In Focus: Christine Le, a PhD candidate in organic chemistry caught the science bug from Bill Nye the Science Guy. Today she is considered among the top 30 under 30 science researchers. More on Christine.

Important Dates

• March 16
  Diplomas ready for March graduands

• March 19
  Name change deadline for June Convocation

• March 27
  Conference Grant application deadline

need-to-know

March graduands: Diplomas ready March 16

Congratulations to all graduands who chose to graduate in March in absentia. Diplomas will be available for pick up at the Office of Convocation as of March 16. You may also authorize someone to pick it up on your behalf or arrange to have your diploma delivered.

Graduating in June? Check your ROSI record

Your name appears on your diploma, exactly as it is recorded on ROSI. Is your student record up to date? Accents or special characters can be corrected on line using the Name-On-Diploma-June form and submit it to the Office of Convocation.

An addition or deletion of a first or middle name or a change of surname is done at the SGS Student Services counter. Photo ID is required.

The deadline for a name change for students graduating in June 2015 is March 19.

3MT registration still open

Passionate about your doctoral thesis? The 3-Minute Thesis contest (3MT®) is a university-wide competition for doctoral students – you’ll have a 3 minute time limit to present your doctoral research to a panel of non-specialist judges. The challenge is to present complex research information in an engaging, accessible and compelling way within 3-minutes and with only one power-point slide.

Registrants will compete in divisional heats on March 25 and 26; to earn a place in the university-wide 3MT Final to be held on April 8. The winner of the U of T Final will move on to represent U of T at the Ontario 3MT® 2015 competition on April 23 at Western University. Registration for the divisional heats is on a first-come, first-served basis; limited spots still available. Register Now!

Nominate your supervisor
Do you know a great graduate supervisor who has made a difference in their students’ development as a researcher and in pursuing future academic and professional careers? The **JJ Berry Smith Award for Doctoral Supervision** recognizes outstanding performance in the multiple roles associated with doctoral supervision.

Speak to your graduate unit to learn more about how to nominate your supervisor. Deadlines are approaching.

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### money matters

#### Tuition tax receipts

The T2202A forms are tuition and education receipts issued for income tax purposes to all students who paid tuition in the previous calendar year. Forms are not mailed but can be viewed and printed online from the Student Web Service.

#### Need help with your taxes?

As a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, the Graduate Students’ Union (GSU) offers free access to Ufile for students to file their tax returns (look for “students file free”). The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) also provides tax information tailored to the needs of students. As well, you may be able to get help at the CRA’s Community clinics for low-income individuals with simple tax returns.

#### SGS Conference Grant

The School of Graduate Studies will be announcing the Winter 2015 Conference Grant Program in the month of March. The SGS Conference Grant Program helps registered, full-time graduate students present their research at a conference or other academic meeting. The online application is available from March 16-27, and will provide financial assistance for conferences which occur between March 1 and September 30, 2015.

#### Master’s Tuition Fee Bursary (MTFB)

Don't forget the deadline for applying to the Master’s Tuition Fee Bursary (MTFB) is coming up! Support is available to master’s students registered full time in either course-based or research-based programs who are beyond the program length required for their degree, but who still have a small amount of work outstanding due to unanticipated factors that are beyond their control. Apply AFTER you have completed all program requirements and prior to the MTFB sessional deadline: April 17 for winter 2015. Learn more about your eligibility.

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### news

#### Summer camp 2015
Registration for Summer 2015 Camp U of T is now open! Camp U of T offers a safe, fun and inclusive environment that gives your children a broad range of experiences and opportunities to try new things, make new friends and learn new ways to enjoy sport, recreation and play. As part of the University's Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE), Camp U of T boasts a quality of instruction unmatched by other camp programs.

International opportunities for the summer

Are you interested in going abroad this summer and earn coursework credits at the same time? Centre for International Experience has some interesting exchange options on tap.

funding opportunities

CIHR Fellowships in Public Health Policy

The CIHR Strategic Training Program provides fellowship funding at the Master’s ($17,850), Doctoral ($17,850) and Post-doctoral ($36,750) levels in a Public Health Policy degree and/or Collaborative program. Fellows already receiving funding from other sources may qualify for STIHR funding up to $2000. The application deadline is March 20. Visit the CIHR Strategic Training Program for details.

Student conference funding from OPGRC

The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre (OPGRC) is offering up to $500 in funding for students to attend conferences related to harmful/responsible gambling. Applications can be submitted on an as-needed bases, but must be submitted prior to the conference date. Successful applicants are typically notified within 10 business days of application.

events

Global Culinary Cuisine for all!

