

Brock Graduate Students' Association

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Hello, Graduate Students!



The GSA office and the university will be closed on Monday, June 30, and Tuesday, July 1, in observance of Canada Day.



GSA Summer Office Hours - MC-C302

The GSA's Summer Term Office Hours (June to August)
Monday & Friday: Virtual Office
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



GSA Executive Office Hours - MC-C300

Please find the Executive Team's office hours below.

- **Mario Berro, President** (president@brockgsa.ca) - Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Philip Akoje VP External & University Affairs** (external@brockgsa.ca) - Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Ibrahim Adefolu, VP Student Life & Equity** (studentlife@brockgsa.ca) - Wednesdays, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Logo Redesign Contest - Win \$500!

🎨 Are you a creative grad student with an eye for design? Help shape the future look of the GSA and **win \$500 in our GSA Logo Redesign Contest!** As part of our upcoming rebrand, we're inviting current graduate students to submit up to two logo designs — one can be based on a reference image, the other can be entirely your own original creation (or both!).

📅 Deadline to submit your logo: Wednesday, August 6 at 1:00 P.M.

💰 Prize: \$500 if your logo is selected!

📧 To register, email creative@brockgsa.ca. We'll schedule a brief meeting with you to go over all contest details, expectations, and submission requirements.



This is your chance to leave a lasting mark on the GSA — get creative and show us your vision!

Get Involved with the GSA

GSA Board of Directors Recruitment

Interested in advocating and helping graduate students? 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

Our [internal committees](#) are a great place for students interested in graduate student life and leadership. **All internal committee meetings are virtual.** 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.



Brock University Committees Recruitment

The GSA is looking for graduate student representatives to sit on the following University Committee:

Two Row Council (2 hours/month)

- The mandate of the Council is to make recommendations and provide advice to Senate and its committees regarding academic policies, programs, structures and strategies to support meaningful Indigenization, reconciliation and decolonization.
- Bi-monthly meetings from September to June
- **Open positions: 1 Indigenous graduate student**

To apply for the university committee listed above, please submit a statement of interest (150-words maximum; tell us about yourself and why you'd like to be involved). Applications will be accepted at opportunities@brockgsa.ca.

NEW GRADUATE GAZETTE SECTION: For Students, By Students - Accepting Submissions

NEW!

Are you doing something exciting in grad school? We want to spotlight your research!

Submit a brief blurb (100 words or less) about what you're working on, along with a photo (optional) and any links to publications or media coverage (if applicable). Submissions should focus solely on research-related work—please no volunteer or general announcements. We'll feature 2–3 submissions per issue of our newsletter.

 **Deadline:** Submit by Tuesday, July 1st to be included in the July 3rd edition of The Graduate Gazette

 Submit to: creative@brockgsa.ca

 Submissions are featured on a first-come, first-served basis.

Let's celebrate the amazing research grad students are doing!



GSA Events for Grad Students



Grad Lunch Hour Walks

Need a midweek reset? Step away from your desk and join fellow grad students for a casual lunch and walk. It's a great way to meet others, get some fresh air, and give your brain a well-deserved break. After the walk, we'll stop by Tim Hortons or McDonalds for **FREE** ice cream or a refreshing iced drink! Come and connect with other Grad students, no need to register. Just bring a lunch and **meet us outside of the GSA office - MC- 300. Every Wednesday at noon.**



Coffee Social

Join us for an engaging time where you can 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 9:30-11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25 in MC-C300.**



Welland Jackfish Game

Get ready for a summer evening of baseball, snacks, and grad student fun as we head to Welland to cheer on the *Welland Jackfish Baseball Team*! Your **FREE ticket** includes a hot dog, hamburger, or veggie hot dog, popcorn and a non-alcoholic drink. The GSA is providing round-trip transportation from Brock to the Welland Jackfish Stadium and back. The shuttle will **depart Brock at 6:15 PM sharp**, so don't be late! We ask that you please arrive at Brock for 6:00 PM. If you need a ride home after being dropped off at Brock post-game, Zoom Zoom will be providing **FREE RIDES home** for graduate students attending the game! More event details will be emailed once you RSVP. **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!** Secure yours today and RSVP [HERE](#). Learn more about the team: [Welland Jackfish Website](#)



Pop-Up Produce Market

Stop by Rankin Family Pavilion and grab some fresh produce!

Visit the table in Rankin Family Pavilion from **11:30am to 1:30pm on July 7th** and come get some fresh produce, at a cost you can afford. The produce market is pay-what-you-can (while quantities last). Fill a basket for a recommended cost of \$5 (or pay-what-you-can), limit one basket per person. We accept debit, credit and cash for donations. Students can bring their own bag for produce but must use the basket provided to collect the produce, which will then be placed in the bag to take home.



Paint Your Own Plant Pot

Join us for a fun afternoon of plant pot painting! Join us on **Wednesday, July 9, from 10-3 p.m. in MC-C300.** Come ready to paint your own pot used for any of your favourite plants to grow in. Plus receive seeds to grow your own butterfly garden. All supplies (paint and plant pot only), light refreshments and snacks provided. No experience needed! RSVP [here](#).



