

Brock Graduate Students' Association

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Hello, Graduate Students!



The GSA office and University will be closed on Monday, May 20 for Victoria Day.



GSA Summer Office Hours - (June to August)

The GSA office will be working remotely on Mondays and Fridays starting in June, with updated office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN - NEW INCOMING SPRING 2024 GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY



Opt-in/Opt-out period for **May 2024 new incoming grad students only** opens **Wednesday, May 1** and closes **Thursday, May 30 at 4 p.m. (EDT) sharp.**

Visit [Health & Dental Plan \(brockgsa.ca\)](https://brockgsa.ca) for information on how to opt-in an eligible dependent and to learn what **MANDATORY INFORMATION IS REQUIRED** to request to opt-out of the GSA Plan. For more information, contact health@brockgsa.ca

Get Involved with The GSA

Recruitment: GSA Board of Directors

The GSA is currently recruiting graduate student members to serve on the GSA Board of Directors, open positions for students in:

- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Math and Science

Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

Recruitment: GSA Internal Committees

Will you be a returning graduate student in the Spring/Summer term for the 2024-2025 academic year? Our internal committees are a great place for students interested in graduate student life and leadership. We are recruiting for graduate student-at-large representatives on our 2024-2025 internal committees. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

New GSA Executive Office Hours - MC-C300

Please find the new Executive office hours below which will commence on Tuesday, June 4.

- **Mavis Kodzitse, VP External & University Affairs (external@brockgsa.ca) - Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- **Christian Santesso, President (president@brockgsa.ca) - Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- **Moyo Babalola, VP Student Life & Equity (studentlife@brockgsa.ca) - Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

GSA Events for Grad Students



Food First Fresh Market

In partnership with the United Way Niagara Region, Food First brings you the Food First Fresh Produce Market! Come and get some fresh produce at a cost you can afford. The fresh produce market will be happening on **Tuesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Rankin Family Pavilion. Click [here](#) for more information.



VISIT [EXPERIENCEBU](#) AND [BROCKGSA.CA](#) FOR MORE EXCITING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GSA!

Graduate-Only Study Space on Campus

Library space: Graduate Student Study Room (6th FLOOR) - No pre-booking required. Graduate Student **ONLY** Meeting Room (6th FLOOR) - [Reserve online here](#)

Note: THE ACCESS CODE WILL BE CHANGED ON A REGULAR BASIS. Contact office@brockgsa.ca to receive the access code.

May Social Media Contest

Calling all NEW followers!

Exciting news! We're launching a special social media contest just for you! If you're a current registered graduate student who hasn't followed us yet, now's the perfect time to hit that follow button.

Here's how it works:

- ➔ Follow us [@BrockGSA](#) on any or all three platforms (Instagram, Facebook or Threads, NOT including LinkedIn) between today (May 16) and May 31.
- ➔ After following, Send us a private direct message on our Instagram with your name and Brock student ID. **(Only GSA staff will have access to read the private direct message).**
- ➔ You'll be automatically entered into a random draw for a chance to win a \$50 Walmart e-gift card!
- ➔ This contest will close on May 31 at 2:00 p.m. EDT. The lucky winner will be contacted via email on June 3.

But wait, there's more! To keep things fair and square, we've got a clause in place: anyone who unfollows and re-follows during the contest period will be disqualified. We're keeping track! This contest is only open to current-registered graduate students.



Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs

[Top Library Tips for Grad Students - Support from Start to Finish](#)

The library is here to help you at any stage of your research journey! In this session, you'll learn about:

- discovering library resources to develop your literature reviews
- locating graduate MRPs and theses
- and more!



[Continuing Internal Awards Application](#)

Over 150 continuing internal award opportunities are available for graduate students. [Please visit our website](#) for a complete listing of continuing student scholarships and awards. Students must ensure they meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarships and awards they are applying for.

If you have questions or difficulties with the application, please direct questions to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs (FGSPA) office at graduatestudies@brocku.ca



[Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement \(award value up to \\$6,000\)](#)

Available to students who hold a Canada Graduate Scholarship (CGS) at the master's or doctoral level, or a Vanier CGS at the doctoral level.

Applications need to be sent to FGSPA by May 31!

More details here: [Research Awards and Scholarship Opportunities – Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs \(brocku.ca\)](#)



Victoria Day Weekend Hours at the Walker Sports Complex

Open May 18 and 19.

The facilities will be closed on Monday, May 20.



For Those Who Have Children/Youth

[Brock Summer Camp](#) registration is open – camps range from technology and science to sports, adventure, aquatics, fitness, art and much more! There are also LIT programs (Leader in Training) for teens looking to gain skills.



Upcoming Events

May



**Victoria Day -
University Closed**



**[GSA Health &
Dental Plan Opt-
In/Opt-Out Closes](#)**



**[Pop-Up Produce
Market @ Rankin
Family Pavilion,
11:30AM-1:30PM](#)**



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