

Brock Graduate Students' Association

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BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



Hello, Graduate Students!



Winter Break Office Hours

Winter virtual office hours: Last day in office is December 5th. Virtual office hours will be hosted from December 8th to 23rd. The GSA will remain virtual on Friday, January 2 and return to in-person office hours on Monday, January 5.



Stay tuned for the executive's winter term office hours starting in January!

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
- Social 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 (2-3 hours/month)**
 - Oversees GSA governance, elections, policy reviews, and Board/committee nominations.
- **External & University Affairs Committee (1 hour per month)**
 - Advises on external and university relations, strategic initiatives, and student advocacy for the GSA.

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



December 5

Holiday Social: Gingerbread Making Contest & Movie Night 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 ExperienceBU](#)



January 8

Meet the Team MC-C300 4pm - 6pm

Join us for our Meet the Team event, where you can connect with the current GSA executives, hear about their roles, and get insights into the upcoming elections. Pizza will be available for attendees.



January 15

Ice Dogs Game Meridian Centre at 7pm

Get ready for an exciting night out cheering on the Niagara IceDogs! Join the GSA for a high-energy hockey game as the IceDogs take on the Guelph Storm at the Meridian Centre! RSVP on ExperienceBU!



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

BUSU Corner - Events open to both Grad and Undergrad students

January 5 to 16

Frost Week!

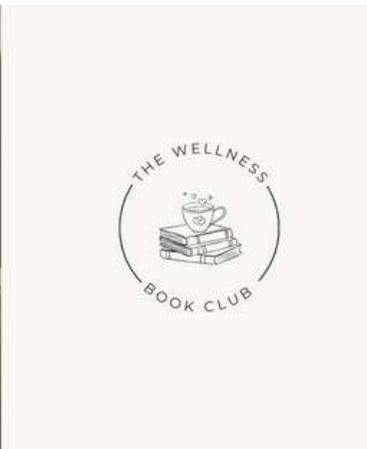
Many events will be hosted by BUSU for Frost Week! Check out all the events [here for more information.](#)



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

SWAC Grad Peer Health Educators Hub Hours for Fall term

Grad school can be a lot—so we're here when you need a breather. Stop by the Wellness HUB. Parker is available Wednesdays from 11 AM-1 PM and Thursdays from 1-3 PM for student support. Starting October 7, Daniel will also be available Tuesday evenings from 5-7 PM, offering a dedicated space for 2SLGBTQ+ students to connect and feel supported. 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).

Hello, my name is Parker Triano and I am a graduate student in Applied Health Sciences! I did my undergraduate degree at Brock and was a peer in the Wellness Hub for three years, and now I am back for my fourth year in the Hub, this time as a graduate student. I'm a member of the Brock Badgers Fencing Team, and I am hoping to work as a Mental Performance Consultant with athletes. I am in the Wellness Hub on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:00 and Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 this semester, feel free to drop by and say hi!

Daniel is a graduate peer health educator with the Student Wellness Hub! Daniel is in year three of the Social Justice and Equity Studies MA and is currently an active member of the Brock community through the Grad Student Association board of directors as well as the Brock senate. Drop in to the wellness hub to connect with Daniel!

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.



December 4, 2025

FGSPA

Michael Plyley Graduate Mentorship Awards
 Nomination deadline: Monday, Dec. 15, 2025,
 4 p.m.

Value: \$1,000 to assist faculty with ongoing graduate student mentorship

Awards are presented in two categories:

1. Mentorship of master's students only
2. Mentorship of both master's and PhD students

Eligibility:

- Nominations are to come from graduate students.
- Awarded to a graduate faculty member who has provided outstanding support and encouragement.

[Apply here](#)

Suzanne Curtin – Christopher Yendt Graduate Collaboration Award
 Nomination deadline: Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at 4 p.m.

Value: \$1,000 and a certificate of recognition (one award available)

Eligibility:

- Registered full- or part-time graduate student
- Min. 80% avg.
- Activities and involvements while enrolled at Brock will be considered
- 2 letters of reference

[Apply here](#)

Marilyn Rose Graduate Leadership Award
 Nomination deadline: Monday, Jan. 12, 2026, at 4 p.m.

Value: \$500 and a certificate of recognition (one award available)

Eligibility:

- Faculty, staff or graduate student (full- or part-time)
- Involved in any of Brock's graduate student academic and non-academic programming
- Nominator support letter + 2 additional letters of support

[Apply 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.



Meet Danielle

Academic Writing Support Specialist

[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.

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.](#)*

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.



Walk Sports Complex Holiday Building Hours

Fri Dec. 19	7am-9pm
Sat Dec. 20	8am-5pm
Sun Dec. 21	11am-4pm
Dec. 22 and 23	7am-9pm
Wed Dec 24	7am-Noon
Dec 25-26	Closed
Dec 27-31	10-3pm
Thurs Jan. 1	Closed
Fri Jan. 2	7am-9pm

The GSA's Fall Term Office Hours (September to December)

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

(Please note that our office is typically closed daily from 12 Noon - 12:30 pm)

Connect With Us!



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