



GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2019

TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2019 – DEERFIELD HALL

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast & Registration	DH Atrium
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	DH 2060
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Graduate Wellness: Path to Resilience	DH 2060
	<i>Presenter: Cristina Domingues, Lead Counsellor, UTM Health & Counselling Centre</i>	
	You will learn about the neuroscience behind mindfulness and the health benefits of its practice, explore various formal and informal practices of mindfulness, and learn how to best incorporate these practices into your daily routine. Learn to slow down from the busy pace of University...and life!	
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Break	
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Writing Literature Reviews	DH 2060
	<i>Presenter: Peter Grav, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Graduate Centre for Academic Communication</i>	
	For graduate students engaged in a variety of writing tasks including research articles, course papers or the thesis chapter entitled 'Literature Review,' the ability to review the literature of your field effectively is an essential skill. The lit review plays many roles ranging from establishing a need for new research to communicating the researcher's bona fides. This workshop will explore this genre of academic writing, identify common pitfalls and examine strategies to maximize your lit review's effectiveness.	
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch	DH Atrium
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Writing an IMRD Research Article	DH 2060
	<i>Presenter: Peter Grav, Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Graduate Centre for Academic Communication</i>	
	This workshop will explore fundamental strategies for writing research articles on experimental work written in the IMRD format (Introduction – Methods – Results – Discussion). The objective is to help graduate student writers by increasing their familiarity with common features of this important genre. We will consider the objectives of the four sections, what "moves" are typically found in each and discuss how you can best reach your communicative goals.	
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Break	
3:45 PM – 5:45 PM	Python Skills for Graduate Students	DH 2010
	<i>Presenters: Michael Liut, Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, CLTA, Mathematical and Computer Sciences</i>	
	Your research may involve performing statistical analysis on your datasets or visualizing your data into something that is easily readable. This workshop will provide you with the basics of Python and the opportunity to learn the powerful uses of NumPy/Matplotlib/Pandas/SciPy. Research, especially graphing copious data sets, can be tedious. Learn how to automate tedious tasks and free up your time!	

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019 – WILLIAM G. DAVIS BUILDING

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Breakfast & Registration	DV 1102 (Spigel Hall)
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Time Management for Graduate Students	DV 3093 (A-B)
	<p><i>Presenter: Kerrie Martin, Program Strategist, Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss strategies for effectively managing the many demands on the time of graduate students. Emphasis will be placed on finding an appropriate balance between academic and personal commitments, while highlighting similarities and differences between the graduate and undergraduate experience. Primary points of discussion will include procrastination, prioritization, and personal organisation.</p>	
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Break	
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Using Mendeley and Zotero to Manage your Research	DV 3093 (A-B)
	<p><i>Presenter: Andrew Nicholson, Graduate Student Liaison Librarian, UTM Library</i></p> <p>Doing research and compiling references can take many hours of work. Ultimately, these references (articles, books, websites, social media, etc) may prove to be vital for your projects, reviews, and original research, especially if you need to include a bibliography to support your work. Learn more about available bibliographic management tools, and get some hands-on experience using two of these tools: Mendeley and Zotero.</p>	
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Lunch	DV 1102 (Spigel Hall)
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Cultivating a Multilingual Teaching Team and Learning Community	DV 3140 (UTM Room)
	<p><i>Presenter: Cristina D'Amico, Curriculum Developer & Kristen Bos, TA Trainer, Teaching Assistants' Training Program</i></p> <p>This workshop will address the role of multilingualism in the classroom from both TAs' and students' perspectives, in the context of the University of Toronto's diverse student body. Participants will learn strategies for overcoming language and communication barriers in the classroom and leveraging their own multilingualism and diverse cultural experiences (or those of their teaching team peers) as a strength. We will address issues such as how to grade ELL (English language learners') writing and presentations, how to encourage participation in ways that overcome language barriers and respect students' diversity, and how to address challenges we face with respect to our own language fluency and norms.</p>	
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM	Break	
5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	Career Panel and Networking Dinner with Industry Professionals	DV 3140 (UTM Room)
	<p><i>Presenter: Anne Gaiger, Assistant Director & Ramya Uthayakumar, Coordinator, Events and Employment Services, Career Centre</i></p> <p>Come out to meet industry professionals with advanced degrees, many of which are U of T alumni. Learn about their career paths, current positions, industry areas and tips for launching your own career. Followed by a networking dinner.</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i> Medical Affairs Manager, Gilead Sciences (PhD Chemistry, U of T) Medical Editor, Klick Health (PhD Molecular Genetics, U of T) Senior Project Specialist: Academic Policy & Planning, Office of the Dean, UTM (PhD Chemistry, U of T) Senior Product Researcher, FreshBooks (PhD Psychology, Michigan State)</p>	

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