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Welcome

We call this the “Essential Guide for Grad Students” for a good reason. In it, you’ll find essential information not only to get your year started, but also to help you connect with the resources you may need throughout the year—and throughout your program. There are workshops to help you manage stress or develop new interests, opportunities to unwind and meet other graduate students, and places to find academic support or explore career options.

Whether you are a new or a continuing student, do take a few minutes to browse the EGG directory. You may be surprised to discover that, despite its scale and tri-campus reach, U of T has a strong and close-knit graduate community.

I also encourage you to get acquainted with the School of Graduate Studies, described on page 13 of this guide. Our student support team at 63 St. George Street serves a broad range of needs, from administrative assistance, transition advising for international students, and financial advising to accessibility advising and wellness counselling. We also provide workshops and courses designed to develop your academic and professional skills through the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) and the Graduate Professional Skills (GPS) program.

Never hesitate to ask for assistance, and be confident in knowing that you have many pathways to find it. The School of Graduate Studies and its tri-campus partners are here to help you achieve academic and personal success from registration to graduation—and beyond.

Joshua Barker

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Front Campus and Convocation Hall, St. George Campus
Registrarial information
## Important dates 2018-2019

### SGS Sessional Dates 2018-2019

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<td>Thu, Aug 30</td>
<td>Grad Step Up orientation for all incoming international grad students. A full-day event to help bridge the transition to graduate studies at U of T. Visit <a href="studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/orientation-grad-stepup">studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/orientation-grad-stepup</a> for details.</td>
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Mon, Feb 25  Final date to drop full-year and winter session courses without academic penalty

March  March Graduation *In absentia* Information is posted at: [www.convocation.utoronto.ca](http://www.convocation.utoronto.ca)

April  For last day of winter session classes, consult unit concerned

Thurs, Apr 18 For students obtaining degrees at June convocation, course work must be completed and grades submitted for full-year and winter session courses

Thurs, Apr 18 Final date for receipt of degree recommendations and submission of any required theses for master’s degrees for June convocation

Thurs, Apr 18 Final date for submission of final doctoral thesis for students whose degrees are to be conferred at the June convocation

Thurs, Apr 18 Students dually registered in the winter session must be recommended for the master’s degree by this date to maintain their PhD registration

Thurs, Apr 18 Recommended tuition fee payment deadline for students registering or starting their program in the summer session to ensure payment is received by the registration deadline of May 3, and to avoid cancellation of registration and course enrolment

Fri, Apr 19  Good Friday (University closed)

Tues, Apr 30 Payment deadline to avoid service charges on unpaid fall/winter session (September to April) tuition and non-tuition fee amounts for all students who have successfully registered without payment because they are receiving a full funding package via a research stipend, a major award or scholarship, teaching assistantships, and/or sponsorships. Monthly service charges will incur starting May 15

**Summer Session 2019**

May  For first day of summer classes, consult graduate unit concerned

Fri, May 3  Registration deadline for students registering or starting their program in the summer (May to August) session; after this date, a late registration fee will be assessed. Minimum required payment due (unpaid fees from previous session[s] + 50% of summer session tuition fees)
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Welcome to the School of Graduate Studies

63 St. George Street
Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
sgs.utoronto.ca

Located in the Macdonald-Mowat building, the School of Graduate Studies at 63 St. George Street is home to various resources and services, including:

Student Academic Services Office, Room 101: Need an official letter, or information about academic records, registration, or enrolment? Looking for assistance with program management or progress? Visit us in person, or contact us by phone or email (416-978-6614; graduate.information@utoronto.ca).

The Graduate Awards Office, Room 201: Whether you’re applying for a scholarship, or seeking emergency financial support, bring your questions to us. Our Financial Advisor can also help you with managing educational expenses, budgeting, and planning. Visit us in person, or contact us by phone or email:

- Awards Inquiries: 416-946-0808 (graduate.awards@utoronto.ca)
- Financial Aid and Advising: 416-978-2839 (sgs.financial.assistance@utoronto.ca)

Program Completion Offices, Doctoral and Master’s, Room 110: Our staff are here to help you coordinate the details of your doctoral final examination and clarify your questions about the electronic submission of your thesis. We can also answer your graduation questions and provide letters indicating the completion of your degree requirements.

Recruitment and Admissions Office and International Student Support: A resource to resolve admissions issues affecting grad students, we also assist students and grad units alike with joint educational placements. Weekly, we host CIE’s International Transition Advisor at 63 St. George Street. Check our advisor’s drop-in office hours at uoft.me/transitionadvisor.

Accessibility Advising for Graduate Students: New this fall, SGS hosts an Accessibility Advisor who can answer your questions about academic accommodations and connect you with a network of resources at U of T. Find out more at www.sgs.utoronto.ca.

Wellness Counselling for Grad Students: If you’re looking for
counselling, call the Health & Wellness Centre (416-978-8030), and they will set up an assessment for you. You may be recommended to an SGS Wellness Counsellor at 63 St. George Street. Free wellness workshops for grad students are also available twice monthly next door at 65 St. George Street: uoft.me/stayingwell.

Grad Student Lounge, first floor: Drop by and enjoy a quiet place to read, relax, or get some work done while you’re on St. George campus.

Meeting rooms: Bookable space is available for grad-related activities, including writing groups and more. Additional space can be booked at 65 George Street and the SGS Grad Room at 66 Harbord Street. Check availability at uoft.me/sgsrooms.

SGS at large

Sign up for brunch or coffee with the SGS Dean and help make a difference by sharing your thoughts about your graduate experience at U of T! Invitations for these one-hour sessions are issued through graduate units in August. Graduate students from all program stages are encouraged to participate.

Beyond our home at 63 St. George, the School of Graduate Studies offers a wide range of programs and workshops to hone your academic and professional skills and to build community with grad students of different disciplines. Be sure to check out the directory listings in this guide for the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) and Graduate Professional Skills program (GPS).

The SGS website is also an excellent resource, offering everything from employment outcomes data for our recent PhDs to a new Graduate Wellness Portal.
First steps for new students

JOINid, TCard, UTORid and UTmail+

The University of Toronto issues a JOINid to applicants, so that they can access key online services before coming to campus. You should have received an email with your JOINid and instructions for enabling it at uoft.me/enable. If you’ve lost the email or didn’t receive it, please contact admissions.sgs@utoronto.ca.

Before arrival, you can use your JOINid and existing email address for residence applications and to access your student account on ACORN (acorn.utoronto.ca).

Once you pick up your TCard (your U of T student card), your JOINid will become your UTORid, giving you access to further services: ACORN, wireless networks, online library resources, Career Exploration & Education and more. After you activate your UTORid, you’ll be able to set up your U of T email account, where you’ll receive all official email communications from the University.

Proof of citizenship and your offer of admission letter are required in order to receive a TCard. Before collecting your TCard, check your legal status on ACORN to make sure your status matches your legal documents. If it doesn’t match, stop by SGS Student Academic Services to have your record updated before going to the TCard office. For detailed information about the documentation required to get your TCard, visit tcard.utoronto.ca.

You can get your TCard at the following locations:

**St. George campus:**
TCard Services, Koffler Student Services Building, 214 College Street, Room 102

**Mississauga campus:**
CCT Atrium, lower level, Room CC 0160A

**Scarborough campus:**
1265 Military Trail
Bladen Wing, 4th floor
Sep to Apr:
Room BV498A
May to Aug:
Room BV481

**Lost or stolen TCard?**
To replace your TCard, visit the nearest TCard office with your student number or UTORid, one piece of valid government-issued photo ID and the $20 replacement fee (debit or credit only). For full details, visit tcard.utoronto.ca/lost-replacement-tcard.
ACORN

ACORN stands for Accessible Campus Online Resource Network (acorn.utoronto.ca) and is the student web interface where you can enrol in courses, check fees and finances, and perform registration tasks such as updating address and contact information. It provides a convenient, personalized and guided experience for using U of T’s online services.

As a new graduate student, you need to get your TCard (U of T student card) and activate your UTmail+ (U of T email address). You can then login to ACORN using your UTORid and password.

Clearing conditions

Your SGS offer of admission letter outlines important information about your program. It may also include conditions which must be satisfied before you can register. If you’re unsure about how to clear your conditions, contact your graduate unit.

International students

As of September 2018, most international research-stream PhD students are eligible to pay domestic tuition rates. This new tuition fee structure will be applied automatically to all international graduate students registered in eligible PhD programs in all years of study. Students registered in research-stream master’s programs and professional master’s programs will not be affected by this change.

To find out whether this change to the international fee structure applies to your program, please consult your graduate unit.

If you are an international student and have just arrived on St. George campus, make sure one of your first stops is the Centre for International Experience (CIE, cie.utoronto.ca) at 33 St. George Street. Taking place in late August and early September, the CIE Orientation includes many events to help you transition to U of T, including informative and engaging activities, campus and neighbourhood tours, opportunities to meet and interact with other students, a Services Expo, and the CIE Welcome Reception. Learn more at https://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/cie/orientation.
**Status in Canada fee exemption**

Has your legal status in Canada changed? If you are in a program not affected by the 2018 change in international tuition fee structure, you may be eligible for a Status in Canada fee exemption. Please bring your original documents to SGS Student Academic Services so staff can make the change. If you have questions regarding the kinds of documentation to present, please contact SGS Student Academic Services at graduate.information@utoronto.ca or 416-978-6614.

