

## Hello, graduate students!

On behalf of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA), it is with great pleasure that as your new GSA President, I welcome you into the graduate community at Brock University. In choosing to dedicate yourself to graduate studies here at Brock University, you are joining a diverse team of global leaders in teaching, research, and innovation. We are excited and proud to have you become a part of our community.

Rakha Zabin, Ph.D. Candidate, Education

### GET INVOLVED WITH THE GSA

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- For more information, including Aquatics, please [click here](#)

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We invite you to click the link to the [Spring 2023 GSA Student Handbook](#).

In it you will learn more about who we are, the services, resources and opportunities offered by the GSA and the greater Brock Community.

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- Want excellent experiences for your CV or grant applications?

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Please click [here](#) to read what is open and closed for the Victoria Day holiday weekend.

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Please send a Statement of Interest, maximum 250 words, expressing why you'd like to be involved with the selected committee, to [opportunities@brockgsa.ca](mailto:opportunities@brockgsa.ca). Applications accepted up to 4:00 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, June 9, 2023. All information will be kept in confidence.

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#### **HISTORY OF DRAG & MAKE UP TUTORIAL**

- Join as virtually we kick off our Pride festivities **on Thursday, June 15**
- For more information, visit: <https://experiencebu.brocku.ca/event/235785>

#### **GSA DIRTY DRAG BINGO WITH INITA DIOR**

- Join us as we continue to celebrate Pride month on, **Friday June 23 in STH204**
- For more information visit: <https://experiencebu.brocku.ca/event/235782>

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### **FGS Writing Retreat – RSVP by June 8**

- The Writing Retreat returns June 22!
- A day filled with on-campus and online workshops, including research-specific and professional development topics, one-on-one consultations, and break activities.

### **Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement**

- **Application Deadline: Wednesday, May 31**
- **Value: up to \$6,000**
- Available to Canadian citizens or permanent residents who hold a Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) at the master's or doctoral level or a Vanier CGS at the doctoral level. [Supplement details are available here.](#)

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