Update from Student Services

Don MacMillan
Director, Student Services
Add/Drop Dates for Non-Standard Courses

Many programs have non-standard course delivery options (e.g. a compressed 1-2 week module).

As with all other courses, these courses must have an established add and drop date which should be clearly communicated to students in the syllabus.

SGS provides the following principles:

a) Add date: no more than 15% of the course has been completed
b) Drop date: no more than 50% of the course has been completed.

For more information see the SGS Memo dated March 30, 2015
International Visiting Graduate Research Student (IVGSR)

A. Program currently under review – to be updated soon
B. IVGSR is intended for international graduate students visiting the University of Toronto to conduct research towards completion of their thesis at their home university
C. Any documentation needs to state clearly that the students will be here “to study”, not “to work” or to do “an internship”
D. Any student accepted into the program will be registered as a full-time non-degree student at the University of Toronto.
E. The student is not permitted to register in graduate courses at U of T nor will transfer credit normally be given for work done as an international visiting graduate research student. The student may be permitted to audit courses.
International Visiting Graduate Research Student (IVGSR)

A. Students visiting less than one month:
   i. Letter of invitation from the supervisor
   ii. No IVGSR form needed and no fees or UHIP
   iii. No study permit required

B. Students visiting between 1 – 6 months:
   i. Signed letter of agreement
   ii. Signed IVGSR form
   iii. SGS will issue formal letter of admission
   iv. IVGSR form needed, student pays fees and UHIP
   v. No study permit required
International Visiting Graduate Research Student (IVGSR)

C. **Students visiting longer than 6 months:**
   i. Signed letter of agreement
   ii. Signed IVGSR form
   iii. SGS will issue formal letter of admission
   iv. IVGSR form needed, student pays fees and UHIP
   v. Study permit is required

If you are planning to accept an IVGSR student:
Contact Don MacMillan at SGS to discuss the wording of your Letter of Agreement
(don.macmillan@sgs.utoronto.ca)
Fees:

i. One-time application and administrative fee of $400 (Half goes to the Centre for International Experience)

ii. Non-academic incidental fee: $1,310.96 (Fall/Winter) – prorated on a sessional basis, or summer session only.

iii. UHIP: $54/month

All fees subject to change
Visiting Research Students

International Visiting Graduate Student Research Program

This program is currently under review. Please contact the School of Graduate Studies if you are a University of Toronto faculty member considering supervising a graduate student to participate in short-term research activities under this program.

The International Visiting Graduate Student Research (IVGSR) program is open to all international graduate students interested in conducting research at the University of Toronto. This short-term program is made available by the School of Graduate Studies to facilitate visits by international graduate students who do not fall under an approved exchange program. The IVGSR program provides students the opportunity to participate in graduate research activities and be recognized as legitimate visitors to the University.

Prospective Students

+ Student Criteria
+ Research Supervisor
+ Application
+ Length of Program
+ Students Visiting Less Than One Month

Incoming Students

+ Administration
+ Program Fees
+ Health Insurance
+ Study Permits
+ University Resources
+ Students Visiting Less Than One Month
+ Additional Information
Update from
Student Systems & Records

Josie Lalonde
Associate Director, Student Services
eMarks Background

2006 – developed and launched at UTM

2011 – redeveloped as an NGSIS application

2011 Summer – phased introduction in Arts & Science

2012 to 2014 – implemented in additional undergraduate Faculties
eMarks Implementation for Grad Studies

• Summer 2014: 4 graduate units piloted the system

• Fall 2014: 9 Faculties used eMarks

• Winter 2015: Others are confirmed:
  – Health Policy, Management & Evaluation
  – Information
  – Occupational Therapy
  – OISE
eMarks Implementation for Grad Studies

• **Benefits**
  – Convenient: available online 24/7
  – Intuitive and easy-to-use
  – Reporting capabilities

• **Support from SGS**
  – Face-to-face group and individual demos
  – Online Manual for Graduate Studies
ACORN

• ACORN: Main features and benefits
  – User-friendly, intuitive design
  – UTORid authentication replaces student number
  – Notifications of upcoming dates and deadlines
  – Warnings for pre and co-requisites and more
  – Enrolment planning tool
  – Access to other online services (e.g., MyRes)
ACORN

• **ACORN: Implementation status**
  – No firm release date but at least a month’s notice
  – Updating print and online material
  – ROSI/SWS and ACORN will run side-by-side
  – **Introducing ACORN** website for students
  – **ACORN Online Resource Kit** for faculty and staff
Graduate Awards

Laura Stathopoulos, Associate Director
Student Services - Graduate Awards and Financial Aid
Three minutes
One slide
Go!
What it’s all about:

• A public speaking competition for doctoral students
• Must present their research to a panel of non-specialist judges in 3-minutes or less
• One slide, no notes, no props
• Participants are evaluated on
  – Communication style:
  – Comprehension; and
  – Level of engagement
The competition:

- U of T divisional heats (x3) held week of March 23rd
  - Division 1 & 2 (Humanities and Social Science)
  - Division 3 (Physical Sciences)
  - Division 4 (Life Sciences)
- Up to 25 competitors in each heat
- The top 5 competitors from each heat selected to move on to the University 3MT Finals
- Wednesday April 8th at 7 pm
U of T Winners!

2013

Jasdeep Saggar,  
*Medical Biophysics*

- U of T Finals: 1st place
- Provincial Finals: 1st place

Abraham Heifets,  
*Computer Science*

- U of T Finals: 2nd place
- Provincial Finals: 2nd place

2014

Daiva Nielsen,  
*Nutritional Sciences*

- U of T Finals: 1st place
- 3MT Provincial Competition: 1st place

2015

TBA - 3MT Provincial Finals hosted by Western University April 23rd
# U of T Finalists

**Wednesday April 8th at 7 pm**  
Sandford Fleming Building, Rm.1105

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