**Changes to legal status must be made by the following deadlines:**

November 1  for reassessment of the complete fall and winter session  
February 1  for reassessment of the winter session only  
June 28   for reassessment of the complete summer session (only applies to students charged tuition fees for the summer session)

If you’re unable to provide the required documentation by these deadlines, you must pay the international tuition rate. A change of status is not retroactive to any previous session.
Information for all students

What’s the difference between enrolment and registration? To enrol, you add yourself to courses. To register, you pay your tuition and incidental fees, or make an arrangement to register without payment (fee deferral).

Enrolment

Most graduate units allow you to enrol in courses through ACORN (acorn.utoronto.ca), but some graduate units require you to fill out a form. Consult your home graduate unit for detailed instructions and the SGS sessional dates for course enrolment deadlines: uoft.me/sessional-dates

Registration

To register on time, pay your tuition and incidental fees or make an arrangement to register without payment (fee deferral) by September 14 (if you’re starting in September) or January 14 (if you’re starting in January). Detailed instructions on how to pay tuition fees (including making a fee payment from outside of Canada) are found on the Office of Student Accounts website (www.fees.utoronto.ca). To find out how much you owe, check your invoice on ACORN. For information about service charges, visit: uoft.me/graduate-fees

You may request to register without payment (fee deferral) through ACORN if you have no outstanding fees from a previous session and are the recipient of one of the following which exceeds the minimum payment to register amount on your invoice:

- Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) loan
- Other provincial government loan
- US government loan
- University funding package (major award, research stipend or teaching stipend)
Late registration

If you register after the final date to register without financial penalty, you are required to pay a late registration fee of $44.00. This is done online through the SGS Portal. For more information, contact Student Academic Services at graduate.information@utoronto.ca.

If you don’t register by the deadline, your enrolment in courses will be cancelled and further enrolment will be blocked. After September 14 (fall/winter sessions) or January 14 (winter session) you must provide proof of payment and register at the SGS Student Academic Services office.

Balance of degree (BoD) fee

All graduate students, both full-time and part-time, must pay a minimum degree fee by the time they complete their program. For master’s students, this fee is based on the full-time program length for their program. If, at the end of your program, the total amount of academic fees you were charged during the time you were registered is less than this minimum degree fee, you will be required to pay the difference, known as the Balance of Degree fee. Note that there is no maximum degree fee. Acquaint yourself with your program’s minimum degree fee as early as possible to avoid any surprises upon graduation, and ask the Student Academic Services office at SGS for more information.
Funding & awards

In order to make informed decisions about your future, it’s important to have a clear understanding of the graduate funding landscape—an awareness of your program’s funding context and of the financial opportunities and supports available to you between admission and graduation.

If you are a student in a professional master’s, flex-time, or professional doctoral program, you will typically self-fund your educational expenses through a variety of programs including student loans, student lines of credit, and employment income. You may also be eligible for a limited number of graduate awards available through your graduate unit and various external agencies.

Most PhD and many research-stream master’s programs at the University of Toronto offer a range of financial supports to offset the cost of a graduate education. The amount and type of student support varies among graduate programs; if you are registered full-time in a research-stream program, your own graduate unit will specify your financial support in an annual funding letter. Your funding letter will also identify the sources of funding that you will receive (for example, teaching assistantships, awards, research stipends, and/or fellowships), along with a payment schedule to help you plan your finances throughout the year. On an annual basis, the School of Graduate Studies publishes base funding amounts and actual average incomes—in addition to average times to complete a degree—for graduate units across the University. Available online, this information will allow you to compare units and divisions, and help you set expectations about your own program of study. For details, visit uoft.me/understandfunding.

You are also encouraged to explore the wide range of financial supports available to U of T graduate students in the form of scholarships and merit-based awards. Visit uoft.me/graduateawards for more information.

Remember, if you are thinking of applying for scholarships and awards, plan ahead! Acquaint yourself with the awards competition cycle, and give yourself enough time to:

• take advantage of information sessions. The SGS Graduate Awards Office offers these in summer and fall.

• register for workshops and courses to help improve your applications. The Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) is an excellent resource.

• start thinking about reference letters.

• figure out how to access online application systems.
Other key links:

- uoft.me/sgsfinancial: Find links to financial aid & advising services offered through the School of Graduate Studies.

- uoft.me/10KPhDs: Thinking about the future and career options? Learn about the wide variety of work settings where our doctoral students who graduated between 2000 and 2015 are employed.

In this exciting step towards realizing my career goals, the 10,000 PhDs Project offers a clear understanding of the value of my doctoral degree. It’s great knowing that U of T’s high-calibre training can serve me in a variety of professional settings.

Afif, PhD, Department of Cell and Systems Biology (Collaborative Program in Neuroscience)
section 2

Life on campus
Gradlife

21 Sussex Avenue
416-946-0148
gradlife.utoronto.ca

Whether you’re just starting a graduate program or are in the midst of one, grad school can seem like an individual challenge. You’ll find a strong sense of community if you get involved in campus life.

Gradlife provides programs exclusively for grad students to help you build skills, get support, find balance, meet other grad students and navigate life at U of T. We can connect you to workshops, social events, campus services and helpful resources that will enrich your experience and enhance your academic achievements. Take advantage of the many opportunities and services offered, and ask for help when you need it – you’ll be glad you did!

Grad Escapes
uoft.me/gradescapes

Sometimes you just need a break. That’s why the Graduate Students’ Union and Student Life created Grad Escapes – a program that offers social, cultural and recreational opportunities to relieve graduate student stress. From art classes to recreational sports, musical theatre to historic tours, there’s something for everyone. So, forget your thesis for a night, try a new experience, and meet fellow students. Bring a partner, a friend or come alone! Student families are welcome.

As Gradlife Ambassador I discovered more than I would have ever anticipated about U of T’s student services. I was accepted into a community that works tirelessly to support students, and met so many fascinating people outside of my research division. The best part? Helping other students make these same discoveries.

Cricia, MSc, Institute of Medical Science (Collaborative Program in Neuroscience)
Grad Room
66 Harbord Street
uoft.me/gradroom

Home to the Graduate Professional Skills (GPS) program, Grad Room is your inclusive graduate space on St. George campus. Relax, socialize, and study in the Grad Room Lounge. Join a writing group, or take in a Grad Talk or workshop in our multi-purpose programming space. Community Animators are on hand daily to answer your questions about graduate student life at U of T.

Grad Talks
uoft.me/gradtalks

Gradlife and Grad Room partner to offer learning sessions to help grad students build skills and gain balance. Most sessions are held at Grad Room at 66 Harbord Street and cover topics like communication, personal development, academic support, careers and more.

Grad Connections
uoft.me/gradconnections

Take a break and connect with other grad students at our bi-weekly chat forum. Share your experiences in an informal setting, talk about your challenges and life as a graduate student. An expert staff facilitator will be available to answer questions related to each week’s theme. This is a free event! Refreshments available.
Get connected
Connect with Gradlife on social media to get daily updates about tri-campus events, resources and useful information.

Facebook: UofTGradlife
Twitter: @UofTGradlife
Blog: blogs.studentlife.utoronto.ca/gradlife
See page 48 of the directory for more ways to build your community.

Find balance
Having a successful grad experience means finding a way to balance your studies, health and personal life. If you need a break from your studies, head to a grad lounge, check out the events your grad association is hosting, or look into joining a club. You’ll get a chance to lower your stress levels as you meet new people and grow your network of peers.

See page 48 of the directory for more information.

Stay well
Your health and well-being are the foundation of your academic and personal success. The team at the Health & Wellness Centre offers a wide range of services – including confidential student-focused health care, nutrition counselling, immunization and more – to support you in being your best. The School of Graduate Studies offers grad wellness counselling at 63 St. George Street, and hosts an online Graduate Wellness Portal (created in partnership with the UTGSU) where you can find FAQs and a wealth of mental health services, resources, and academic supports.

See page 51 of the directory for more information.

Ask for help early and often
Some days will be better than others, so remember there’s no wrong time to reach out! There are resources for every situation and every level of stress. Through the Graduate Conflict Resolution Centre, Graduate Counselling Services and Grad Minds, you can find resources that are tailored to you and get advice from fellow grad students who have been where you are now. Don’t wait until things have reached a boiling point. Start the conversation now.

See page 51 of the directory for more information.
Get active
No matter how you like to move – from hiking to biking, playing sports, and everything in between – staying active is a wonderful way to lower your stress levels and meet new people. Physical activity helps you focus, too. So take a break from your studies and check out U of T’s athletic facilities, join an intramural team or simply take a walk and breathe deeply. You’ll be glad you did!

See page 43 of the directory for more information.

Be safe on campus
Protect yourself and your community — get informed about campus safety. The TravelSafer program, self-defence workshops and counselling are just some of the services offered by The Campus Police and Community Safety Office. Learn more at www.safety.utoronto.ca.

See 65 of the directory for more information.

Understand consent
consent.utoronto.ca
Consent is the informed agreement to take part in intimate activity and it’s necessary every single time. Learn more about your rights and responsibilities.

