

March Newsletter- Executive Election Issue

President's Message



Hello AUGSA!

Election season is upon us! Nominations for Executive Committee have closed, and polling will take place on March 11 and 12. To view the candidates control and click:

http://www.augsa.com/media_files/election/2018/Executive_Candidates_2018.pdf

Two members have also been acclaimed! They are:

- Lindsay McNena, President
- Muhammed Kamran, Vice-President Operations and Finance

Congratulations to the two of you, and best of luck in your new role!

We have ten candidates contesting the position of Vice-President Academic – their biographies are available above. Good luck to you all, and may the best candidate win!

Nominations for Council Faculty Representatives will open on March 14th. If you are thinking about running and have any questions, feel free to contact me at president@augsa.com.

Cheers,

Jamie Czerwinski
President, AUGSA

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

February AUGSA Council Meeting

AUGSA Council's next regular meeting is on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00pm Mountain Time. AUGSA members are welcome to attend the meeting! To join the meeting, control and click here: [Join Skype Meeting](#)

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference

Imagine: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities

The 2018 Graduate Student Conference will be held virtually and in-person in Edmonton on October 12 - 13, 2018.

For more information please visit: <https://augradconference.athabascau.ca/>

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Doctoral Level Student Bursaries:

For information see: [AU Doctoral Level Student Bursaries](#)

Deadline for application is March 15th and AU has ten of these available.



3 Minute Thesis (3MT®) 2018 AU Competition

March 21, 2018

The 3 MT® was developed by The University of Queensland (UQ). The 3MT® competition cultivates students' academic, presentation, and research communication skills. Students must explain and present their research in just three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. Competitors are allowed one static PowerPoint slide, but no other resources or props.

The competition is open to all Thesis-route Masters' Students and Doctoral Students

Athabasca University's Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) will host our internal 3MT® competition virtually on **March 21, 2018**. The first-place winner of AU's internal competition will go on to compete in the Western Regional 3MT® competition taking place at the University of Regina on **April 27, 2018**.

The winners from the Western Regional 3MT® competition will be eligible to compete in the National Competition, hosted virtually.

To help you prepare, FGS is offering a webinar hosted by Mohammad Belghis-Zadeh, the winner of last years' AU 3MT competition, where he will deliver tips for preparing a successful 3MT® including, key elements of a winning presentation, refining your presentation skills, and captivating your audience.

Preparing a Winning 3MT® webinar

March 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm (MST).

To register to participate in the 3MT® competition or to register for the webinar, contact fgs@athabascau.ca.

Funding Opportunities

Defense Engagement Program GRANTS FOR 2018-2019

Application deadline is March 23, 2018

For more information, including instructions on how to apply, please consult the DEP website at the following link: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/training-paid-education/application-form.page>

2017-2018 Prix Allard-Landry

Application Deadline: June 30, 2018

More information, including the application form can be found here

Internal Funding Opportunities

AU Doctoral Level Student Bursaries

Application Deadline: March 15, 2018

More information, including the application form can be found on the Student Awards page

AU offers a number of graduate student awards.

Please visit the Student Awards Website for more details:

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

Competition open for Canadians: Organization of American States (OAS) Academic Scholarships Program, 2018-2019

The Organization of American States (OAS) has launched its 2018-2019 Academic Scholarships Program. One scholarship will be awarded to a Canadian to study or conduct research, at the Master's or PhD level, leading to a degree from a university in an [OAS member state](#). The scholarship is tenable starting in August/September 2018.

- Program name: **Organization of American States (OAS) Academic Scholarships Program**
- Funding organization: **Organization of American States (OAS)**
- Target audiences: **Canadians who wish to undertake graduate studies or research in a university in an OAS member state (except Canada)**
- Duration: **1-2 academic years**
- Value: **USD 15,000 (maximum) per academic year**
- Inclusions: **Airfare, tuition fees, mandatory expenses, monthly allowance, medical insurance and annual book allowance**
- Deadline: **March 21, 2018**

For full program details and to submit an application, visit: [Organization of American States \(OAS\) Academic Scholarships Program](#).

All inquiries regarding this scholarship program should be directed to: admin-scholarships-bourses@cbie.ca or 613-237-4820.

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.

Competition open for Canadians: Foreign Government Awards Program - Korea, 2018-2019

The Government of the Republic of Korea is offering scholarships at the Master's and PhD level for study or research in a variety of fields including Korean studies, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and engineering. Scholarships are tenable from September 1, 2018.

- **Program name:** Foreign Government Awards Program - Korea
- **Funding organization:** Government of the Republic of Korea
- **Target audiences:** Canadian students and researchers
- **Number of scholarships:** 3
- **Duration:** 2 years at the Master's level and 3 years at the doctoral level plus up to 12 months for language training
- **Inclusions:** Airfare, tuition fees, language training, living allowance, and other eligible expenses
- **Deadline:** March 21, 2018

For program and application details, visit: [Foreign Government Awards Program - Korea](#). Read a [testimonial](#) from a former recipient.

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Please do not hesitate to forward this information to your networks.

[AU Library & Scholarly Resources](#) is offering a webinar on Wikipedia and Academic Research next Wednesday, March 7, from 12 to 1 pm MT. To see the date and time of the session in your time zone, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/wikimar7>.

Many students turn to Wikipedia, the collaborative online encyclopedia, when carrying out research for assignments and papers. Wikipedia is not an appropriate resource to rely upon when carrying out university course work, but it can be a launching-pad to quality scholarly research. This webinar will show you how to use Wikipedia as a basic stepping-stone to finding scholarly resources, and how to critically evaluate Wikipedia articles.

The Adobe Connect link is: <https://athabascau.adobeconnect.com/library/>. Please log in as a guest. All AU students are welcome to attend.

A recording will be available shortly after the session at: <http://library.athabascau.ca/orientations.html>.

Check out AU's Facebook event page here, and let us know if you'll be there! <https://www.facebook.com/events/197127281036521/>

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