

Hello, graduate students!

Students are reminded that the GSA, along with Brock University's administrative offices, will be closed Saturday, August 5 to Monday, August 7, for the Civic Day holiday weekend.

Our office will re-open on Tuesday, August 8, at 9:00 a.m.

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

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- Topic: [GSA & Student VIP Virtual Health Information Session](#)
Time: **Sep 13, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**
- Topic: [GSA & UHIP Virtual Health Information Session](#)
Time: **Sep 20, 2023, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

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Brock Recreation

- Walker Sports Complex – Closed Aug. 5, 6, 7 for the long weekend
- **First Aid/CPR courses** are available through the summer. Go to [First Aid](#) for details, and to register.
- **Summer Swim Lessons** for all ages - Lessons run in 1-week and 6 – week sessions. [Register](#) now!

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- Final Chance To **Apply For Internal Awards**. Visit <https://brocku.ca/graduate-studies/scholarships-awards/internal/> to learn more! Applications open until Monday, Aug. 7 at 11:59 p.m.
- Graduate Students Social Hub Special Event - Friday, Aug. 4 at 4.30 p.m. at Alphonse's Trough. [Register](#) for **free food and some mingle!**
- Grad Student Writing Café – Tuesday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. [Register](#) for **free food and writing tips!**
- **On-Campus Graduate Tour** – Thursday, Aug. 31 at 2 p.m.
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

- The **Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NRSEF)** is recruiting volunteers for the 2024 fair and executive committee. This opportunity is great for anyone interested in pursuing a volunteer opportunity in the following areas: child health, youth studies, education, mathematics and science, communications, networking, obtaining volunteer hours etc. For more information regarding the opportunities available, please contact Ivana Metcalf (ikmetcalf@brocku.ca) and/or Zoe Gagnon (zg18wm@brocku.ca)

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GET INVOLVED:

BROCK SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are currently recruiting members from the graduate student community at large to sit on two new Brock University search committees to search for a Dean of the Faculty of Education and a University Librarian. You can find information about each search at the links provided.

- Applications (cover letter and resume) accepted at info@brockgsa.ca up to Monday, August 28 by 4:00 p.m. EDT
- Acceptance of applications will be determined by the date and timestamp received in the GSA email system (4:00 p.m. / 16:00:00 EDT)

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[GSA Board of Directors](#) (Time commitment: 2-3 hours/month)

We are currently recruiting members from the graduate community at large to sit on our Board for the 2023-2024 academic year! Before applying for the 2023-2024 term, please ensure your availability aligns with the meetings of the Board. [Board meetings](#) are typically held the fourth Thursday of every month, Noon to 2 p.m., from May 2023 to April 2024.

How to apply:

- Applications (cover letter and resume) accepted at board@brockgsa.ca up to Wednesday, September 20 by 4:00 p.m. EDT
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- Your cover letter may be shared with the Executive and Board of Directors

[GSA Committee](#) (Time commitment: 2-3 hours/month)

We are currently recruiting for our [Governance, Elections & Nominating Committee](#). Our internal committees are a great place for students interested in graduate student life and leadership.

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GSA HEALTH and DENTAL BENEFITS OPT-IN/OUT COMING SOON!

The FALL OPT-IN/OPT-OUT period for GSA Health and Dental Benefits for ***Fall Enrolled Graduate Students ONLY***, runs from [September 1 - 30, 2023](#)

NOTE: ALL Graduate Students enrolled in the Fall Semester are automatically assessed the GSA Health and Dental Benefit Plan Fee. *The GSA Health and Dental plan is **MANDATORY** for ALL graduate students who do not have alternate, continuous Canadian health & dental insurance coverage in place from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024.*

Opt-in will be available for graduate students wishing to enroll eligible dependents through [Student VIP](#)
Opt-out will be open for graduate students who are enrolled in the Fall term **ONLY**, you will need to provide valid proof of your ***alternate, comparable and continuous Canadian insurance plan*** to [Student VIP](#).

Students can also ***COORDINATE*** their private insurance benefits with the GSA H&D plan.

Important: Grad Students enrolled in the Fall Term **cannot** opt-out during any other opt-out period. Questions about your Health & Dental Benefit plan; email: health@brockgsa.ca or visit <https://brockgsa.ca/services-health-plan/>

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