Career prep
Getting ready for a career you love starts now! U of T offers a wide variety of career exploration and education programming for graduate students interested in working within or outside academia. Prepare for your future through courses and workshops offered by the School of Graduate Studies’ Graduate Professional Skills (GPS) program, hone your interview skills and plan your job search through career services on all three campuses and beyond.

See page 36 of the directory for more information.
Your family
If you have family obligations to consider while you study, check out U of T’s wealth of family support resources. From on-campus daycare and family housing to confidential guidance and child and youth athletic programs, you can find the resources you need to care for your family while reaching your academic goals.

See page 42 of the directory for more information.

Academic support & resources
You’ll find lots of specialized support for graduate students at U of T, including free courses on topics such as grant writing, giving presentations, and thesis writing at the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC), dissertation writing groups offered by the Academic Success Centre, and online resources like the SGS Graduate Supervision Guidelines for Students (uoft.me/graduatesupervision) and Best TTC Practices for Doctoral Students (uoft.me/gradTTC).

See page 32 of the directory for more information.
Tri-campus directory of programs & services
Academic Support

Academic Success
214 College Street
(Student Success Centre)
416-978-7970
asc.utoronto.ca

Provides a range of supports to help you reach your academic potential. Meet one-on-one with a learning strategist, access online resources, try a drop-in session or workshop. Popular workshops for grad students include Effective Writing, Avoiding Procrastination & Time Management, Exam Preparation & Anxiety and Reading, Note-Taking & Studying. The Graduate Writing Group at Academic Success provides support from a group of peers who share your experience and can help keep you accountable.

Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC)
704 Spadina Avenue, 2nd Floor
416-946-7485
uoft.me/GCAC

The GCAC provides graduate students with free, advanced training in academic writing and speaking on topics such as writing literature reviews, grant writing, preparing to publish, and oral presentation skills. A program of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

Writing a doctoral thesis can be a tough, lonely road. Academic Success helped me realize that I was not alone in the challenges I faced over the course of my doctorate, and that it’s better to reach out for help than suffer in silence.

Abigail, PhD, Department of English
Libraries
library.utoronto.ca

Access extensive resources and support, including workshops, computers, printing and Wi-Fi, study space, and research guides featuring advice, tools and the best resources for your needs curated by expert librarians. The U of T library system comprises 44 libraries, with a collection including 12 million volumes in 341 languages and has been ranked as one of the top three in North America (after Harvard and Yale).

Office of Research and Innovation
research.utoronto.ca

Find and apply for research funding, understand research ethics, explore entrepreneurship, learn how to commercialize inventions and more.

School of Graduate Studies (SGS)
63 St. George Street
416-978-6614
sgs.utoronto.ca

Your main resource for academic information, including registration and enrolment, managing your program, policies and guidelines, finances, professional development and much more.

UTM - Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre
1675 Outer Circle, Room 390K
(Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre)
905-828-3858
utm.utoronto.ca/asc

Workshops and one-on-one support for grad students, English language classes, resources and specialized training for teaching assistants, and much more.

UTSC - Academic Advising & Career Centre
1265 Military Trail, Room AC213
(Academic Resource Centre)
416-287-7561
utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc

Make an appointment or join a workshop to get academic advice and build your study skills. Find opportunities through the UTSC Research Catalogue.

UTSC - Centre for Teaching & Learning
1265 Military Trail
uoft.me/utscctl

Services for grad students include GPS workshops, graduate writing support, TATP workshops, TA training sessions and more.
Accessibility

Accessibility Services
455 Spadina Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 400
(Just north of College Street)
416-978-8060
accessibility.utoronto.ca

Provides students with a network of resources to succeed both inside and outside the classroom, including academic accommodations. If you have a documented disability, ongoing or temporary, register early with Accessibility Services. Even if you never need any accommodations, you can relax knowing you can access them if necessary. Accommodations may include note-taking services, on-campus transportation or alternative format textbooks.

As a peer mentor for AccessUs, I create a safe and comfortable community where peers can navigate disability-related barriers, receive unconditional support, and find academic and social opportunities. As a student registered with Accessibility Services, I’m happy to give back to the community that has helped me so much.

Claudia, MSc, Institute of Medical Science
Arts & Culture

Art Museum at the University of Toronto
artmuseum.utoronto.ca

Together, the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery at Hart House and the University of Toronto Art Centre at University College form the Art Museum. This interdisciplinary arts hub offers encounters with diverse artistic and cultural perspectives, and is one of the largest gallery spaces for visual art exhibitions and programming in Toronto.

ArtsZone
www.arts.utoronto.ca

Your one-stop connection to the huge variety of cultural events happening around campus – film, music, theatre, galleries and more.

The Doris McCarthy Gallery
www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~dmg/

Located on the upper level of the Academic Resource Centre at UTSC, this art gallery presents a variety of contemporary art exhibitions and events each year.

Centre for Drama, Theatre & Performance Studies
dramacentre.utoronto.ca

Hosts performances and events across campus by undergraduate and graduate drama students throughout the year.

Library Accessibility
416-978-1957
uoft.me/accessservices

U of T Libraries offer a variety of services to students registered with Accessibility Services, including required readings in alternative formats, the Accessible Content E-Portal and assistance navigating buildings.

UTM - AccessABILITY Resource Centre
1867 Inner Circle, Room 2037
(William G. Davis Building)
905-569-4699
utm.utoronto.ca/accessability

Resources, services, advice and academic accommodations for students who have a documented learning, physical, sensory or mental health disability, or medical condition.

UTSC - AccessAbility Services
1265 Military Trail, Room S302
(Science Building)
416-287-7560
utsc.utoronto.ca/ability

Services and academic accommodations for students who have a documented learning, physical, sensory or mental health disability, or medical condition.
Faculty of Music  
80 Queen’s Park  
416-978-3741  
music.utoronto.ca  

Paid concert events by celebrated musicians run from September to April each year. Recitals by U of T Music students are free.

Hart House  
7 Hart House Circle  
416-978-2452  
harthouse.ca  

A place to explore cultural, intellectual and recreational activities, offering a wide array of events, lectures, live music and performances, as well as classes for every interest – from filmmaking and acting to archery and dance.

Poet in Community  
poet.utoronto.ca  

Through workshops, conversations and one-on-one meetings, the Poet in Community program uses writing to address the interests, passions and needs of students.

U of T Events  
events.utoronto.ca  

There are interesting events happening on campus all the time. Get out and explore!

U of T Tix  
uofttix.ca  

U of T’s central box office for ticketed events – everything from theatre productions and sport championship games to craft beer festivals and more.

Career  

Career Exploration & Education  
214 College Street  
(Student Success Centre)  
416-978-8000  
careers.utoronto.ca  

Explore your career options through one-on-one career advising, online resources for the academic work search, workshops, networking opportunities and more. Key services for grad students include the GDS and CLN.

Graduate Dossier Service (GDS)  
416-978-8015  
studentlife.utoronto.ca/cc/dossier  

A service for U of T doctoral students conducting their academic job search, GDS acts as a depository of confidential letters of reference and can also include transcripts. GDS forwards these documents (upon request) to institutions that are hiring.

Career Learning Network (CLN)  
cln.utoronto.ca  

An online tool to help connect you with internal and external partners interested in your career success. Join the CLN to view and register for workshops and events; participate in recruitment activities, career exploration and experiential learning programs; access the informational interview database and more.
**Graduate Professional Skills Program (GPS)**

Prepare for your future with GPS! Build critical career skills beyond what you gain in your academic work. Take seminars, workshops, and non-credit courses to learn about effective communication, planning and time management, entrepreneurship, ethical practices, teamwork and leadership. Successful completion will be recognized by a transcript notation. A program of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

**UTM - Career Centre**
1867 Inner Circle, Room 3094
(William G. Davis Building)
905-828-5451
[utm.utoronto.ca/careers](http://utm.utoronto.ca/careers)

In-person and online resources to give you an edge in developing and managing your career. Find your focus, work with a career counsellor, and explore careers inside and outside academia.

**UTSC - Academic Advising & Career Centre**
1265 Military Trail, Room AC213
(Academic Resource Centre)
416-287-7561
[utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc](http://utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc)

Try the assessment tools to find your ideal career path or register for the Jobs for Grads program to access full-time work listings, workshops and campus events with employers.

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**Equity, Diversity & Engagement**

**Anti-Racism and Cultural Diversity Office (ARCDO)**
155 College Street, Room 356
416-978-1259
[www.antiracism.utoronto.ca](http://www.antiracism.utoronto.ca)

Provides training and education, policy expertise, events and programs, dialogue facilitation, and other services in support of equity, diversity and inclusivity at the University.

**Centre for Women and Trans People**
563 Spadina Avenue, Room 100
(North Borden Building)
416-978-8201
[womenscentre.sa.utoronto.ca](http://womenscentre.sa.utoronto.ca)

This safe drop-in space for all women and trans people on campus provides free support, referrals, resources and advocacy through workshops, events, services and programming.
Sexual and Gender Diversity Office (SGDO)
21 Sussex Avenue, Suite 416-417
416-946-5624
sgdo.utoronto.ca

The SGDO offers a wide variety of programs and supports for students, including the annual Lead with Pride conference, Queer Orientation and the LGBTQ International Student Group. Join the LGBTQ-Grads listserv to be in touch with other graduate students and keep informed of events, programs and more. The UTGSU Queer Caucus, a political and social caucus, holds events throughout the year.

