need-to-know

Registration fee deadline: August 29

Registration fees are to be paid by August 29. You are not registered until you have paid tuition and incidental fees, or have made an appropriate fee deferral (see below). After August 29, fees payments may be subject to late charges. Fall session registration ends September 12.

Your tuition invoice has been electronically posted to your account on the Student Web Service (SWS).

Course enrolment

Most graduate classes start the week of September 8 this year. Course enrolment is normally done via the Student Web Service (SWS) although some grad units preload required courses and research. You are responsible to ensure that course enrolment is accurate. Take a few minutes to double check your enrolment on the SWS.

Important 2014-2015 sessional dates

Not knowing a course drop deadline can complicate your life. The 2014-2015 Important Sessional dates are available on the SGS website. Book mark the page for easy reference.

money matters

Award information sessions

Information sessions are held in September by the SGS Graduate Awards Office for students interested in applying for Federal and Provincial scholarships/fellowships (e.g. NSERC, SSHRC, OGS). Sessions will be provided at all three campuses and are highly recommended for anyone interested in applying for funding from these...
programs. Visit the SGS Events page for dates and details.

Registration without payment (fee deferral)

You may register without payment (i.e., a fee deferral pending receipt of funding) on the Student Web Service (SWS) if you have received one of the following sources of funding, provided the funding exceeds the Minimum Payment to Register amount on your Student Web Services (SWS) ROSI invoice:

- OSAP or other provincial government loan;
- U.S. government loan; or
- University funding package (major award, research stipend or teaching stipend).

If you are receiving a major award, research stipend or teaching assistantship that is not part of a funding package, or if you are registering after the deadline, you must complete a Register Without Payment form to apply to register without making the minimum payment. Contact your home unit graduate administrator for more information.

Award activation and payment

Holding a major award? If you hold a major federal or provincial award (SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/OGS), remember to submit the necessary forms required to activate payment of your award. Payments are issued in three equal instalments at the beginning of each session. September award payments (for both internal and external awards) are refunded directly to you. Fees are not deducted from your September award instalment (unless you have arrears). May and January award instalments will be posted to your fees account and automatically put towards tuition and/or any outstanding charges. Any remaining funds will be refunded to you. Please refer to the SGS website for additional information about payments and managing your award. Inquire with your graduate unit about how to request to register without payment.

OSAP and student loan applications

The 2014-2015 OSAP application is now available. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Out-of-province Canadian students must apply for student loans through their home province and apply for UTAPS (University of Toronto Assistance Program) separately. For more information on financial aid visit the U of T Financial Aid website.

OSAP payment procedures for September

OSAP loans/grants are issued via direct deposit! Provided you have qualified for OSAP and have a valid Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (MSFAA), the University will be able to confirm your registration and OSAP will deposit your funds directly into your bank account when classes begin. If you’re a first-time applicant, have taken a two-year break in study or have established residency in another participating province/territory you must have submitted your MSFAA to a designated Canada Post outlet to be eligible for direct deposit.
Maintain interest-free status with OSAP

Registered students (with outstanding OSAP loans) not receiving OSAP in the 2014-15 academic year, have until September 30 to complete and validate a Schedule 2 form in order to maintain interest-free status with your previous loan(s). Payments are expected to commence six months after the end of your registration in full-time studies. Please be aware that SGS can only validate your status while you are still registered. Visit the OSAP website for more information.

Award opportunities listing

Learn more about graduate awards, scholarships and research opportunities available to all U of T students through Ulife. The Graduate Awards Office posts awards opportunities to help current and potential students find funding opportunities. The database is updated as award competitions open. Check the database periodically for new opportunities.

Travel supplements for CGS award-holders

The Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements program provides financial support to active CGS award recipients for research study abroad. Eligible recipients may receive up to $6,000 for travel and accommodation to eligible foreign universities or research institutions. Further details on eligibility, value and application processes for CIHR, NSERC, and SSHRC can be found on the respective agencies' websites. Applications are due to SGS in September and May of each year. See the SGS website for upcoming dates.

UTM/UTSC campus affiliation and course union fees

Campus affiliation (St. George, UTM, UTSC) and the corresponding level of campus service fees for Athletics, Hart House, Health Service and other student services are automatically assigned, based on your program of study. You may apply to change your campus affiliation if the following criteria apply to you:

- Your supervisor is a member of the graduate faculty who is on the academic staff of the campus to which you wish to transfer affiliation; or
- You spend the majority of your academic time on the campus to which you wish to transfer affiliation.

Any student who would like to direct their course union fees to the UTM/UTSC departmental course unions may also do so by completing the change of campus affiliation form. The deadline for requesting a change of campus affiliation is September 12. Retroactive changes are not allowed. For more information contact your graduate unit or the appropriate graduate affairs office:

UTSC: Visit UTSC Graduate Services

UTM: Visit the Office of Vice Dean Graduate website

events
Support for TAs

The Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP) provides job training, certificate programs and workshops, including its annual TA DAY on August 27, from 9:00am-5:00pm at the Bahen Centre, 40 St. George Street. Registration opens mid-August. New and returning teaching assistants will learn effective teaching strategies; identify key resources to support teaching and learning, and meet award-winning faculty members and fellow TAs from across the University. It is a free event and open to TAs from all three campuses.

gradlife

Grad Escapes

Grad school can be hard work - sometimes you just need to escape. The Grad Escapes program offers discounted tickets to social, cultural, and recreational events in Toronto for stressed-out grad students. From opera to baseball, musical theatre to historic tours, there's something for everyone. So, forget your thesis for a night and escape. Come with a partner, friend, or come alone!

Upcoming Grad Escapes:

- Toronto Blue Jays vs. Baltimore Orioles on August 5 from 7:00pm-9:00pm, $19 each, limit 2 SOLD OUT!
- U of T Campus Agricultural Tour on August 18 from 10:30am-11:30am, free

Further information and tickets are available via bookit.

supports & resources

English Language and Writing Support (ELWS)

ELWS free September courses and workshops on academic writing and speaking will be posted on the ELWS website by mid-to-late August. The ELWS Writing Centre will reopen in mid-August. We are also offering two new Writing Intensives in mid-to-late August.