Enjoy the tastes of the world, a tasty meal, new friends, and international cuisine. The Centre for International Experience (CIE) and the U of T Culinary Arts Club bring you an interactive culinary experience. The next dates are:

- March 6
March 27  
April 10

Hosted at CIE, from 5:00pm-8:00pm, tickets are $5 each. For more information, please contact global.lounge@utoronto.ca.

Gradlife: Blog and Grad Escapes

Check out our Gradlife Blog and enjoy Laura's weekly posts as she shares her experiences and connects with fellow grad students.

Grad school can be hard work - sometimes you just need to escape. Upcoming Grad Escapes include:

- TIFF Bell Lightbox Guided Tour: **March 10**, 3:00pm-4:00pm **FREE**
- Nia Class at the Goldring Centre: **March 18**, 5:00pm-6:00pm **FREE**
- Soulpepper Presents Spoon River: **March 26**, 7:30pm **$20** tickets, limit 2

Tour Houses of Worship

**March 14**, from 10:00am-3:00pm
Hart House

Explore different expressions of Hinduism and Islam through art, architecture and worship practices. Tour Houses of Worship tickets may be purchased at the Multi-Faith Centre (Room 309) and Hart House Hub, $5 each, includes transportation and lunch.

Trying to get published?

**March 23**, from 1:00pm-3:00pm
Grad Room, 66 Harbord Street

Are you interested in learning how to get published? Would you like to understand rankings and metrics? Then join us for this lively discussion with Christopher Tancock, senior publisher at Elsevier. He will share his insights into "how to get published" and "journal rankings and metrics". Register.

international student resources

Tax clinics for international students

The Centre for International Experience (CIE) is running its annual tax clinics from **March 10** to **April 4** for international (graduate and undergraduate) students at the university. Details on what documents you need, hours of operation and more are available online. See CIE Tax Clinics for details.

Interested in staying in Canada after graduation?

Attend the **March 23** Post-Graduation Work Permit information session. You may be eligible for an open work Permit (Post-Graduation Work Permit) valid for up to 3 years. More information and registration available online.
International transition advisors support you

SGS has partnered with Centre for International Experience (CIE) to bring international transition advisors to graduate student locations, including:

- Architecture
- Engineering
- OISE
- SGS
- Grad Room
- Grad House
- Chestnut Street Residence
- Sidney Smith Lobby

Students can meet with an advisor to discuss adjusting to Canadian life, how to find resources for academic success; refer to resources on CIC documentation, and more. Your advisors' contact information, drop-in hours (Monday through Friday) and locations are available online.

CIE newsletter

Stay current on International Student supports. Sign-up for the Centre for International Experience bi-weekly newsletter and receive notices of events, volunteer opportunities, exchange, Citizenship and Immigration Canada information and more!

supports & resources

USA visa information session

Planning to visit study or work in the United States? Representatives from the US Consulate in Toronto will be coming to U of T on March 11 to provide information on the types of non-immigrant visas, eligibility requirements for US internship and for conducting research in the US, application processes for Canadians and for international students, and more. Register.

Graduate Professional Skills program (GPS)

Want to stay updated on GPS offerings and grad events? Join the GPS newsletter!

Coping Strategies for Stress Management
March 18, 2015 & March 25, from 3:30pm-5:00pm
Grad Room, 66 Harbord Street
Overwhelmed? Unable to cope with personal or academic concerns? Come to this workshop and explore different ways of dealing with your life stressors. Learn about the contributing factors and physiology of stress, and strategies for coping. You will also have the opportunity to practice some stress management techniques. Register.

Facilitate & coordinate a group 101
March 26, from 10:00am-1:00pm  
Grad Room, 66 Harbord Street  
Do you have trouble dealing with difficult behaviour within groups? Do your group meetings lack focus and continually go off-track? Good facilitation skills can make the difference between an unsuccessful meeting and one that's effective and productive. Learn how to lead and focus group discussions, to encourage involvement among all participants, and stay focused on content and group process. Register.

**Need research support? Ask a librarian**

Looking for in-depth research support for your thesis or dissertation? Book a one-on-one research consultation with a librarian who will show you some time-saving tips and search strategies for finding quality primary and secondary sources to support your studies. Visit the Research Consultations page to submit a request.

**ELWS: Courses & workshops**

This month, the Office of English Language and Writing Support is offering several single-session workshops on academic writing and speaking. Registration is not required. Anyone may attend.

There are also ELWS courses starting this month. Registration is required for courses. One-on-one writing centre appointments will also be available right through the month of March.