UTGSU Committees and Caucuses

Civics Committee
civics@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/civics

This committee coordinates efforts to deal with issues of civic engagement in all its forms. It engages in campaigns to increase member, campus and community involvement in democratic governance within wider society.

Environmental Justice and Sustainability Committee (EJSC)
civics@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/ejsc

The EJSC tackles issues of environmental justice and promotes sustainable policies and practices undertaken by the UTGSU.

Equity and Advocacy Committee (EAC)
external@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/eac

The EAC discusses issues of social justice with graduate students and engages in campaigns to combat all forms of discrimination and social inequity that intersect with U of T and the wider community.

Grad Minds (UTGSU Mental & Health Advocacy Committee)
gradminds.ca

Grad Minds is part of the U of T Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU) and provides mental health resources and services to students, advocates for graduate students’ mental health, and creates partnerships in the community. Offerings include events (arts events, film screenings, talks), the annual Open Minds conference, free yoga and monthly Mental Health at the Grad Room.

International Students’ Caucus (ISC)
isc@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/isc

The ISC coordinates efforts on international graduate students’ success in academic and campus adaptation. Meetings and events focus on the needs of the caucus’ membership including funding, academics, immigration, health insurance, social activities and more.
Professional Graduate Students’ Caucus (PGSC)
pgcd@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/pgsc

The PGSC is the newest caucus composed of graduate students in professional programs to discuss their unique needs. The PGSC keeps students updated on information and events, hosts mixers and advocates on behalf of professional graduate students to various U of T bodies.

Queer Caucus (QC)
queer@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/queer

The QC is a political and social caucus for graduate students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans*, and queer (LGBTQQIP2SAA). This body has the goal of naming and fighting oppression, including homophobia, heteronormativity, transphobia, gender normativity and more, within and beyond the UTGSU and the University of Toronto.

Race & Ethnicity Caucus (REC)
rec@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/rec

The REC is committed to social justice, community building and healing for self-identified racialized and/or graduate students of colour at the intersections of gender, ability, age, class, religion and sexuality. Activities include meetings, social events, reading groups, community outreach, panels and more.

As a member of the Queer Caucus, I connect with queer graduate students all over campus. It’s a space to feel comfortable and united both socially and politically by our queer identities. Whether it’s playing board games, going out to a bar, or screening LGBTQ2S movies, the Queer Caucus is a way to make friends and fight oppression. Graduate school can be really stressful; a network of people that understand you makes life just a little easier.

Jonathan, MSc, Department of Molecular Genetics
Faith & Spirituality

Campus Chaplains Association
uoft.me/campuschaplains

Connect with spiritual advisors of many faiths and denominations.

Multi-Faith Centre for Spiritual Study and Practice
569 Spadina Avenue
(Koffler House)
416-946-3120
multifaith.utoronto.ca

The Multi-Faith Centre supports the spiritual well-being of students, staff and faculty through interfaith dialogue and other activities that help to increase our understanding of and respect for religious beliefs and practices.

Multi-Faith Spaces Around Campus
uoft.me/multifaithspaces

Looking for a place on campus to practise your faith? The St. George campus offers several multi-purpose spaces suitable for prayer, meditation and other spiritual practices.

Religious Accommodations
uoft.me/religiousaccommodation

Accommodations may be available for students who celebrate religious holidays other than those formally recognized by the University through regular scheduling or statutory holidays.

UTM - Multi-Faith Spaces
uoft.me/multifaithspaceUTM

Student organizations recognized through Ulife can book space at UTM for prayer and other religious purposes.

UTSC - Scarborough Campus Students Union (SCSU) Multi-Faith Prayer Room
scsu.ca/services/student-services/multifaith-prayer-room

The SCSU holds two multi-faith prayer rooms that are reserved for religious purposes. Please check the website for booking information.
UTSC - Multi-Faith Engagement
utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/multi-faith-engagement

Meet with a UTSC campus chaplain, or take part in events and workshops throughout the year. Accommodations may be available for religious observances.

Family
Child & Youth Athletic Programs
uoft.me/kidsprograms

Recreational athletic programs for kids, including Camp U of T and Junior Blues, offered by U of T's Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Family Care Office
214 College Street (Koffler Student Services Building)
416-978-0951
www.familycare.utoronto.ca

Find on- and off-campus child care services, and access confidential guidance, resources, referrals, educational programming and advocacy on family-related issues.

Being a student parent is often isolating. As a Peer Mentor, I connect fellow caregivers with the wonderful resources and events for families at U of T. At the same time, volunteering gets me and my family out to join the community and make new friends.

Andrea, PhD, Department of Public Health Sciences (Field: Epidemiology)
Family Resource Centre at the University of Toronto
Early Learning Centre
7 Glen Morris Street
elc.utoronto.ca

A child and parent drop-in centre on the St. George campus for children up to five years of age. No registration required.

Guide for Graduate Students with Family Responsibilities

Download this list of resources and contacts to help you manage family responsibilities.

Hart House Family Sundays
7 Hart House Circle
416-978-2452
harthouse.ca/family-Sundays

Bring your family to Hart House one Sunday a month for fun, interactive and educational family events that explore cultural diversity through storytelling, music, food, arts and crafts.

SGS Leave of Absence Policy for Parental Leave
uoft.me/1Wg

New parents may apply to their graduate coordinator for a leave of absence at the time of pregnancy, birth or adoption to provide full-time care. The SGS Parental Grant program also provides financial support to eligible doctoral students on parental leave. Please see the SGS website for details.

Student Family Housing
30 & 35 Charles Street West
studentfamilyhousing.utoronto.ca

A family-oriented residence reserved for U of T students with partners and/or children, located near Yonge and Bloor.

UTM - Childcare Resources
utm.utoronto.ca/childcare

A variety of child care information and support is available to UTM students, staff and faculty who are parents, foster parents or legal guardians of children.

UTM - Early Learning Centre
1900 Outer Circle
(Leacock Lane Residence)
(905) 569-4422
elc.utoronto.ca/location-operating-hours/utm-location

Full- and part-time care available, with priority given to UTM students, staff and faculty. U of T Early Learning Centre fees apply. Sign up for the waiting list by downloading and filling out the application form – see website for details.
UTM - Student Housing & Residence Life
3375 Residence Road, Suite 120
(Oscar Peterson Hall)
905-828-5286
uoft.me/utmhousing

Family housing at UTM features three- or four-bedroom townhouses with access to Wi-Fi, laundry facilities and close proximity to all the facilities and services on campus. Check online for application processes and important dates.

UTSC - N’sheemaehn Child Care Centre
1255 Military Trail
416-287-7624
childcare.utsc.utoronto.ca

A warm and positive environment that provides programs for children from infants and toddlers to preschool and kindergarten.

Fitness & Sports

Back Campus Fields
East of St. George/
South of Hoskin/
West of Tower Road/
North of University College
Outdoor synthetic turf fields, perfect for recreational field hockey, soccer, Ultimate, lacrosse and other field sports (during non-programmed activity times).

Drop-in & Registered Programs
kpe.utoronto.ca/sports-and-rec

Registered fitness programs in aquatics, fitness, certifications, sport, martial arts, personal training and nutrition consultation are available for a small additional fee and help you build skills progressively each week. Drop-in fitness programs, weight training tutorials, diving and skating are free of charge. Check online for the drop-in activities you are interested in.

Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport
100 Devonshire Place
416-946-0400
kpe.utoronto.ca/facility/goldring-centre-high-performance-sport

New, beautifully designed sport and exercise facility housing a 2,000-seat, internationally-rated field house for basketball, volleyball and other court sports, a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning centre, fitness studio, and more. Open to all students, not only high-performance athletes!

Fitness & Sports

Athletic Centre
55 Harbord Street
416-978-3436
kpe.utoronto.ca/facility/athletic-centre

With seven gyms, three pools (including the only Olympic-sized pool in downtown Toronto), a strength and conditioning centre, indoor track, dance studio, cardio machines, tennis and squash courts and steam rooms, there’s something for everybody!
Open 365 days a year, the Hart House Fitness Centre features an art deco pool, squash courts, multi-level fitness facilities, suspended indoor track and a variety of spaces for everything from basketball to archery. Membership is automatic during semesters when you are registered and have paid Hart House incidental fees; summer memberships may be purchased for an additional fee. Check your eligibility for the SGS Summer Gym Bursary: uoft.me/sgsgym.

**Intramural Team Sports**
[uoftintramurals.ca](http://uoftintramurals.ca)

Co-funded by the School of Graduate Studies and the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union, SGS Intramurals offer different levels of competition in many sports through leagues, tournaments and special events. Participate in a faculty or college team, or form/join open teams. Check online for available sports, detailed registration procedures and deadlines.

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I’ve enjoyed the Hart House community. The Hart House gym offers a variety of drop-in fitness classes that are perfect to continue feeling fit and healthy after spending a great part of your time sitting and studying. And the Hart House pool is the perfect place to swim and relax after a heavy day.

