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of each position on our website
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Announcements



from 
TRENT UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

I lost 4 months of lab work because of the university lockdown and will go overtime....

My timeline to graduate has been impacted heavily due to the lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic.



WHAT CAN I DO?

Contact Dr. Craig Brunetti, the Dean of Graduate Studies about your situation prior to going overtime. If your research was impacted by the pandemic, you may be eligible for a rebate for your tuition. Once you have completed your degree, you can appeal for a tuition rebate and it will be evaluated by the School of Graduate Studies on a case-to-case basis.



3RD ANNUAL TRENT GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

from **TGSS** 

April 23, 6:30-8:30PM: FIRESIDE Q&A PANEL- PRE-EVENT
"STORIES OF PERSISTENCE" FEATURING TRENT PROFESSORS,
ALUMNI, & COMMUNITY MEMBERS"

April 24, 9AM-4PM: TGSS SYMPOSIUM
FULL DAY OF GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS CELEBRATING
THE WONDERFUL RESEARCH CONDUCTED AT TRENT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

"STOP BEING BORING: TIPS AND TRICKS TO ENGAGE" BY
IVAN WANIS RUIZ, *COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT*

SPECIAL GUEST:

"DISCOVER WHAT A LIFE EMBRACING MULTIPLE PASSIONS
CAN LOOK LIKE" BY NEIL HUGHES, *PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC
SPEAKER & MULTIPOTENTIALITE- AUTHOR ON LIVING WITH
ANXIETY*

Register now at <http://forms.gle/dTUGjEuRWFN5Nsva6>
The first 75 registrants get a \$15 food voucher to a local
restaurant of choice!

If you have any questions, please reach out to tgss@trentu.ca.



Farewell Messages

Dear fellow graduate students,

As the 2020/21 Trent Graduate Students' Association term and my 3rd and last year on the board are coming to their end, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for the support, engagement, and feedback you have provided to the TGSA throughout these difficult times. Each one of us has gone through a unique set of experiences: some challenging, others eye-opening or heart-warming. In any case, I would like to applaud you for your resilience, and I hope that you have been able to find strength, love, and peace in those you love, your graduate student community, and your TGSA. I encourage you to continue to cultivate compassion for yourself and others, mindfulness in even the seemingly mundane tasks, a deep awareness of your intrinsic self-worth, and the feeling of interdependence that is natural and essential for our communities to thrive.

The Winter term is coming to its end, but as we all know, graduate students are year-long learners and researchers. May your summer be filled with small and big victories, fascinating discoveries, and countless joyful moments. You are in safe and warm hands for the 2021/22 term; your TGSA will always be a few emails, Zoom calls, or doorsteps away from you.

In solidarity,
Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan
TGSA President 2020/21

Farewell Messages

My two years with the TGSA have given me some of the best experiences of my life. As my time at the TGSA and Peterborough comes to a close, all I can think of is the wonderful experiences I have had interacting with all of you. This past year has been challenging and far too different for a lot of us. Each of our situations has been different this year, but I can confidently say that regardless of the differences, we have bonded as a community. Due to the current situation, we could not have our usual programming and instead updated to fully online events. While this was not an optimal outcome, the graduate community continuously attended these events and provided phenomenal input that will help make the TGSA even better in the future. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be one of your representatives over the past two years; it has meant a great deal to me to be selected by this phenomenal community. As the winter term ends, I want to wish all of you the best of luck, not only on your work but in any future endeavours you pursue.

Jordon Williams,
TGSA VP Student Affairs 2020/21

Farewell Messages

As my term as VP senate is coming to an end, I am looking back to our TGSA year with a fond heart. This year has been challenging in so many ways for all of us. I am very grateful to have had the TGSA as a link to the somewhat dispersed grad student community this past year. Before becoming VP senate, I did not know much about Canadian university politics. I have learned so many valuable lessons and I have met so many great people. I am truly thankful. I wish you all the best of summers. We all deserve some sunshine and laughter.

Take care,
Nina,
TGSA VP Senate 2020/21

Farewell Messages

I am very thankful to be given the opportunity to be a part of the TGSA over the last two years. It has been a great yet eye-opening experience for me. The TGSA has grown so much this year, all thanks to our amazing board and our supportive graduate student body. From lobbying for a tuition rebate in the summer to raising awareness on equity and inclusion to collaborating with various groups and organizations at Trent, it has definitely been a year packed with great initiatives that aim towards supporting our community. I am confident that the TGSA will continue to flourish in the years to come.

The most important takeaway throughout my experience in the TGSA is that your voice matters and I encourage everyone to speak up. Be vocal about your opinions, only then, real change can happen. The TGSA will always lend a hand in amplifying your voice.

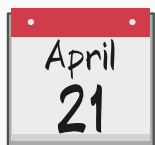
I wish all of you well. Stay safe and take care!

Elicia Yap,
TGSA VP Communications 2020/21

Events and Academic Deadlines



Cultural Outreach
2021
7-9PM



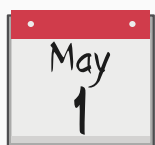
TGSA End of the Year
Trivia Night
5PM-7PM



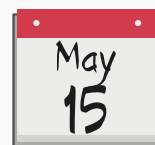
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Fee Payment deadline for
students in Professional
Graduate programs



TGSA Academic
Bursary



Fee Payment deadline for
students in Graduate
Research programs

Please visit [School of Graduate Studies Tuition, Awards and Funding Page](#) for more details.*

Visit [CUPE](#) for more information on their funding **

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International corner



How money works for
BIPOC students
6:30PM-7:30PM

Did you know?



Songkran/Thai New Year, *April 13-15th*



This festival in honor of the Thai New Year is ultimately a three-day water fight to counteract the warm climes brought on by hottest month of the year.

If you're in Thailand during this time, especially in a major city like Bangkok or Chaing Mai, you will get wet, so take precautions with valuables such as your phone and camera. And remember: if you can't beat 'em, join 'em, so pick up a Super Soaker and join in the fun!



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