

October Newsletter

President's Message

Welcome to the new AUGSA Newsletter! We hope you enjoy the new design. We are also working on improving the Newsletter content, so keep your eyes peeled for more changes in the coming months. We know the Newsletter is your first contact point with AUGSA, so we want to make sure it is as accessible as possible.

This month, we want to highlight three services AUGSA provides to you: Student Lifeline, the AUGSA App, and the AU/AUGSA Graduate Research Conference "*Knowledge Without Boundaries*". Read on to learn more!

Do you have feedback about the Newsletter? Ideas? Love it? Hate it? Let me know! Let's work together to make sure it's relevant to you. Email president@augsa.com with your thoughts!

Cheers!

Jamie Czerwinski
President, AUGSA

[2017 Online Research Conference for AU Graduate Students -- Register Now!](#)

The 2017 "*Knowledge Without Borders*" AU/AUGSA Research Conference is on Saturday, October 28th, starting at 9am Mountain Time. AU students will present their own research to fellow students and AU staff and faculty at this online event.

To learn more or register to watch the conference, visit <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca>

[2017 Outstanding Distinction Awards- AUGSA](#)

We are extending the deadline to October 31 for applications to this year's Outstanding Distinction Awards. All applicants are to have their nominations in to ed@augsa.com by this deadline. We have five awards available in the amount of \$1125 each. (www.augsa.com/graduate-student-awards)

[Student Lifeline – Free Counselling and Help Services for AU Students](#)

Student Lifeline is a 24-hour help service available to all AU graduate students. Student Lifeline provides a variety of counselling and support services, free of charge. Access Student Lifeline online or by telephone:

URL: <https://app.lifeworks.com>

Username: AUGSA

Password: wellness

Telephone: 1-877-418-1537

[Download the AUGSA App](#)

The AUGSA App lets you connect with other AU graduate students through your smartphone. It also provides easy access to resources like program and course information, study tools, Student Lifeline, and course management tools.

Download the app now at <http://athabasca.campusapp.com>

[October AUGSA Council Meeting](#)

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

[Faculty of Graduate Studies Weekly](#)

Events

2017 Online Research Conference for Graduate Students

"Knowledge Without Boundaries"

Saturday, October 28, 2017

This free on-line event will be held in place of the 2017 in-person

Graduate Student Conference in Edmonton

Co-sponsored by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and

Athabasca University Graduate Students' Association

[Register](#) today!

More details can be found on the [conference website](#)

Effective Communication & Career Building

Professional Development Workshops

October to November 2017

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is pleased to invite you to a newly launched

Professional Development Workshop (PD) Series on Effective Communication & Career Building.
There are 4 modules. Each module is 2 hours and will be delivered online using Adobe Connect.

More information can be found on the [FGS website](#).

[Register Today!](#)

Open Forum on Advancing Graduate Education

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Faculty Members are invited to attend the Open Forum on Advancing Graduate Education
hosted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies

The forum will be taking place in person at AU Edmonton and online via Adobe Connect.

Agenda to be announced soon

Please register via email at fgs@athabascau.ca if you are interested in attending this event

FGS Presentations/Workshops

Ignorance is no excuse: Don't be an accidental plagiarist

Thursday, October 12, 2017

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

Presented by: Dr. Cheryl Kier

FGS Presents: The Research Itinerary Series –

Topic 1: Process Overview, Stages, Tasks, and Foreseeable Challenges

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

Presented by: Dr. Maiga Chang

View the [Abstract](#)

Presenting your work at a Conference

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

Presented by: Linda McCloud-Bondoc

FGS Presents: The Research Itinerary Series –

Topic 2: Evaluation Plans and Experiment Designs

Thursday, November 2, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

Presented by: Dr. Maiga Chang

View the [Abstract](#)

Revising a Dissertation for Publication

Thursday, November 16, 2017

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

Presented by: Pamela Holway

Writing a Proposal for a Thesis

Presented by: Dr. Marti Cleveland-Innes

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Delivery mode: Adobe Connect

More information on these webinars can be found [here](#).

To register for any of these presentations, please contact fgs@athabascau.ca

External Workshops

Workshops and webinars offered by the University of Lethbridge

The School of Graduate Studies at the University of Lethbridge has partnered with Athabasca University to offer free in-person and online workshops to all AU students!

View their Calendar of Events [here](#)

If you are interested in any of these workshops please contact Stacey Leavitt,

School of Graduate Studies at Stacey.leavitt@uleth.ca

External Funding Opportunities

Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit

Application Deadline: October 2, 2017

More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#)

Mitacs Globalink Research Award

AU's internal deadline is October 21, 2017

Students must contact FGS at fgs@athabascau.ca for more information before submitting.

Visit the [Globalink web page](#) for more information on the [award guidelines](#).

Persons Case Scholarship

Application Deadline: October 31, 2017

More information on this opportunity can be found [here](#)

Canadian Graduate Student Master's Awards (CGS-M)

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

AU internal deadline is November 1, 2016

Value: \$17,500 for 12 months, non-renewable

Students must contact FGS at fgs@athabascau.ca for further instructions before submitting their application into the Tri-Council portal.

Refer to the Tri-Agency Harmonization of the Canada Graduate Scholarships page for more information:

[NSERC – Canada Graduate Scholarships-Master's Program](#)

The Fifth Annual National Student Paper Competition

2017 – 2018 Call for Papers

AU's internal deadline is November 15, 2017

Win a paid placement with the Government of Canada!

Students must contact FGS at fgs@athabascau.ca for more information before submitting.

Visit the Institute of Public Administration of Canada [website](#) for more information on the [competition guidelines](#)

2018 Trudeau Doctoral Scholarships Competition

AU's internal deadline is November 24, 2017

Value: \$40,000 per year for three years

\$20,000 per year for three years, as research and travel allowance

Please contact FGS at fgs@athabascau.ca for more information or if you wish to apply.

For more information, visit the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation [home page](#).

Internal Funding Opportunities

AU offers a number of graduate student awards.

Please visit the Student Awards Website for more details:

<http://registrar.athabascau.ca/studentawards/studawrds.php>