**Teresa**, PhD, Centre for Comparative Literature
These sport and recreation programs are open to all U of T students. From drop-in tennis to boot camp and basketball, there is something for everyone. Membership is covered by incidental fees during the terms in which you are registered and taking courses. Students who are not registered through the summer may purchase a summer membership to use the Athletic Centre, Varsity Centre, and Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport. Check your eligibility for the SGS Summer Gym Bursary: uoft.me/sgsgym.

The UTGSU Gym is reserved for graduate student use. Students can sign up in September for a non-competitive drop-in volleyball or basketball league, offered in the evenings once a week, as well as quiet activities during the day such as yoga, meditation & Tai Chi.

Athletics and recreation at UTSC are based in the new TPASC facility. Programs include drop-in and registered fitness classes for all skill levels, aquatics, a climbing wall, outdoor recreation and a tennis club.

U of T boasts a highly competitive intercollegiate athletics program, with 43 Varsity Blues teams across 25 sports. Varsity Blues games are free to all students with your TCard. Check the website for schedules and more. We all #BLEEDBLUE! If you’re an athlete interested in trying out, see the “Recruits” section of the website for details.
Varsity Centre
299 Bloor Street West
416-978-6428
kpe.utoronto.ca/facility/varsity-centre

Includes a 5,000-seat stadium, 400m eight-lane track, artificial turf field, and 4,000-seat arena. Home to international, intercollegiate and intramural competitions throughout the year, Varsity Centre also hosts recreational and instructional classes, children’s programs and high-performance athlete training. During the winter months, try drop-in golf and other recreational activities under the dome.

Food

Food Services
229 College Street, 2nd Floor
ueat.utoronto.ca

There are more than 40 places to eat on campus. Food Services can help with everything food-related at U of T, including meal plans, special events, recipes and tips and more.

Hart House 5-Buck Lunch
harthouse.ca/5-buck-lunch

Selected Wednesdays from September to March, drop by Hart House for a fun and affordable five-dollar lunch. See website for dates.

U of T Food Map
map.utoronto.ca

To find all of your food options on campus, check out the food layer on the map.

UTM - DineOnCampus
1867 Inner Circle, Room 3127
(William G. Davis Building)
905-569-4795
utm.utoronto.ca/hospitality

Detailed info about food options on campus, including locations and menus, catering, sustainability and wellness.

UTM - Hospitality & Retail Services
1867 Inner Circle, Room 3127
(William G. Davis Building)
905-569-4795
utm.utoronto.ca/hospitality

Provides student meal plans for convenient dining on campus, as well as food and beverage services for conferences and events.

UTSC - Food & Beverage Services
utsc.utoronto.ca/businessdev/food-partnerships

The website includes a handy guide to food options at UTSC, as well as info on catering and beverage services for events and conferences.

UTSC - Meal Plans
1265 Military Trail, Room BV498A
(TCard Plus Office)
416-208-2233
utsc.utoronto.ca/businessdev/meal-plans

For convenient dining on campus, try a meal plan. Pay using your TCard.
Funding

Indigenous Student Services – Financial Aid Advising
563 Spadina Avenue, 3rd Floor
(North Borden Building)
fnh.utoronto.ca

Learn about and access a wide variety of scholarships and grants for Indigenous students. Contact them for financial aid advising or read online about the many financial aid opportunities.

SGS Graduate Awards Office (GAO)
63 St. George Street
416-946-0808
uoft.me/gradfunding

For information about funding packages, consult the SGS website. Speak to the advisor to learn more about financial aid opportunities, managing educational expenses and grant applications.

The SGS Conference Grant helped me to participate in a conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in March of 2017. This was a fantastic opportunity that allowed me to expand my knowledge and network!

Catia, PhD, Department of Spanish
Graduate Student Community

Grad Connections
uoft.me/gradconnections

Take a break and connect with other grad students at our bi-weekly chat forum. Share your experiences in an informal setting, talk about your challenges and life as a graduate student. An expert staff facilitator will be available to answer questions related to each week’s theme. This is a free event! Refreshments available.

Grad Escapes
uoft.me/gradescapes

Thesis avoidance with style. Relax, have fun and meet other students while enjoying social, cultural and recreational events. Art classes, theatre, sporting events, historic tours and more – there’s something for everyone.

SGS Grad Room
66 Harbord Street
uoft.me/gradroom

A welcoming graduate lounge and event space furnished with a Second Cup coffee kiosk, Wi-Fi, a comfortable workspace and patio seating. Grad Room’s lower level is also available for student event bookings. View the online calendar for availability.

Ulife
ulife.utoronto.ca

Pursue your interests and connect with other like-minded students – join a club! Ulife is a website listing a large and diverse directory of student clubs, associations, organizations, activities and opportunities on all three campuses.

University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU)
416-978-2391
info@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca

The UTGSU advocates for increased graduate student representation and acts as a voice for students by lobbying national and provincial issues on their behalf. The UTGSU engages you through community building events and campaigns, organized by various committees and caucuses. The UTGSU also offers a variety of services, such as health and dental insurance, confidential advice, grants and bursaries, and access to gym space.

UTGSU Pub
16 Bancroft Avenue
utgsu.ca/pubcafe

Beer, pizza, and a patio – one of U of T’s best-kept secrets. Perfect for relaxing or casual meetings. Open Monday to Friday.
UTM’s Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
utmags.sa.utoronto.ca
Organizes social events such as food nights, pub crawls and sports tournaments (and also represents UTM grad students on councils and committees!). Membership is open to grad students who complete a campus affiliation form.

UTM - Grad Lounge
1867 Inner Circle, Room 2068B (William G. Davis Building)
uoft.me/utmgradlounge
A place for grad students to socialize and/or study. Access the lounge any time with your TCard. Managed by UTMAGS.

UTSC - Graduate Students’ Association at Scarborough (GSAS)
gsasutsc.weebly.com/
Join GSAS for social events, seminars, professional development and more. This student-run, non-profit organization brings together graduate students from all academic departments at UTSC. Membership is open to grad students who complete a campus affiliation form.

My involvement through UTMAGS has allowed me to interact with a whole host of people from across the University, both within and outside the grad community, that I would never have connected with otherwise. I have gained an appreciation for the level of collaborative effort it takes to make an institution like ours tick.

Arjan, PhD, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (UTM)
Health & Wellness

Dental Care
416-864-8000
uoft.me/dentalclinic

Dental services performed by supervised dentistry students at a reduced rate. Services include pediatric, emergency and general dentistry, and orthodontics.

Graduate Conflict Resolution Centre (CRC)
416-978-8920
gradcrc.utoronto.ca

Confidential, knowledgeable advice from trained Grad-to-Grad (G2G) peer advisors to help you navigate and resolve conflicts arising in the course of your studies. G2Gs do not intervene or advocate – they listen and help you understand your options and available resources. Drop-in hours and one-on-one appointments are available, as well as training and events. No matter is too small to discuss! Visit the website for details.

Working as a Grad-to-Grad (G2G) peer advisor at the Graduate Conflict Resolution Centre allows me to support students in taking a proactive and problem-solving approach towards conflict. The conflict resolution skills I have learned through the Grad CRC not only equip me to advise fellow graduate students, they also assist me in my own studies and teaching.

Manu, PhD, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work

Graduate Counselling Services at SGS
63 St. George Street, Room 207A
uoft.me/GradCounselling
uoft.me/WellnessWorkshops

SGS Wellness Counsellors offer brief counselling services five days a week and bimonthly wellness workshops exclusively for graduate students. Build coping skills to help you meet the demands of your academic and personal life. Offered in partnership with the Health & Wellness Centre.
Grad Minds
gradminds.ca

Grad Minds is part of the U of T Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU) and provides mental health-related resources and services to students, advocates for graduate students’ mental health, and creates partnerships in the community. Offerings include events (arts events, film screenings, talks), the annual Open Minds conference, free yoga and monthly Mental Health at the Grad Room.

Graduate Wellness Portal
uoft.me/wellnessportal

Looking for mental health services, resources, or academic supports? This portal, a collaboration between SGS and the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU), can help point you in the right direction. Find on-campus and community wellness resources through a grad-focused directory and browse (or contribute!) helpful FAQs.

Health & Wellness Centre
214 College Street, 2nd Floor
(Koffler Student Services Building)
416-978-8030
healthandwellness.utoronto.ca

Confidential, student-centred health care services available to all full- and part-time students who possess a valid TCard and have provincial health insurance coverage (e.g. OHIP) or UHIP for international students.

General health services include: health check-ups, prescriptions, allergy shots, immunizations, birth control, documentation of illness for exam deferral, specialist referrals, etc.

Mental health services include: individual psychotherapy/counselling, group therapy, assault counselling, pharmacotherapy, etc.

Mental Health Framework
mentalhealth.utoronto.ca

U of T’s commitment to student mental wellness includes everyone. From student leaders to faculty and staff, we all have roles to play in ensuring student mental wellness. Explore the 22 recommendations across five key areas to discover how you fit in.

Mindful Moments
uoft.me/mindfulmoments

Maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations and environment through mindfulness can help you increase your relaxation and resiliency. Drop-in sessions on campus run from September to March.
Teaching Assistants’ Health Insurance
180 Bloor Street West, Suite 803
(CUPE Downtown Office)
416-593-7057
cupe3902.org

Teaching Assistants have additional coverage through CUPE 3902. For more information, please contact the union directly.

UHIP (University Health Insurance Program)
uoft.me/uhip

A mandatory health insurance plan for all international and exchange students enrolled in an Ontario university, UHIP helps to cover the cost of hospital and medical services you may need while in Canada. Enrolment is automatic; the coverage charge will be listed on your student account on ACORN. The Centre for International Experience offers online resources to help you set up and manage your UHIP.

University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU) Health and Dental Insurance Plans
416-978-8465
health@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/insurance

This plan fills the gaps in government health care. It provides important services and covers expenses such as prescription drugs, health practitioners, medical equipment and travel health coverage. The plan goes beyond the treatments and services provided by the basic health-care plan, OHIP or UHIP.

UTM - Health & Counselling Centre (HCC)
1867 Inner Circle, Room 1123A
(William G. Davis Building)
905-828-5255
utm.utoronto.ca/health

Access a wide range of medical and counselling services provided by student-friendly physicians.

UTSC - Health & Wellness Centre
1265 Military Trail, Room SL-270
416-287-7065
utsc.utoronto.ca/hwc

Medical, nursing, counselling, health promotion and education services are available for any UTSC student with a current student card and a valid health card.

Housing
Graduate House
60 Harbord Street
416-946-8881
gradhouse.utoronto.ca

The only residence at U of T reserved exclusively for graduate and second-entry professional faculty students. Provides accommodation for single students sharing same-gender, three- and four-person furnished suites. Please see the website for eligibility requirements and application information.
Housing
214 College Street
(Student Success Centre)
416-978-8045
housing.utoronto.ca

If you need to find housing, the staff at Housing Services can help. Use your UTORid to log in to the off-campus housing finder for more than 10,000 listings near U of T campuses with pre-approved landlords looking for student tenants. If you need a roommate, check out the Roommate Finder to meet other students looking for shared housing. You can also access the new buy-and-sell board.

Massey College
4 Devonshire Place
416-978-2891
masseycollege.ca

Massey College is a graduate students’ residential community affiliated with, but independent from, the University of Toronto. It provides a unique, congenial, and intellectual environment for grad students in all disciplines.

Off-Campus Housing
offcampushousing.utoronto.ca

The new University of Toronto Off-Campus Housing website allows you to access housing near all three campuses. Save and compare favourite listings, view your search history and more.

The Health and Wellness Centre at UTSC, as well as the Toronto Pan-Am Sports Centre, are resources I use often; they help me maintain a balance between my academic life and my physical and mental well-being.

Boluwatife, PhD, Department of Physical & Environmental Science (UTSC)
Student Family Housing
30 & 35 Charles Street West
studentfamilyhousing.utoronto.ca

A family-oriented residence reserved for U of T students in a full-time degree program with partners and/ or children, located near Yonge and Bloor.

UTM - Student Housing & Residence Life
3375 Residence Road, Suite 120
(Oscar Peterson Hall)
905-828-5286
uoft.me/utmhousing

Bachelor apartments for grad students feature Wi-Fi, laundry facilities and close proximity to all the facilities and services on campus. Check online for eligibility and application information, and important dates.

UTSC - Student Housing & Residence Life
1265 Military Trail
(Student Residence Centre)
416-287-7365
uoft.me/utschousing

Grad students are welcome to apply to live in residence at UTSC. You can also connect to the University of Toronto off-campus housing listings website, and get advice and support at the Student Housing & Residence Life office.

Indigenous Student Services

First Nations House
563 Spadina Avenue
(North Borden Building)
416-978-8227
fnh.utoronto.ca

Provides culturally relevant services to Indigenous students, as well as opportunities for all students to engage with Indigenous communities within U of T and beyond. Resources include academic support, financial assistance, Indigenous community, and meetings with Elders and traditional teachers.

Supporting Indigenous Graduate Enhancement (SAGE UT)
563 Spadina Avenue, 2nd Floor
(Centre for Indigenous Studies)
416-978-2233
sage@utoronto.ca
indigenousstudies.utoronto.ca/sage

Operating out of the Centre for Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto’s St. George Campus, this graduate student-led group plans workshops, presentations, meetings and other events promoting the academic and personal development of Indigenous graduate students.
UTM - Indigenous Centre
1867 Inner Circle, Room 2042
(William G. Davis Building)
905-569-4867
utm.utoronto.ca/indigenous-centre/

Meet with Traditional Indigenous Elder Cat Criger or take part in a Learning Circle, a seminar, or other experiential learning opportunities. The Waawaahte Northern Lights Initiative provides many ways for students to engage with various traditional Indigenous cultures.

UTSC - Indigenous Outreach Program
utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife/indigenous-outreach-program

Indigenous programming, engagement and outreach at UTSC includes traditional teachings by the Indigenous Elder-in-Residence, leadership development workshops and experiences, educational and cultural events, and community outreach to the significant Indigenous population residing in the East Scarborough area.

Indigenous Student Services
563 Spadina Avenue, 3rd Floor
(North Borden Building)
416-978-8227
fnh.utoronto.ca

Meet with an Indigenous learning strategist, get help with academic planning and advocacy for academic issues, or use the resource centre and computer lab.

Moving across the country to pursue my graduate studies was a major life transition, made easier by the supportive Indigenous-centred spaces at U of T. First Nations House and the Indigenous specialization at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work affirm our identity and worldviews as Indigenous peoples of this land, as well as our rightful places in post-secondary institutions.

Brianna, MSW, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (Field: Indigenous Trauma and Resiliency)
**International Experience**

**International Student Identity Card (ISIC)**
416-946-8699
membership@utgsu.ca

Full-time graduate students are entitled to this free card which may be used to obtain discounts on travel, merchandise and services throughout the world. The ISIC provides members with student discounts on Greyhound Bus, VIA Rail, Porter Air and other travel.

**Safety Abroad Office**
uoft.me/SAO

Helps to minimize risk for students travelling abroad, providing workshops and other services to give you peace of mind when you’re away from home. Registration is mandatory for students travelling for academic purposes.

**Study Abroad**
cie.utoronto.ca

Interested in broadening your horizons? Depending on your academic program, you may be eligible to take a semester or a year abroad for research or course work.

For a university-wide overview of your options, see [uoft.me/internationalopportunities](http://uoft.me/internationalopportunities)

Use the CIE International Opportunities online database at [uoft.me/gointernational](http://uoft.me/gointernational) to search for specific opportunities to study abroad.

**U of T Global**
global.utoronto.ca

An online gateway to international activities at the University of Toronto. Through this site, you can connect to a variety of websites outlining U of T’s international initiatives and opportunities across all three campuses.

**International Students**

**Centre for International Experience (CIE)**
33 St. George Street (Cumberland House)
cie.utoronto.ca

Located in the historic Cumberland House, CIE is the campus hub for international students and domestic students seeking international experience. Access a wide range of helpful services, including transition advisors, learning and language support, workshops on immigration, permanent residency, income taxes and other information about living in Canada. CIE also hosts fun activities throughout the year and manages the inbound and outbound student exchange programs.

**SGS International Graduate Student Portal**
uoft.me/sgsinternational

Get connected to services and resources designed to answer questions and meet the needs of international graduate students at U of T! This online portal will help you prepare, plan and experience the best that our three campuses have to offer.
For help adjusting to life in Canada, meet with a transition advisor specifically for grad students at one of the following locations:

- School of Graduate Studies, 63 St. George Street
- Graduate House, 60 Harbord Street
- Grad Room 66 Harbord Street
- OISE 252 Bloor Street West
- Student Family Housing 35 Charles Street West

Please check the website or contact Yaseen Ali for available times.

**iConnect Mentorship Program**

[uoft.me/iconnect](uoft.me/iconnect)

A mentorship program that matches students from different countries, providing opportunities to reflect on cultural identity and strengthen intercultural skills. International students starting at U of T in September 2018 are invited to apply to be matched with a mentor.

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*I told my transition advisor at CIE that I was worried about teaching in a language other than my own. I’ll never forget his response: ‘In our University, we welcome students from all over the world and we don’t expect you or our students to speak in the same way or with the same accent. In fact, what makes us richer as a University is that difference.’*

**Nae, PhD, Department of Spanish**
International Students’ Caucus (ISC)
isc@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/isc

The ISC coordinates efforts on international graduate students’ success in academic and campus adaptation. Meetings and events focus on the needs of the caucus’ membership including funding, academics, immigration, health insurance, social activities and more.

UHIP (University Health Insurance Program)
uoft.me/uhip

A mandatory health insurance plan for all international and exchange students enrolled in an Ontario university, UHIP helps to cover the cost of hospital and medical services you may need while in Canada. Enrolment is automatic; the coverage charge will be listed on your student account on ACORN. The Centre for International Experience offers online resources to help you set up and manage your UHIP.

UTM - International Education Centre (IEC)
1867 Inner Circle, Room 2071
(William G. Davis Building)
905-569-4716
utm.utoronto.ca/international

Need assistance with your study permit, permanent residency, working in Canada or almost anything else related to living in Canada? The IEC can help. See the website for a full list of services and programs.

UTSC - International Student Centre
1095 Military Trail, Room IC350
(International Student Centre)
416-287-7518
uoft.me/utsc-isc

Make an appointment with a transition advisor for personal guidance or check out our Conversation Community to practise English and learn about the diverse culture of Toronto.

