteria, procedures, etc., visit: