

Brock Graduate Students' Association

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Hello, Graduate Students!



Fall Term Office Hours/Winter Office Hours

Our office hours for the Fall Term (September–December):

Monday to Friday — 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Please note: our office is typically closed from 12:00 – 12:30 PM daily.

Winter virtual office hours: Last day in office is December 5th.

Virtual office hours will be hosted from December 8th to 23rd.



Returning Officer Recruitment - PAID POSITION

The GSA and BUSU are hiring a paid Elections and Governance Coordinator for the 2026–2027 academic year. This role oversees all BUSU and GSA election periods as the Returning Officer, ensuring fair and policy-compliant elections. The position also supports broader governance work to help ensure students are properly represented within Brock University and the wider community. **The job begins ASAP and ends March 31, 2026, pays \$22/hour, and involves roughly 250 hours of work across three election cycles (October, February, and March).**

Applications are due to Patty General (pgeneral@brockbusu.ca) by November 21, 2025.

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:

- Math & Science
- At-large seat

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](#) (1 hour/month)
 - **Oversees GSA governance, elections, policy reviews, and Board/committee nominations.**

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 Committees:

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**

Senate Graduate Studies (2 hours/month)

- This Senate committee oversees and advises on graduate academic programs and policies, including admissions, new degrees, student conduct, awards, and curriculum updates—supporting the quality and reputation of graduate studies.
- Bi-monthly meetings from September to April
- **Open positions: 1 graduate student at-large**

GSA Events for Grad Students



November 25

Drop In headshots with careerzone @MC C300 12pm - 4pm

Graduate Students are invited to drop in to Career Education to develop their professional brand by:

- Taking a FREE professional headshot📷
- Accessing resources to grow LinkedIn presence📁
- Consulting with Career Education staff👉



November 26

AI Discussion Forum with Bryan Caballero @Cairns Atrium 12:15pm - 2pm

Join us for an engaging forum exploring the emergence of artificial intelligence and why human-centered innovation is essential for building ethical, interpretable, and meaningful AI systems. Featuring guest speaker Bryan Caballero, this session will dive into how AI can move beyond pattern recognition to better understand human context and intention.

Open to all students. Free coffee and pastries provided. ExperienceBU link coming soon!



December 2

Say hi to Heidi @MC C300 1pm - 2pm

Join us for a cozy drop-in session with Heidi Madden, Graduate Academic & International Specialist. Questions about grad policies, international student concerns, or navigating your degree? Heidi's here to help! Plus make your own candy cane hot chocolate! [Drop-in!](#)



December 4

Art Therapy Thursday ornament painting - @MC C300 1pm - 3pm

De-stress and unwind from the hustle and bustle of graduate student life by spending a relaxing afternoon painting an ornament. [Drop-in!](#)



December 5

Holiday Social Gingerbread making contest @Kenmore Centre 3pm - 6pm

Join us for our Annual Holiday Social! There will be a gingerbread-making contest, and a screening of the movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas. FREE pizza, hot chocolate and candy canes! [RSVP on Experience BU](#)



VISIT [EXPERIENCEBU](#) AND [BROCKGSA.CA](#) FOR MORE EXCITING EVENTS WITH THE GSA!

BUSU Corner - Events open to both Grad and Undergrad students

November 25



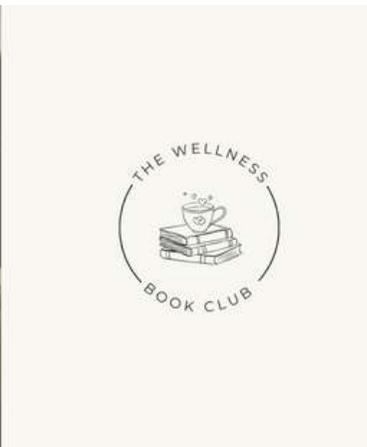
Free Pasta Bar @2nd Floor Student-Alumni Centre - 7pm

BUSU will be hosting a free pasta bar starting at 7pm while supplies last in Union Station. Kindly enjoy one serving per student. Remember to bring your student card for access. Drop-in event for all students!

Brock Library - The Wellness Book Club

Registration is now open for the Fall 2025 Wellness Book Club. This term, we will be reading the second book in Jenny Han's bestselling *The Summer I Turned Pretty* trilogy: *It's Not Summer Without You*. Praised as "a convincing and poignant read," this series has inspired a popular streaming adaptation, merchandise, and a devoted fan following.

The Book Club is hosted by librarian Justine Cotton, who is passionate about the positive impact of reading and community. For questions about the Club, you can contact her at jcotton@brocku.ca



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.



Brock Student Wellness & Accessibility Centre

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

ASIST is a two-day interactive workshop that teaches you how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide and how to provide life-saving support. Open to all graduate students, ASIST helps you build confidence, empathy, and real-world helping skills.

- Only \$65 per person (valued at \$250 in the community) – an incredible opportunity to learn skills that could save a life.
- Build confidence to help a friend in crisis – get trained with ASIST.
- Register [here for December 3rd](#) - **Grad Students! Visit Francesco at the GSA office (MC-C302) to get the code to sign up!**

Graduate Mentorship Program - Now Open For Registration

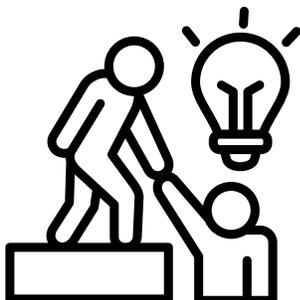
The GSA and Student Wellness are excited to announce the Graduate Mentorship Program – [Now accepting applications!](#) Limited spots.

Are you looking to connect, learn, and grow within Brock's graduate community? The Graduate Mentorship Program is now accepting applications for both mentors and mentees.

This program pairs upper-year graduate students with new or early-stage grad students to build supportive relationships that promote well-being, and career development.

- For mentors: Share your experience, strengthen your leadership skills, and make a lasting impact in the Brock grad community.
- For mentees: Gain guidance from someone who's been there – get tips on navigating graduate life, building connections, and balancing it all.

Ready to get involved? Registration is open, but spots are limited – don't miss out on this meaningful opportunity. Visit our [webpage](#) to learn more or register below.



November 20, 2025

FGSPA

Continuing Student Scholarships and Awards ➔

The 2026/27 application period will be open from **Nov. 24, 2025, to Jan. 19, 2026.**

**Students are eligible for continuing awards if they are in a program that is greater than 3 terms in length and the program began in the 2025/26 Academic year (Spring 25, Fall 25, Winter 26) or prior. [Learn more here.](#)*



Call for Volunteers!

Brock's 3rd Annual Pow Wow is scheduled for **January 16, 2026**, in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium. **Everyone** from the Brock and the larger Niagara community is **welcome to attend**. **Volunteers will be needed** for a variety of roles throughout the day. Brock students can use this volunteer opportunity for **CWC or GRADvantage credit**.

➔ Sign up to volunteer here

Looking for writing support?

Our Academic Support Specialist, Danielle, offers a [variety of events](#) to help grad students develop their writing skills, including Writing Cafés, One-on-One Consults, Writing Workshops, and more.



**📅 Book an appointment
with Danielle here**

**📅 Explore upcoming
writing events here**

**❄️ Winter course registration
+ funding reminder**

Winter term course registration
closes January 17

Check out the [graduate timetable](#) to plan your courses for the upcoming term. To ensure the timely release of your funding, it's important that you're registered.

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Masters (CGRS-M): SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR

Deadline: Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, at 8 p.m.

Value: 27,000 for 12 months, non-renewable

Upcoming Workshops:

- [OGS/QEII](#): Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to noon EST
- [OGS/QEII](#): Thursday, Dec. 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST

***These sessions are both in-person in RFP-216 and virtual. We encourage anyone wanting feedback to attend in person.**

Connect with us!



Brock LINC

Introducing Navigate: Brock LINC's Early-Stage Entrepreneurship Program

Have a business idea you want to explore? Navigate is an intensive, hands-on 11-week program designed to help you test, refine, and evaluate your idea using the Lean Startup methodology. Participants will engage directly with 50–100 potential customers, receive guidance from Brock LINC staff and mentors, and collaborate with fellow entrepreneurs.

Students who complete the program will earn a certificate of completion and credit toward the Innovative & Creative Thinking domain in Brock's Campus-Wide Co-Curriculum.

-  In-person at the Brock LINC
-  Wednesdays, 3:00–5:00 PM
-  Free to participate (limited spots available)

Applications for the Winter 2026 cohort are now open! Apply by January 7, 2026.

Coworking and booking meeting rooms at the Brock LINC

As a Brock LINC member, you have access to:

- Open tables, seating and collaboration spaces in the Atrium (Level 200) and Upper Deck (Level 300) that are available in the Rankin Family Pavilion 24/7. This includes a kitchenette, eating spaces, accessible washrooms and wireless internet access.
- Hot desks in the Brock LINC Co-working Space (Level 300), available from 9am to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday on a first come, first served basis.
- Six meeting rooms with smart TVs, webcams, and whiteboards. Spaces include one large seminar room, two boardrooms, and three small meeting rooms. Meeting rooms can only be booked for entrepreneurial related activity and are available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday. They cannot be used for classroom projects, student groupwork or student clubs. Book a room with one of our Team Assistants at the reception desk on Level 300.

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
BROCK LINC!**

We have some pop-up classes coming up. They are free to Brock Students:

Dec 8 Yoga to Reset @ Fitness Studio 12:10pm

Improve your balance & mental focus by moving into deeper poses & longer stretches



Dec 10 Meditation for Exam Stress @ Fitness Studio 12:10pm

This calm, restorative meditation will help you relax with a sense of peace & balance.



Dec 11 Yin Yoga @ Fitness Studio 6:10pm

Slow down, reset & relax in a calm candlelight environment. Focus on your breath while holding poses for longer time periods



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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.