

GRADUATE WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR SERIES

Fall 2020

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Tuesday 8 September 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.	NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO WORKING AS A TEACHING ASSISTANT In this session, we will welcome incoming students to the graduate program in English and introduce them to key department and university leaders. As well, we will familiarize students with policies and best practices regarding their work as TAs, including a discussion of evaluating and providing feedback on written assignments.	Conron Hall (University College Room 3110)
Friday 11 September 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	LEADING TUTORIALS What is a tutorial and what is its role in enriching student learning in relation to first-year undergraduate courses? What kinds of learning activities work well in tutorial settings? How can TAs lead tutorials safely and effectively both in person and online during a pandemic? All TAs leading tutorials this academic year are strongly encouraged to attend this training session.	Virtual via Zoom
Monday 14 September 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	APPLYING FOR SSHRC DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS In this session, we will discuss funding opportunities for graduate students available via the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. More specifically, we will focus on key aspects of a successful application, including the framing and writing of the research proposal as well as the new statement of research contributions, relevant experience, and research activities.	Virtual via Zoom with Christine Campana and Jeff Swim
Monday 12 October 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	CONCEPTUALIZING AND WRITING CONFERENCE PAPER PROPOSALS What are academic conferences and why is it useful to attend them? How does a researcher apply to present their work at a conference and what does a professional presentation look like? Just in time for the deadline for ACCUTE conference paper proposal submissions, this workshop will provide answers to these key questions.	Virtual via Zoom with Andrew Sargent and Courtney Church
Friday 16 October 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	HOW OWN YOUR FUTURE HELPS YOU ADVANCE YOUR STUDIES AND ADVANCE YOUR CAREER In this session, participants will learn how Western's School of Graduate Studies' Program <i>Own Your Future</i> supports your academic studies and future career by offering resources to improve your confidence communicating your research to broad audiences, form positive working relationships, develop an online presence, and more. Gain a greater understanding of the resources available to you during your studies and uncover the language to articulate your professional identity on scholarship applications, resumes, cover letters and in job interviews.	Virtual via Zoom with Julie Jonkhans from SGPS
	A survey will be sent to all current graduate students early in the fall semester to learn about student interests for additional Graduate Development and Professionalization programming for the year. Please stay tuned for the results!	

Please note that the Graduate Development and Placement Coordinator is available, via appointment, for one-on-one consultations regarding applying for academic jobs, for providing feedback on grant applications, and other aspects of graduate professional development. Additionally, the GDPC can coordinate mock job interviews for those who have been short-listed for academic jobs.

If you have any questions or comments about the Graduate Development and Professionalization Workshop and Seminar Series, please contact Dr. Pauline Wakeham at pwakeham@uwo.ca