November Convocation 2014

Congratulations to all the doctorate and master's students who will be awarded their degrees at November Convocation 2014. Graduation ceremonies are scheduled November 17-21. The schedule is posted on the Office of Convocation website.

Planning to take a leave?

Graduate students on approved leave now have the option of access to the same services offered to registered graduate students. Simply complete the appropriate section of the Leave of Absence form. A fee based upon sessional incidental fees normally assessed will apply: $379.80 per session for full-time status students and $75.97 per session for part-time students.

For further information, please contact your home unit graduate administrator.

money matters

OGS update

The U of T Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) on-line application for the 2015-16 academic year is now available. Please note that each graduate unit sets its own OGS application deadline. The OGS program recognizes academic excellence at the master's and doctoral levels in all disciplines. Valued at $5,000 per term, awardees may receive $10,000 for two consecutive terms or $15,000 for three consecutive terms. Contact your graduate unit for the deadline and how to apply.

Important Dates

• November 15
  Payment deadline for OSAP/other government loan deferral

In Focus: Dimitrios Karopoulos, with his sculpture installation at the the main entrance to U Saskatchewan. Dimitrios, a Daniels Faculty of Architecture Master's student and his collaborator Adrian Bica, a Ryerson Master's student, were selected over a field of international competitors to design and build the installation. Read more about Dimitrios.
Master's Tuition Fee Bursary

Master's students who must register beyond their degree program length to complete a modest amount of work (e.g. FOE or 0.5 course only) due to unanticipated factors, may be eligible for an SGS Master's Tuition Fee Bursary (MTFB). MTF bursaries are available for the fall and winter sessions; applications should only be submitted once all program requirements have been completed. Check the [MTFB website](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/gradschool/november_2014/Current/Gradschool-e-News-November-2014.htm) for deadlines and eligibility.

UTAPS grant application deadline

Students who applied to or have received a student loan or funding from a Canadian provincial government (other than Ontario) or who receive First Nations funding may apply to be considered for University of Toronto Advanced Planning for Student Grant Support - UTAPS. Use the [UTAPS Online Estimator](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/gradschool/november_2014/Current/Gradschool-e-News-November-2014.htm) to see if you qualify. The application deadline is early November.

Tuition paid in full yet?

Students who made a financial arrangement to register without payment based on OSAP or other provincial loans, or who paid the minimum fee required to register have until November 15 to make full payment of fall/winter session fees. Monthly service charges will be applied against the outstanding student account balance beginning November 15 and on the 15th of every month thereafter until the account is paid in full.

Students who registered without payment based on a Scholarship or Award (major financial award, research stipend or Teaching Assistantship) have until April 30 to pay their fees in full before monthly service charges are applied.

Canada Graduate Scholarship (Master's Program): NSERC, SSHRC & CIHR

The application deadline for a Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's (CGS M) award (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR) is December 1. Apply online via the Research Portal. You must create and attach a Canadian Common CV. Visit CGS M for details.


Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship award for international female students

The [Delta Kappa Gamma Society World Fellowship](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/gradschool/november_2014/Current/Gradschool-e-News-November-2014.htm) fund was established to provide female international graduate students the opportunity to...
pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. The award is valued at $4,000USD. Applicants must be female, currently registered in degree-granting graduate studies and cannot be a citizen or landed immigrant of either Canada or the United States. Deadline to submit applications to the Graduate Awards Office is December 1 at 4pm.

Adel S. Sedra Distinguished Graduate Award

Sponsored by the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA), the Adel Sedra Distinguished Graduate Award valued at up to $25,000 is awarded annually to a graduate student who demonstrates outstanding academic and extracurricular leadership. The Sedra scholar and all finalists are honoured at the Awards of Excellence ceremony each spring. Applications are due to the Graduate Awards Office at the School of Graduate Studies by December 5, by 4:00 pm. Further details and application are available on the Adel S. Sedra Distinguished Graduate Award webpage.

events

Opening Doors to a career outside academia

Considering a career outside of academia? The School of Graduate Studies presents a series of panel discussions with U of T alumni and non-academics who will share their career narratives and answer questions from students. Four Opening Doors events are to be held, one each week throughout November, for students in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences.

Have you ever held a book that's over 400 years old?

Join Grad Escapes on November 5, 4:00pm-5:00pm, to explore the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, one of the most beautiful and inspirational spaces on campus. Come for the view, stories and discover how you can incorporate this one-of-a-kind research material into your own academic work. Registration required via bookit.

CIE Exchange Fair: Experience the World
Does earning credits toward your degree while studying abroad appeal to you – think Tokyo, London, Singapore, Berlin!? The Centre for International Experience (CIE) makes it possible. The CIE Student Exchange Fair brings together over 140 prestigious exchange universities on **November 6**, from 11:00am-3:00pm at Cumberland House, 33 St. George St. Meet students who have been on an exchange as well as students here on exchange who will share their insights on opportunities you never knew existed. Visit [CIE](http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/gradschool/november_2014/Current/Gradschool-eNews-November-2014.htm) for more information.

### supports & resources

#### Working with Sources

The Office of English Language and Writing Support (ELWS) is offering a workshop series by Dr. Peter Grav entitled: [Working with Sources](#) (for graduate students in all disciplines). The workshops will be held on **November 6, 13 and 20**, 4:30pm-6:00pm, Bissell Building, Room 205, 140 St. George Street. Registration is not required and everyone is welcome to attend.

#### OSAP loan repayment: Information sessions

Graduating soon? Do you have OSAP student loans to be repaid? U of T Enrolment Services and the National Student Loans Service Centre are hosting two information sessions on **November 24**, 11:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-2:00pm in the **Medical Sciences Building**, Room 2173, 1 King’s College Circle. Get the facts. Know your rights and responsibilities.

#### Essential Research Skills workshop

Set yourself up for academic success by learning essential research skills that can help you save time, get better grades, deepen your engagement with your subject, and boost your confidence. Attend an [Essential Research Skills](#) workshop scheduled by UT Libraries throughout **November**.