

**Brock Graduate Students' Association**

# **THE GRADUATE GAZETTE**

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**BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**



# Hello, Graduate Students!



The GSA office and the university will be closed on Monday, May 19, for Victoria Day

REMINDER

We are pleased to welcome our 2025–2026 GSA Executive Team! Pictured from left to right: VP, External & University Affairs, Philip Akoje; President, Mario Berro; and VP, Student Life & Equity, Ibrahim Adefolu.

To learn more about them, click [here](#).

Stay tuned for their office hours starting in June!



## **GSA Board of Directors Recruitment 2025-2026**

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

- Faculty of Math & Science
- Faculty of Education
- Goodman School of Business

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

## **GSA Internal Committees Recruitment 2025-2026**

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 2025-2026 internal committees:

- [Governance, Elections and Nominating](#) (2 hours/month)
- [Communications & Engagement](#) (1-2 hours/month)
- [External & University Affairs](#) (1 hour/month)
- [Student Life & Equity](#) (1 hour/month)

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



## GSA Events for Grad Students



### Therapy Puppies

Join us for therapy puppies **at Cairns Atrium on Tuesday, May 6 from 1:30-3 p.m.** In collaboration with the Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre, Therapy Dogs Canada will surely elevate your mood and make your day! Click [here](#) for more information.



### Art Therapy Thursday - Outside in Jubilee Court!

De-stress and unwind from the hustle and bustle of graduate student life by spending a relaxing time colouring or painting. There will be free light refreshments and snacks available. This is a drop-in event, feel free to stay however long you would like! You do not need any prior artistic experience. Join us on **Thursday, May 15 anytime from 10-12 p.m. at the picnic tables in Jubilee Court (weather permitting). In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to MC-C300.**



### Coffee Social

Join us on **Tuesday, May 20 from 1:30-3 p.m. in MC-C300** for our first coffee social of the term! Connect with the new executive team, discover the latest updates from the GSA, and explore exciting upcoming events and opportunities. Enjoy **free** coffee, tea and snacks. There will even be iced coffee! Drop-by anytime from 1:30-3 p.m.!



### Koffee with Katie

Join us on **Wednesday, May 21 anytime from 1-2 p.m. in MC-C300** for Koffee with Katie. This welcoming drop-in session is designed for grad students in need of support or simply a friendly conversation. Graduate Wellness Navigator Katie Pickles will be available for a casual chat over coffee, providing a comforting and confidential space for anyone going through a tough day or looking to connect. Feel free to drop-by!



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) - You must call the GSA office (ext. 4094) to receive the current passcode

Graduate Student Meeting Room (6th FLOOR) - [Reserve online here](#). Please forward the booking ID confirmation to [office@brockgsa.ca](mailto:office@brockgsa.ca) to obtain the passcode.

**Note: THE ACCESS CODE WILL BE CHANGED ON A REGULAR BASIS.** Contact [office@brockgsa.ca](mailto:office@brockgsa.ca) to receive the access code.



 May 1, 2025

**FGSPA**

## GRADflix Winner Announcement

We are excited to announce the winners of our 2025 GRADflix Competition! We had amazing videos this year and our judges had some tough decisions to make. A big shout out to all of our amazing participants. [Find the winners here.](#)



## Lake Shift Writing Retreat - we're sending two PhD students!

We are sending two PhD students to a five-night Lake Shift Writing Retreat on Lake Opinicon. All PhD students are welcome to apply, but priority will be given to third and fourth-year, full-time students enrolled in the spring/summer academic term. [Apply by Sunday, May 11 here.](#)

## We're hiring - Marketing and Communications Assistant

We're seeking a creative and detail-oriented student to support our marketing and communications initiatives. Ideal for someone passionate about higher ed, storytelling, and digital engagement. Full-time, May to August at the St. Catharines campus. [Apply by Sunday, May 4 here.](#)

## Book an appointment with our support staff

### Academic writing support



Our Academic Support Specialist, Danielle, offers a variety of events to help grad students develop their writing skills, including:

- Writing Café
- One-on-One Consults
- Writing Workshops

[Book an appointment with Danielle here.](#)

### Confidential matters, international student support and academic policies



With Katie, students have access to a safe welcoming, and confidential space to discuss matters such as:

- Academic policies, procedures
- Factors influencing the graduate student experience
- Status changes and more

[Book an appointment with Katie here.](#)



**Learn to Play - Community Focused Programs for All Ages!**

Learn to play soccer, basketball, badminton, pickleball, volleyball and more! Click [here](#) for more information and to register!



Time	Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu	
Ian Beddis Gym	Court 1	Court 2	Court 1	Court 2	Court 1	Court 2	Court 1	Court 2
6:00 - 7:00pm	Multi-Sports (4-6yrs)	Basketball (6-8yrs)	Multi-Sports (4-6yrs)	Badminton (10-13yrs)	Multi-Sports (4-6yrs)	Pickleball (55+yrs)	Volleyball (8-10yrs)	Multi-Sports (4-6yrs)
7:00 - 8:00pm	Multi-Sports (6-8yrs)	Basketball (8-10yrs)	Soccer (6-8yrs)	Badminton (10-13yrs)	Multi-Sports (6-8yrs)	Pickleball (18+yrs)	Volleyball (10-13yrs)	Basketball (6-8yrs)
8:00 - 9:00pm	Soccer (8-10yrs)	Basketball (10-13yrs)	Soccer (8-10yrs)	Badminton (8-10yrs)	Soccer (10-13yrs)	Pickleball (35+yrs)	Volleyball (10-13yrs)	Basketball (8-10yrs)
Program Fee	\$60.00		\$60.00		\$68.00	\$72.00 - \$76.00	\$68.00	
Start Date	May 5		May 6		May 7		May 8	
End Date	June 30		June 24		July 2		July 3	

**GET INVOLVED. GET ACTIVE.**  
**Registration Now Open**

for information on programs and how to register visit [brocku.ca/recreation/registration](http://brocku.ca/recreation/registration)



**Pop-Up Yoga**

Join us for pop-up yoga in the courtyard outside The Zone on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:10 p.m.



## Upcoming Events

# May



**Therapy Puppies,**  
**1:30-3PM @ Cairns**  
**Atrium**



**Coffee Social, 1:30-**  
**3PM @ MC-C300**



**Art Therapy**  
**Thursday, 10AM-12PM**  
**@ Jubilee Court**



**Koffee with Katie,**  
**1-2PM @ MC-C300**



**GSA office and**  
**university closed**



The GSA's office hours are Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
*(Please note that our office is typically closed daily from 12 Noon - 12:30 p.m.).*  
Stay tuned for our Summer term office hours!

## Connect With Us!



*If you would like to be removed from the GSA e-newsletter mailing list, please advise by return email stating your Brock email address and Student ID.*