



SOGS Update



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Upcoming Grad Club Events

Coming soon Karaoke
More details to come.

The Grad Club now serves (At the Bar) Margaritas, Daiquiris & Smoothies.
Ask your bartender for your favorite flavour.

Mondays Night Bowling,
7pm - 11pm.
Trivia Night
Every Tuesday, 8pm.
Prizes and lots of laughs.

Wednesdays Rock Band @ 8pm.
Come and Rock out live on stage.

Thursdays is Rick McGhie night
8pm - 12am.

Friday WII Sports
8pm - 11pm.
Free parking after 8pm.



SOGS Bursary Program - Fall 2009

Bursary applications are available online to full-time SOGS members, in good standing, with demonstrated financial need. The online application is now available at the following website: <https://grad.uwo.ca/student/index.cfm>.

The application deadline is **October 30, 2009 at 4 pm.**

SOGS Bursary & Subsidy Distribution

The Bursary & Subsidy Committee is proud to announce the total amount of Child Care, Thesis and Travel Subsidies awarded for the Summer'09 term was \$13,750.00. In total, \$167,085.98 was awarded in Bursaries and Subsidies for the 2008-09 academic year. SOGS awarded

- 42 Child Care Subsidies totalling of \$ 8,892.70
- 112 Thesis Binding Subsidies totalling \$ 7,493.28
- 109 Travel Bursaries totalling \$ 23,700.00
- 94 OSOTF winners totalling \$ 94,000.00
- 42 Out of Province winners totalling \$ 21,000.00
- 24 Grad Club winners totalling \$ 12,000.00.

Activities for International Students Fall 2009

International and Exchange Student Centre are arranging different events and programs through out the fall term. To view complete events calendar for international students, visit <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/>.

Grad Club: Summer is over and so is the BBQ
Fall has arrived and Buffets are back
Wednesday East Indian Buffet
Thursday Pasta Bar
Friday Theme Buffet - This week Italian
11:30am to 1:30pm

Ontario Grant Now Available

Applicants who are in an approved graduate program leading to a masters or doctoral degree at an Ontario university can apply for an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS). A minimum of 80% is required in order to apply (official transcripts required - except from Western). A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to students who have been admitted to Canada as visitors with a student authorization/study permit. For more detailed information and application procedures please visit the OGS website.

Textbook and Technology Grant (TTG) is now only available for students who have been approved for an OSAP loan. For more information please visit the OSAP website (<http://osap.gov.on.ca>) or contact The University of Western Ontario Financial Aid office.

For 2009-10 programs, the separate application for Textbook and Technology Grant (TTG) is being discontinued.

Indigenous Services

Indigenous Services will arrange a movie @ Western Film (at 6:30 to 8:30 pm) on 29 October, 2009 and indigenous services space design meeting at 5 to 7 pm on September 30, 2009. For more information about these events, visit <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/Indigenous/>.

Mualim services

Mualim is a volunteer based group of graduate students aiming to serve the Canadian community by improving the learning experience of undergraduate students based on our experience and knowledge. Mualim has several services with this objective in mind, the first service to be activated is the "Free Tutoring" service which aims to help undergraduate students during their school year with courses where they are having difficulties and cannot afford to hire tutors. In order to apply as a Tutor, please visit www.mualim.ca.

STAND & ASA After-school Tutoring Program Fall 2009

You must attend the Orientation Session in order to Tutor this Fall. STAND & ASA will be having an orientation session on Tuesday, September 29th at 6 pm in Room 142 UC for our upcoming Fall tutoring session.

Applicant will need proof of a London Police Check or \$10, a piece of ID and proof of a London address (piece of mail, ID, etc.) in order to submit a new one.

The program will run from Oct. 6, 7, & 8 until Dec. 8, 9, & 10 at East London Branch on Tuesdays, Beacock Branch on Wednesdays and Sherwood Forest Branch on Thursdays, all from 5-7.

The Grad Club - "Sleemanology 101"
You can win student essentials. For more information,
visit <http://www.uwo.ca/sogs/gradclub/>

ISIC Tabling

As you may know, members of the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) are also members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). One of the benefits of CFS membership is the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), available to full-time members free of charge. Use the ISIC to get 30% off Via Rail travel, among other discounts (see www.isic.org and www.cfs-fcee.ca). ISIC issuing (and photo-taking) will occur between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm on **September 30 and October 1** at the Grad Club (basement of Middlesex College). Bring your UWO student card & 2009 Fall bus pass to be eligible for a free International Student Identity Card (ISIC). For more information, contact at sogs.external@uwo.ca.

If you are unable to attend on these dates, graduate students can come to the SOGS office (UCC 260).



September Trivia Contest Question

Each month SOGS hosts a trivia contest featuring information from our annual Dayplanner. Correct answers are entered into a draw and ten students will win a gift certificate to the Grad Club! Please email your entry to sogs.contest@uwo.ca by October 6, 2009. Winners will be notified by email and their names posted in next month's newsletter.

Q. Who are SOGS' Accounting Manager and Office Manager? What are their ethnic backgrounds?