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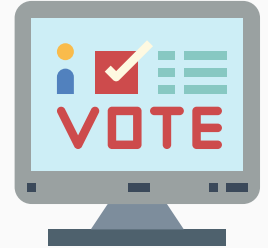
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TGSA ELECTIONS 2021

Find a list of the names of the candidates and their blurbs for each position on our website [here](#). Don't forget to cast your vote! Your input is much appreciated.



The voting period for these candidates and amendments will be begin from **February 10th to 17th, 2021** via Qualtrics. **Please check your Trent email for the link.**

GOOD SUPERVISOR CAMPAIGN

Enjoy working with your supervisor?
Filled in our [form](#) yet?

Scroll down to find your comments or visit [here](#) on our website. Please do share it among your peers!
Thank you for participating!



Our initiatives



Pandemic support

The TGSA has supported graduate students *mentally* via a wide range of weekly social events; *financially* via a \$13,000 emergency bursary fund (spanning 2019/20 and 2020/21 terms) and a summer tuition reduction lobby to the Trent administration and *academically* via our sponsorship of an online 3 Minute Thesis competition.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiatives

To address systemic racism, the TGSA has initiated a student-supervisor agreement including a code of conduct, a bursary fund for racialized graduate students, and a panel discussion featuring racialized undergraduate and graduate students and faculty members.

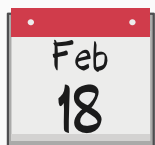


Communications, career & skill development

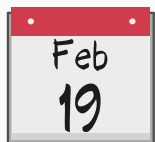


The TGSA has initiated discussions with the Alumni office to start building relationship between current and former graduate students and provide career orientation and mentorship opportunities. Career and skills development for graduate students has also been discussed with Career space and the School of Graduate Studies to create opportunities (e.g. career sessions, workshops etc) for graduate students to develop relevant skills throughout their degree and explore career options to be competitive for the academic and non-academic sectors.

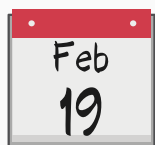
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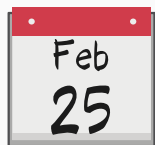
TGSA:
Mental health
discussion group +
Paint/Craft Night



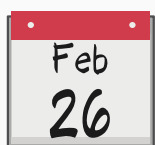
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Scholarship (OGS) *



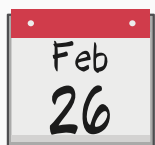
The Queen Elizabeth II
Graduate Scholarship in
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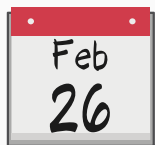
Traill College: Grad Trivia



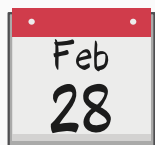
French American
Charitable Trust
Scholarship



Curtain Graduate
Scholarship



Woods Graduate
Scholarship



Graduate Racialized
Students Bursary
Application

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

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

Click [here](#) to view in Calendar mode

International corner

Trent International
Life Under The Maple Tree Series
Transitioning to Life in Canada



UHIP Webinar:
International Health
Insurance Session
1pm

Did you know?

The Jaisalmer Desert Festival



Three days before the full
moon of February,
people travel in groups to
the Thar Desert in the
Sam Sand Dunes to
celebrate Jaisalmer
Desert Festival.

Over the course of three days, the
remote desert landscape comes to
life with performances, folk music
and local lore being passed from
generation to generation.



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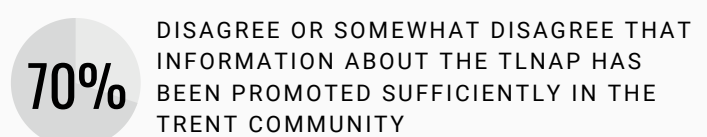
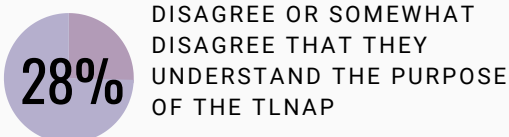
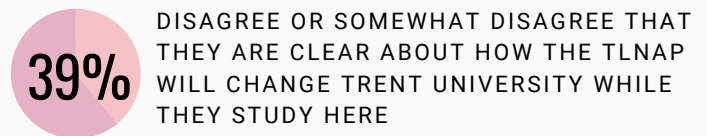
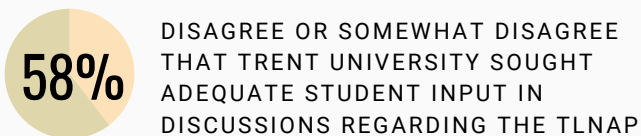
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Please email international@trentu.ca for more details.



OUR SURVEY REVEALS TRENT GRADUATE STUDENTS' CONCERNS ABOUT THE NEW LANDS AND NATURE AREAS PLAN

To best represent graduate students' interests regarding the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan (TLNAP), we initiated a survey to determine opinions on this plan. The survey closed on 31 January 2021 with 41 responses, and reports:



KEY CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Lack of protection of wildlife, endangered flora and fauna, wetlands, water corridors, and nature areas
- Lack of information on projected development impacts
- Lack of meaningful collaboration with the broader community, leading to a loss of trust in the consultation process and the plan itself
- Lack of application and implementation of Indigenous knowledge and teachings
- Relocation of the experimental farm, aggravating issues of food access for students
- Development of housing that is not suitable or affordable for students, intensifying the local housing crisis

GRADUATE STUDENTS ALSO PROPOSED SEVERAL CONCRETE FEATURES TO BE ADDED:

- Appropriate wildlife crossings
- Replacement of lawn with eco-friendly and sustainable alternatives
- Green roofs
- Permeable parking spaces to aid local hydrology
- Accessible spaces for individuals with mobility impairment

You can access the full survey report [here](#). The TGSA will continue to advocate for the accommodation of graduate student concerns and priorities as identified in this survey report.



Good Supervisor Comments

Dr. Aaron Shafer, Forensics

Aaron Shafer provides excellent leadership within his graduate lab by fostering a team environment, research guidance, troubleshooting any difficulties, encouraging opportunities and advocating for gender equality and shutdownstem awareness.

Dr. Asaf Zohar, School of Business

Dr. Asaf Zohar is a very supportive and caring supervisor, who expresses a genuine interest both in my research and in me as a student and a person. He's an experienced supervisor who knows when to push, when to let go, and how to encourage. He's been actively involved in my research in a helpful way and without taking over, and helped me create important connections and to find funding for my research. I truly feel that I'm in good hands.

Dr. Robert Wright, History

Robert is an extremely supportive supervisor who is also hands-off (in a good way), allowing me to do my work in my time-frame, while also always being available to discuss where I am. He is thoughtful, genuine, and truly wants to see each of his students succeed. I am incredibly happy he is my supervisor!

Good Supervisor Comments



Dr. Janet Miron, *Frost Centre for Canadian and Indigenous Studies*

Janet is one of the most understanding, genuine people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. She is always available to listen and to learn from everyone around her, and is always willing to help when someone is in need.

Thank you for everything, Janet!

Dr. Lisa Nisbet, *Psychology*

She's always willing to chat about anything, and is a constant source of support and encouragement!

Dr. Bruce Cater, *Economics/AMOD*

Bruce is incredibly generous with his time and talents - he will go to extreme lengths to help you prepare and succeed for whatever challenges you've taken on. There is no greater supervisor and no better experience to be had when undertaking your M.A.

You can find more of these comments [here](#) on our website!