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

Brock LINC Navigate

Grad students—have a business idea? 🚀 Join Navigate, Brock LINC's early-stage entrepreneurship program designed to help you explore, test, and grow your idea through real customer feedback and mentorship. This free 11-week in-person program runs Sept. 17-Dec. 3 and includes a certificate upon completion, plus credit in Brock's Co-Curriculum.

Spots are limited—apply by Sept. 10 at 5:00 P.M.! Click [here](#) to learn more!

Brock LINC Kick-Starting Entrepreneurship

Brock LINC's KSE workshops are returning for the fall and winter semesters! Take one, or all of these lunch-time workshops (with free pizza) on different entrepreneurial topics.

Registration will open later this summer so stay tuned for updated dates and times!

First Workshop: *Starting a Business in Canada for International Students*. [Registration opens in August](#).

Brock Sports Medicine Clinic - Open to all Students!

Need sport injury support? Brock's brand-new Sports Medicine Clinic is open to all Brock students! Whether you're recovering from an injury or looking for preventative care, the clinic offers expert support right on campus. Click [here](#) to learn more!



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 to obtain the passcode.

Note: THE ACCESS CODE WILL BE CHANGED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

Contact office@brockgsa.ca to receive the access code.



Special thanks to everyone who attended our Crock-A-Doodle & Smoothies event! Check out some of the amazing pottery designs by grad students below!



Brock Student Wellness & Accessibility Centre

The following SWAC services remain open throughout the spring/summer term: Student Health Services, Personal Counselling, and Same Day Mental Health Support



Drop In. Decompress. Feel Supported.

Grad school can be a lot—so we're here when you need a breather. Stop by the Wellness HUB on Thursdays between 1–4 p.m. for a relaxed, drop-in space just for grad students. Whether you've got questions, need resources, or just want a quiet place to land, we've got you. Located at the Wellness HUB (Market Hall).



Feeling Disconnected? Let's Reconnect.

Campus Connections is a supportive space where you can chat 1-on-1 with a Wellness Navigator and get matched with campus resources, events, or activities that fit your interests. Whether you're looking to meet new people, get involved, or just feel more grounded—this is a great place to start.

This isn't counseling—it's a conversation.

Let's talk about what matters to you.

 Book a time that works for you

 Meet in office or online

 Learn more or book a spot: <https://brocku.ca/health-wellness-accessibility/hub/campus-connections/>

Creative Break: Drop-In Art & Snacks

Need a moment to unwind? Join us for a relaxed drop-in session with colouring, painting, and light refreshments—no artistic experience needed.

 Thursday, July 10 |  10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

 Jubilee Court picnic tables (weather permitting)

 Rain location: MC-C300

Come for a few minutes or stay the whole time!

Daniel Krowchuk (He/They), your Graduate Wellness Peer, will be there if you'd like to connect.



Community Cook-a-Long

Join us for a Community Cook-a-Long - July 16th and August 20th!

Come together with fellow students to cook a delicious meal, enjoy good company, and share a relaxed afternoon around food. We'll cook, eat, laugh—and you'll even get to take some home! No experience needed—just bring yourself and your appetite.

When: July 16th 2-5pm

Menu: Pasta Salad with Summer Rolls

Where: Lofts building B

Registration will be on ExperienceBU

Fee: Free

When: August 20th 2-5 pm

Menu: Poke Style Quinoa Bowl and Watermelon Salad

Where: Lofts building B

Registration will be on ExperienceBU

Fee: Free





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and Postdoctoral Affairs

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 **June 19, 2025**

FGSPA

Continuing awards

Over 150 award opportunities are available for continuing graduate students!

- Visit the [FGSPA website](#) for a complete list of continuing student scholarships and awards.
- **Before you apply:** Ensure you meet all the eligibility criteria for the scholarships and awards you are applying for.

[View all awards here](#)

[Apply here by July 2](#)



Graduating in the fall?

The deadline to apply to graduate for fall convocation is July 1.

[Apply through your student portal here](#)

 **Save the date!**

Fall convocation is Friday, Oct. 17.

Final Stage Status Form due August 1!

For Thesis and MRP students who qualify for final state status, the form is due on the first of the month before the term: **Friday, Aug. 1 for the fall term.**

 [Find the fillable form here](#)



Looking to advertise your research study?

We've got an exciting new opportunity for researchers and potential study participants to connect.

 [Email us at graduatestudies@brocku.ca](mailto:graduatestudies@brocku.ca)



Connect with us!



Starting Saturday, June 21st, the Walker Sports Complex and the Zone will transition to the summer hours as follows:

Monday- Thursday: 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Friday: 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

*activity areas close 10 minutes prior to building closing.

*Special/Booked events may take place outside of this time.

*The facilities will be closed on July 1, 2025 (Canada Day)



Upcoming Events



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