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Our goals

"As a Cultural Studies representative, I would like to help graduate students and to voice their concerns and questions, communicating with them".

-Fatma, Cultural Studies Representative

"I hope to provide a good service and tackle any program specific issues that might appear."

-Beatriz, ENLS Representative

"I am enthusiastic to strengthen the ties between the Frost Centre and the TGSA.."

-Nicole, FCSA PhD Representative

"As the History Program Rep, I hope to develop a student organization for the History Graduate Program to help connect and engage students in the program.."

-Melissa, History Representative

Meet the Team



Sandra Klemet-N'Guessan
President



Sebastian Johnston-Lindsay
VP Internal Affairs



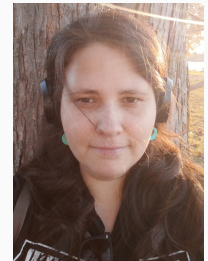
Elicia Yap Shyong Quan
VP Communication



Jordan Williams
VP Student Affairs



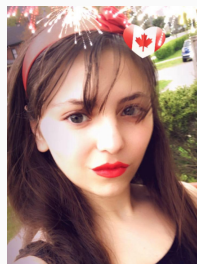
Janina Schmitz
VP Senate



Mariana Castelli Rosa
VP Finance



Tanya Aminataei
Equity Commissioner



Maryam Helae
International Student Commissioner



Verena Sesin
Environmental Commissioner



Shannon Fiedler
Durham Representative



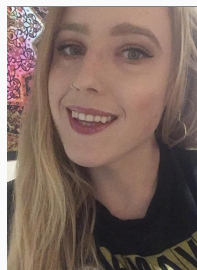
Andrew Brown
Science Representative



Devon Howell
Arts Representative



Madhu Garg
AMOD Program Representative



Autumn Jordan
BEMA Program Representative



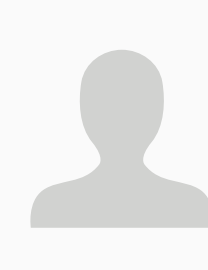
Fatma Ozen
Cultural Studies Program Representative



Beatriz Bento
ENLS Program Representative



Nicole Covey
Frost Centre Student Association PhD Representative



Dominique O'Bonsawin
Frost Centre Student Association MA Representative



Carol Andrews
Frost Centre Student Association MA Representative

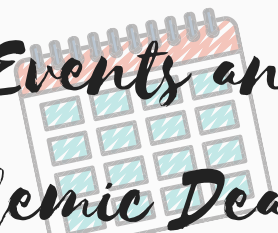


Melissa Miller Gerrard
History Program Representative



Logan Hamer
Psychology Program Representative

Events and Academic Deadlines



Jan
15

TGSA
Academic Bursary

Jan
31

School of Grad Studies
Graduate Bursary *

Feb
1

MacKenzie King
Scholarship *

Feb
1

Patterson Abbey
Gardens Graduate
Research Fellowship *

Feb
1

John Bernard
Scholarship *

Feb
19

Ontario Graduate
Scholarship (OGS) *

Feb
19

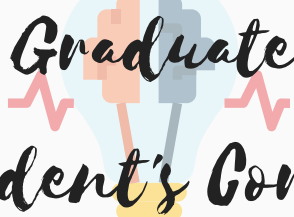
The Queen Elizabeth II
Graduate Scholarship in
Science and Technology
(QEII-GSST) *

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

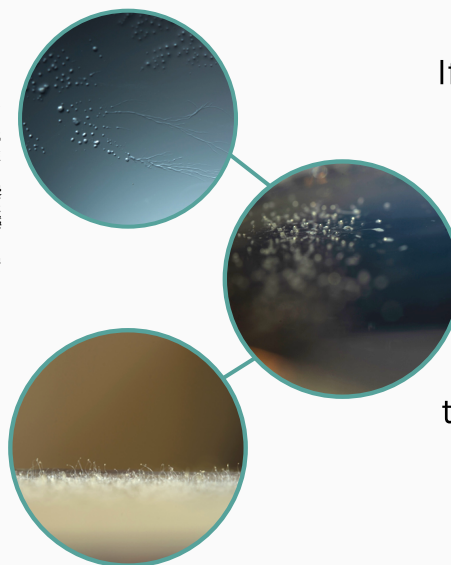
Visit [CUPE](#) for more information on their funding **

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

Graduate Student's Corner



Uncovering the language of cytokinins
in the social amoeba,
Dictyostelium discoideum



If there is one key thing that my research has taught me, it is that molecules deserve far more attention than they receive in society.

I study a fascinating group of signaling molecules, or hormones, known as cytokinins. These molecules were once thought to have exclusive roles in plant systems, such as telling the plant when to grow or flower; however, we know now that cytokinins are found in virtually every life form we look for them in. In all of these different organisms, from bacteria to humans, we are discovering that cytokinins influence a wide range of biological roles unique to each organism (e.g. sporulation, nutrient acquisition, host defence, etc.). How does one molecule influence such a wide range of biological processes in so many different organisms? It is precisely this question that has laid the foundation of my research studying the expanded roles of cytokinins in the social amoeba, *Dictyostelium discoideum*.

by Megan Aoki, ENLS PhD

Announcements

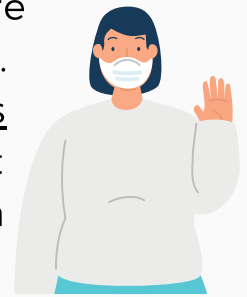


WELCOME NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS!