Language Support

CIE: Language Learning Communities
cie.utoronto.ca

The Centre for International Experience offers learning opportunities to all students keen on developing their language skills, including English conversation circles and exchange pairings for those who want to practise a new language (and share their own).

English Language Program at the School of Continuing Studies
english.learn.utoronto.ca

Intensive English courses, including Academic English, open to students and the general public. Fees apply.
The GCAC provides free, post-TOEFL training to graduate students in academic conversation skills, academic writing, and oral presentation skills. A program of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

The writing workshops and individual consultations offered by the Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC) have been a great support. They not only assist in improving students’ general writing styles, but they have designated sessions for writing papers specifically for conferences and applying for grants.

Dina, PhD, Department of Computer Science
Legal Support, Academic Advocacy & Conflict Resolution
Graduate Conflict Resolution Centre (Grad CRC)
416-978-8920
gradcrc.utoronto.ca

Confidential, knowledgeable advice from trained Grad-to-Grad (G2G) peer advisors to help you navigate and resolve conflicts arising in the course of your studies. G2G do not intervene or advocate – they listen and help you understand your options and available resources. Drop-in hours and one-on-one appointments are available, as well as training and events. No matter is too small to discuss! Visit the website for details.

Downtown Legal Services
655 Spadina Avenue
416-934-4535
downtownlegalservices.ca

A community legal clinic operated by the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. Free legal services are provided by law students working under the close supervision of expert staff lawyers.

Funding Complaint Process
academics1and2@utgsu.ca
academics3and4@utgsu.ca

If you have followed the SGS funding complaint process (uoft.me/sgs-fcp) and require additional help or information, reach out to the UTGSU academic and funding commissioner in your division. These commissioners can advocate on your behalf and assist in resolving your funding complaint with the dean of the department.

University of Toronto Ombudsperson
ombudsperson.utoronto.ca

The Ombudsperson considers complaints in an impartial fashion, assisting in achieving procedural fairness and reasonable outcomes. Confidential unless you approve otherwise.

UTGSU Academic Advocacy
416-946-8699
membership@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca/academic-advocacy

Confidential academic advocacy services. If you are experiencing academic and/or administrative difficulties, UTGSU can assist you with advice, information and representation.
Personal Development

Grad Talks
uoft.me/gradtalks

Gradlife and Grad Room partner to offer learning sessions to help grad students build skills and gain balance. Most sessions are held at Grad Room at 66 Harbord Street and cover topics like communication, personal development, academic support, careers and more.

Centre for Community Partnerships (CCP)
ccp.utoronto.ca

Gain experience through community-engaged learning – an organized service activity that balances community needs with educational benefits. The annual Community-Engaged Learning Seminar for Doctoral Students runs from September to April each year; registration is limited and usually happens in June. Other opportunities of interest to grad students range from single-day events and activities to long-term involvement. Community Action Projects (4-10 months) include tutoring, mentoring and elder companionship, and can be added to your Co-Curricular Record upon completion.

Co-Curricular Record (CCR)
ccr.utoronto.ca

A database of opportunities at U of T that helps you get involved beyond the classroom and have your experiences recognized on an official document. Build your skills, grow your network, improve your career prospects and enhance your academic record.

Mentorship Programs
mentorship.utoronto.ca

Whether you’re sharing your own knowledge or learning from someone more senior, mentorship matches you with another student to create a mutually beneficial learning experience. To find a mentor, or to mentor someone else, access the Mentorship Database and explore the many opportunities to connect.
Professional Development

Grad Talks
uoft.me/gradtalks

Gradlife and Grad Room partner to offer learning sessions to help grad students build skills and gain balance. Most sessions are held at Grad Room at 66 Harbord Street and cover topics like communication, personal development, academic support, careers and more.

Graduate Centre for Academic Communication (GCAC)
uoft.me/GCAC

The GCAC provides graduate students with free, advanced training in academic writing and speaking on topics such as writing literature reviews, grant writing, preparing to publish, and oral presentation skills. A program of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

Graduate Professional Skills (GPS) Program
uoft.me/gps

Prepare for your future with GPS! Build critical career skills beyond what you gain in your academic work. Take seminars, workshops, and courses to learn about effective communication, planning and time management, entrepreneurship, ethical practices, teamwork and leadership. Successful completion will be recognized by a transcript notation. A program of the School of Graduate Studies (SGS).

Leadership for Grads
leadership.utoronto.ca

Learn key skills for successful leadership in an academic setting. Workshops in collaborative leadership techniques will help build your skills and knowledge in group facilitation, conflict resolution and more. Participation counts toward the SGS Graduate Professional Skills program.

Teaching Assistants’ Training Program (TATP)
tatp.utoronto.ca

A peer-training program providing pedagogical support to teaching assistants and grad students. Access the TATP Teaching Toolkit, seminars and workshops, certificate programs, and awards and recognitions. A program of the Centre for Teaching Support and Innovation (CTSI).

3MT® – Three Minute Thesis Competition
uoft.me/3MT

Challenge yourself with this university-wide competition for doctoral students. Participants have three minutes or less to present their research to a panel of non-specialist judges, showcasing their innovative and significant research to a wider audience, across disciplines within the University and to the broader public.
As a Peer Leadership Facilitator with Student & Campus Community Development, I had opportunities to work with and learn from fellow graduate students in a variety of programs. We shared knowledge and explored the meaning of leadership from different perspectives. It was great to expand my graduate community and meet with students outside of my own program.

Janice, MEd, Higher Education - Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education (Field: Student Development and Student Services in Higher Education)

Places & Spaces

Bookable Space for Grad Students
uoft.me/sgsrooms

Need to find on-campus space for your next graduate student group meeting? Consider booking one of the rooms available through the School of Graduate Studies. Reservations can be requested up to four weeks prior to your meeting date.

City of Toronto
toronto.ca

Official site of the City of Toronto. Includes information on attractions, facilities, transportation, events and emergency services.

toronto.com
Concerts, festivals, movies, restaurants, free events and much more – your official guide to things to do in Toronto.

211toronto.ca
A comprehensive guide to City of Toronto services.

Green Space at U of T

Toronto is actually green for half the year – enjoy it while you can! Use map.utoronto.ca to find green spaces on campus, like Queen’s Park and Philosopher’s Walk. If you want to get off campus, check out toronto.ca/parks and start exploring.
Libraries
library.utoronto.ca

U of T’s libraries offer a variety of drop-in and bookable study spaces for individuals and groups. Robarts Library (130 St. George) offers plenty of study space. The Gerstein Science Information Centre (7 & 9 King’s College Circle) features quiet study areas, group study rooms and a presentation practice room. Both Robarts and Gerstein also offer private carrels; see uoft.me/carrels for info on how to reserve one.

SGS Graduate Student Lounge
School of Graduate Studies
63 St. George Street

Located in the Macdonald-Mowat building, this dedicated grad student space offers comfortable couches and quiet reading nooks. Fully accessible and open daily 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

U of T Map
map.utoronto.ca

Detailed, interactive maps of all three campuses. Download the app on Android or iOS for navigation on the go! Printable versions also available.

UTM Library
1675 Outer Circle
(Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre)
905-828-5236
library.utm.utoronto.ca

The UTM library has a designated graduate study room. Go to the front desk and ask for a key that will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis. Access U of T libraries’ outstanding collection, computers, wireless internet and a wide range of services.

UTSC Grad Lounge
Science Wing Building, Room SW524A

A place to enjoy lunch daily from 11 am - 2 pm, the Grad Lounge is also available outside these hours as a meeting space for Student Groups.

UTSC Library
1265 Military Trail
416-287-7500
utsc.library.utoronto.ca

Access the library collection, book a study room and discover many other resources – you can even use the new MakerBot 3D printer.

Relax

Just a friendly reminder that relaxing and having fun once in a while are essential to your well-being. Take some time out from your busy schedule to unwind and let go of your stress – it will benefit your academic performance, too. If you’ve already forgotten how to relax, check out the arts & culture, fitness & sports and social life sections of this directory.
Safety

Campus Police
21 Sussex Avenue
campuspolice.utoronto.ca

For urgent matters, call 416-978-2222. For emergencies, 911.

Services include the WalkSafe program (see p. {?}), building patrols, community policing and emergency response.

Community Safety Office
416-978-1485
www.communitysafety.utoronto.ca

Provides confidential assistance to students, staff and faculty members who have personal safety concerns. Free self-defence training for women is also available – see website for details.

Emergency Phones
map.utoronto.ca

There are 120 emergency call stations around the St. George campus that connect you directly to the Campus Community Police dispatch centre. You can also make free emergency calls from Bell pay phones on campus. Check online for a map of phone locations.

- For UTSC emergency phones, check website for locations map.utoronto.ca/utsc
- For UTM emergency phones, check website for locations map.utoronto.ca/utm

Safety at the University of Toronto
www.safety.utoronto.ca

Information, resources, programs and services to assist in keeping our campuses safe.

Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Centre
416-978-2268
www.safety.utoronto.ca

The Centre has a presence on all three campuses. It is a place where a student who has been affected by sexual violence can go to receive support and information, learn about what options may be available to them and, if they choose, make a report to the University.