Although these are unprecedented times, we are so excited to have you here!

Visit our [Getting Started Page](#) to find out more about resources and services that Trent offer. There are also [recorded orientation webinars](#) on the [School of Graduate Studies Page](#) that will help guide you on your journey here as a graduate student.



TGSA ELECTION 2020/21 IN FEBRUARY

Interested in advocating for graduate students? We are happy to inform you that our election for 2020/21 will be held in February.

Find more information about each position [here](#).

You can send in your nominations to presidenttgsa@trentu.ca or vpstudentaffairstgsa@trentu.ca.



GOOD SUPERVISOR CAMPAIGN

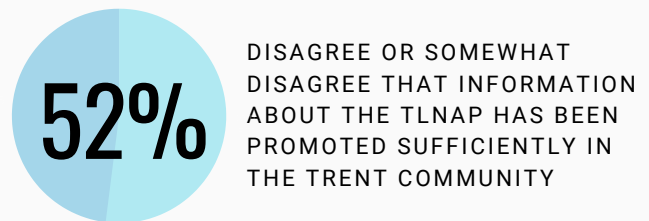
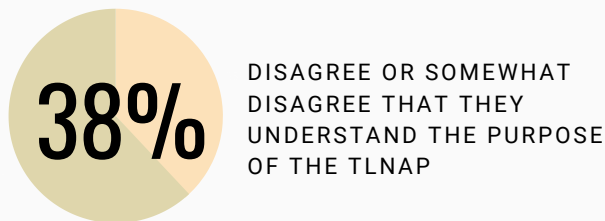
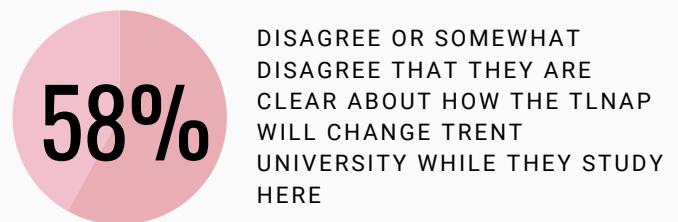
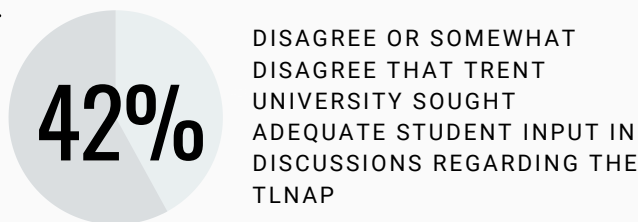


Enjoy working with your supervisor? Here is how you can show your appreciation towards them. Fill in our form [here](#) detailing your experience with your supervisor. On the second week of February, these comments will be posted anonymously on our website.






"TRENT'S NEW DRAFT PLAN FOR ITS NATURE AREAS FALLS SHORT OF ENGAGING STUDENTS", SURVEY SAYS

To best represent students' interests regarding the Trent Lands and Nature Areas Plan (TLNAP), Jocelyn from the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) initiated a survey to determine students' opinions on this plan. The survey closed on 22 December 2020 with 209 responses, and reports:



These survey results show a need to advocate for:

-  An extension to the comment period for the current draft TLNAP
-  Meaningful consultation
-  Accommodations for concerns and priorities: incl. Indigenous teachings and lands, the protection of the natural environment and wildlife, and the protection of community gardens and the experimental farm

We have recently written a joint letter with the TCSA on this matter, which you can find [here](#). Many other organizations on and off campus are advocating, including the Seasoned Spoon, Trent Vegetable Gardens, Sustainable Trent, Trent Students for Responsible Development, etc.

WANT TO BE PROACTIVE? WRITE TO US, GET INVOLVED, AND CONSIDER SIGNING THIS PETITION BY TRENT STUDENTS: [» "Save the Trent field garden"](#)

Announcements

from **CUPE 3908 SCFP**

Unit 2 Caucus Meeting

How do I know if I am a Unit 2 member?

- ✓ I am a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)
- ✓ I am a graduate Student Marker, Academic Assistant or Computer Lab Advisor
- ✓ I am an undergraduate Student Marker, Academic Assistant or Computer Lab Advisor

The Unit 2 Collective Agreement expires on August 31st, and that means it's time to elect our bargaining team!



Join us at the
Unit 2 Caucus Meeting
January 20th
at 4:30 pm.
Click [here](#) to register.

The bargaining team is composed of the CUPE3908 President, Mitch Champagne; Unit 2 Vice President, Ali Fraser; and 4 elected members, two designates and two alternatives. Alternates assist with bargaining prep, and attend negotiations when designates are unavailable. Unit 2 members can run for any of the 4 elected positions on the bargaining team.

If you have questions, contact Mitch Champagne at president@cupe3908.org.

For more information about the current Collective Agreement, your rights and benefits as a Unit 2 member, visit [CUPE 3908 Unit 2](#).

International corner



Trent International

Life Under The Maple Tree Series Transitioning to Life in Canada



Summer Job Search

10.00am-10.30am



Post-Graduation Job

Search

11.00am-11.30am



Pathways to Permanent

Residency

1.00pm-3.00pm

Missed one of the Life under the Maple Tree Transition Series?

Some topics that are covered include
*Academic Expectations in Canada,
Pathways to Permanent Residency,
Marketing your International Experience,
Post-Graduation Work Permit Program,
Housing in Ontario,
Money Management and Budgeting,
Winter Preparedness and
Extending Your Study Permit.*

You can view the slides and recording [here](#).



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