Understand consent
consent.utoronto.ca

Consent is the informed agreement to take part in intimate activity and it’s necessary every single time. Learn more about your rights and responsibilities.

University of Toronto Environmental Health and Safety
ehs.utoronto.ca

Services and training around chemical and lab safety, occupational health and safety, environmental protection and more.

UTAlert
alert.utoronto.ca

Subscribe to this service to quickly receive important U of T messages via telephone, email and text message.
TravelSafer
416-978-SAFE (7233)
uoft.me/walksafe

An alternative to walking alone at night – get a TravelSafer escort to walk you between buildings on campus or to surrounding TTC locations.

UTM Campus Police
1867 Inner Circle, Room 3116 (William G. Davis Building)
General Enquiries: 905-828-5200
Emergency: 911 or 905-569-4333
utm.utoronto.ca/campus-police

Provides policing services and a variety of safety programs, including WalkSafer (see below) and the CampUS Safety Project - Preventing Violence against Young Women.

UTM - WalkSafer
905-607-7233 (SAFE)
uoft.me/utm-walksafer

A service for UTM community members who prefer not to walk alone on campus at night. Call to request a team member to walk with you.

UTSC - Community Police Services
1265 Military Trail (Science Wing)
General Enquiries: 416-287-7398
Emergency: 416-978-2222
utsc.utoronto.ca/police

Provides campus policing, as well as a variety of programs and services for students and staff.

UTSC - U of T Scarborough Patrol
416-287-7022
uoft.me/ScarboroughPatrol

If you feel unsafe walking alone on campus, call to request a walking escort by licensed security personnel.

Student Life
St. George Campus
studentlife.utoronto.ca

Student Life supports many programs and activities, from academic and life skills, to social and cultural events. Download the U of T Student Life app for quick access to campus resources, upcoming events, and to create lists. You can download the app through the Google Play or iTunes stores.

UTM
utm.utoronto.ca/student-affairs-services

Student Affairs provides wide-ranging programs in support of your campus life, from community to career resources, and multi-faith programs to mental wellness services.

UTSC
utsc.utoronto.ca/studentlife

Student Life offers a variety of resources to support your student experience. They focus on cultivating strong community connections to enhance your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
Transportation

Bikechain
563 Spadina Crescent
(North Borden Building; entrance on Bancroft Avenue)
bikechain.ca

A not-for-profit cycling organization providing DIY services, affordable repairs, educational opportunities and a welcoming community of staff and volunteers.

Bike Share Toronto
bikesharetoronto.com

Toronto's bicycle rental service has stations on campus and around the city.

Discounted TTC Metropasses
Student Metropasses are available at discounted rates and must always be accompanied by a special TTC student photo ID card. You can have your photo taken year round at Sherbourne TTC station.

GO Transit
gotransit.com

Bus and train service for travel around the Greater Toronto Area and Southern Ontario.

Transportation and Parking
transportation.utoronto.ca

U of T's official online guide to on-campus parking, public transportation and more. Buy student parking permits here, and find links to TTC and GO transit info.

TTC (Toronto Transit Commission)
ttc.ca

Route maps and schedules, closure notices and service advisories.

UTM Shuttle Bus
utm.utoronto.ca/shuttle
uoft.me/utmshuttle

For travelling between the St. George and Mississauga campuses.

UTM - Bikeshare
uoft.me/utmbikeshare

Offers free 48-hour bicycle loans, as well as bike-related events throughout the year such as safety checks, repair workshops and group rides.

UTM - MiWay (Mississauga Transit)
mississaugatransit.com

Public transportation for getting around Mississauga, with connections to TTC and GO Transit. Schedules, maps and fare info available online.

UTM - Parking & Transportation Services
1550 The Collegeway, Room 108
(Alumni House)
905-828-5254
uoft.me/utmparking

Buy parking permits for the UTM campus, get maps and directions and access alternative transportation options.

UTM - U-Pass
1867 Inner Circle, Room 3200
(William G. Davis Building, Office of the Vice-Dean)
uoft.me/upass

This student transit card allows unlimited fare-free rides on MiWay, Mississauga's transit system.
UTSC - Parking Services
1265 Military Trail, Room IC40 (Instructional Centre)
416-287-7576
uoft.me/utscparking

Buy student parking permits, find accessible and visitor parking, view the campus parking map and more.

VIA Rail
viarail.ca

Long-distance travel by train.

Unions & Governance

CUPE3902 – University of Toronto Education Workers
cupe3902.org/unit-1

Information about your U of T teaching assistant employee union, including benefits, training, documents and bargaining.

Governing Council (GC)
uoft.me/governingcouncil

U of T's central decision-making body, the Governing Council oversees the academic, business and student affairs of the University. Graduate students have two elected seats on the GC.

Graduate Education Council (GEC)
416-946-3102
uoft.me/gec

The GEC is the academic advisory and approval body responsible for academic policy and regulations for SGS and for graduate studies at U of T. Membership includes three grad students elected annually by peers.

University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU)
416-978-2391
info@utgsu.ca
utgsu.ca

The UTGSU advocates for increased graduate student representation and acts as a voice for students by advocating on their behalf. The UTGSU engages students through community building events and campaigns, organized by various committees and caucuses. The UTGSU also offers a variety of services, such as health and dental insurance, confidential advice, grants and bursaries, and access to gym space.

UTM’s Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
utmags.sa.utoronto.ca

Organizes social events such as food nights, pub crawls and sports tournaments (and also represents UTM grad students on councils and committees!). Membership is open to grad students who complete a campus affiliation form.

UTSC - Graduate Students’ Association at Scarborough (GSAS)
gasasutsc.weebly.com

Join GSAS for social events, seminars, professional development and more. This student-run, non-profit organization brings together graduate students from all academic departments at UTSC. Membership is open to grad students who complete a campus affiliation form.
Virtual Connections

Information Commons: Robarts Library
130 St. George Street, 1st Floor
sites.utoronto.ca/ic

Get help with your U of T email, logins and passwords, book a room with screen display, buy software, get help with internet access and more.

Quercus
q.utoronto.ca

A new online tool used by professors and students to share information, post assignments, articles, marks, and more. Replaces the Learning Portal/Blackboard.

UTmail+
email.utoronto.ca

Everything you need to know about setting up your U of T email account. The University will communicate with you through this account, so you’re responsible for checking it regularly.

UTORid
utorid.utoronto.ca

Your UTORid is your personal key to U of T web-based services.

Student Web Services – ACORN
acorn.utoronto.ca

ACORN (Accessible Campus Online Resource Network) is U of T’s new student information service, which you will use for course selection, financial account management and to access other services like the Co-Curricular Record and Career Learning Network.

UTM - TCard Office
1800 Middle Road, Room CCT3133
(Communication, Culture & Technology)
905-828-5344
utm.utoronto.ca/iits/services/tcard

UTSC - TCard Plus Office
1265 Military Trail, Room BV498A
416-208-2233
utsc.utoronto.ca/registrar/tcard

UTORweb
individual.utoronto.ca

Get free web space for personal pages, pictures, word-processing documents, etc. Can be used to share documents with others or to save and access documents from any networked computer.

Wi-Fi Access
wireless.utoronto.ca

Wi-Fi is currently available in most U of T buildings – log in with your UTORid.
A message from the University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU)

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The University of Toronto Graduate Students’ Union (UTGSU) represents over 18,000 full- and part-time graduate students, studying in over 85 departments across the St. George, Mississauga and Scarborough campuses.

The UTGSU advocates for students by acting as your voice on committees within the University of Toronto community, and on all government levels. Past campaigns defined by students’ interests include: defending students’ right to a free public post-secondary education, helping to develop a funding complaint process, and establishing transparency for funding data available in each department.

The democratic structure of the union also ensures strong student representation across departments. Each department is represented by a course union or association, meant to unite students through advocacy and social campaigns and activities. Course unions receive funding from the UTGSU to support these activities.

We also engage you in various community building activities, from our fall and winter orientations and pub socials to student development workshops. Students are encouraged to get involved in the UTGSU Committees and Caucuses that work on a number of issues identified and defined by the members, such as increased mental health support of students, and advocating for lower transit fees. For more information, visit utgsu.ca/committees-caucuses.
In addition, the UTGSU is able to provide a variety of year-round services:

- The UTGSU Health and Dental Insurance Plan (HDI)  
  [utgsu.ca/insurance](http://utgsu.ca/insurance)
- The UTGSU Gym  
  [utgsu.ca/athletics](http://utgsu.ca/athletics)
- An International Student Identity Card (ISIC)  
  [www.utgsu.ca/services/#isic](http://www.utgsu.ca/services/#isic)
- UTGSU Academic Advocacy  
  [utgsu.ca/academic-advocacy](http://utgsu.ca/academic-advocacy)
- Grants and Bursaries  
  [utgsu.ca/funding](http://utgsu.ca/funding)

Stop by our office, located at 16 Bancroft Avenue, to learn more about the services we provide you. We are in the basement offices, just below the GSU Pub and Gym.

For more information, check us out online at [utgsu.ca](http://utgsu.ca) or on social media at: [facebook.com/utgsu](http://facebook.com/utgsu) and [twitter.com/utgsu](http://twitter.com/utgsu).