



Graduate Orientation for research-based degree programs

Thanks for joining! We will begin at 10 a.m.

Land acknowledgement

Ontario Tech University acknowledges the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. We are thankful to be welcomed on these lands in friendship. The lands we are situated on are covered under the Williams Treaties and the traditional territory of the Mississauga, a branch of the great Anishinaabeg Nation, including Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi. These lands remain home to a number of Indigenous nations and people.





Registration

Registration questions: who to ask?

- First point of contact is your supervisor and graduate program assistant (GPA)
- For course selection questions, contact your supervisor and GPA
- SGPS is here to assist you with registration changes (such as program changes, status changes, supervisor changes, transfer credits, etc.)
- If you have questions regarding registration requests or forms, you can contact gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca.

Flat-fee vs. fee-per-credit: What does this mean for registration?

- Students in flat-fee programs will be automatically enrolled in a continuance course each semester. (Even if you do not register for courses, you will be considered an active student and expected to pay tuition fees for every semester unless you take a formal leave of absence.)
- Students in fee-per-credit programs are responsible for registering themselves in courses each semester.
- All graduate students are expected to be continuously enrolled every semester. Failure to maintain registration can result in your student account being inactivated.





Finance

Finance: Important dates

- Important dates are found in the Graduate Academic Schedule
- Deadline for payment of fees: **September 6, 2022**
- Annual tuition rates and ancillary fees can be found on the Graduate Studies website.
- Check your MyOntarioTech for current balance.
- Be aware of policies and procedures applicable to graduate students:
 - Graduate Student Funding terms and conditions
 - Minimum program fees for domestic students
- Check ontariotechu.net email regularly for important notices.



Methods of Payment, Tuition Deferments and Payroll Deductions

Payment options: OSAP, online banking, Flywire, money order, certified cheque, bank draft, or debit/credit card via Student Account Centre (TouchNet PayPath; Service fee applies)

Deferred methods: Apply your Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA), Research Assistantship (RA) or Teaching Assistantship (TA) towards your tuition.

You must arrange your fees (submit payment &/or Promissory Note to fully cover the fees posted to your student account) by the due date each term.

Submit your Promissory Note to gradfinance@ontariotechu.ca



Sources of funding

Employment

- Teaching Assistantship (TA)
- Research Assistantship (RA)

Non-Employment

- Dean's Graduate Scholarship (entrance)
- Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)

External Scholarships

- See the Graduate Studies website for more information.





Putting your research in the spotlight

Opportunities to celebrate excellence during your time as a graduate student

- Graduate Excellence Awards
 - Excellence in Service Award
 - Postdoctoral Fellow Excellence Award
 - Graduate Student Leadership Award
 - Award of Excellence in Graduate Supervision
- Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition
 - Share your research with the university community
 - Watch participant videos for inspiration



International opportunities

- Global research collaborations
- International conferences
- Cotutelle option for all doctoral programs





Thesis support

Thesis Coordination

- Our Thesis Coordinator works alongside each faculty to help research-based students stay on track with their thesis.
- Also helps to coordinate thesis defence and final thesis submission.
- The [thesis web page](#) has helpful resources such as:
 - Thesis templates
 - Thesis timelines
 - Important forms
 - Research progress reports
 - FAQs



Inquires about timelines, thesis, defence, formatting: gradthesis@ontariotechu.ca

Thesis Resources

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Roles and Responsibilities

FAQ and contact



Student-supervisor relationship

- The **Supervisor-Student Conversation Starters guide** can be very valuable in creating a relationship with your supervisor where expectations are clear and managed from the beginning.
 - In the first instance the first step is to discuss issues directly with your supervisor and/or committee where appropriate.
 - If you feel intimidated or need advice, you can reach out to your faculty Graduate Program Director (GPD).
 - The GPD can help you work through appropriate processes.
 - Additional info can be found on the [SGPS website](#).

- Students will have a supervisor and a supervisory committee
- Research Progress Reports
 - Research progress is evaluated at the end of each semester for students in programs with a thesis, project or major paper, starting when the student is engaged in their research.
 - The student's research supervisory committee is responsible for evaluating their research progress in relation to the student's overall research plan.
- Courses must be complete before a thesis defence
- Doctoral students will have to complete a candidacy exam

Check out e-Scholar for past theses

The screenshot shows the Ontario Tech eScholar website. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the Ontario Tech University logo on the left and a 'Login' link on the right. Below this is an orange navigation bar with a home icon and the text 'eScholar Home'. The main content area is white and features a section titled 'eScholar' with a description of the platform's purpose and a list of item types: Monographs, Pre- and post-prints of academic journal articles, Theses and dissertations, and Reports/working papers and conference proceeding. Below this is a section titled 'Communities in eScholar' with a sub-header 'Select a community to browse its collections.' and three links: 'Campus Libraries [0]', 'Faculty of Business & Information Technology [13]', and 'Faculty of Education [73]'. On the right side, there is a sidebar with a search box, a 'BROWSE' section with links for 'All of eScholar', 'Communities & Collections', 'By Issue Date', 'Authors', 'Titles', and 'Subjects', a 'MY ACCOUNT' section with 'Login' and 'Register' links, and a 'DISCOVER' section with 'Author' links for 'Collins, Christopher (20)' and 'Karray, Salma (9)'.

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eScholar

eScholar stores, preserves and disseminates digital copies of the research and scholarly output of eScholar faculty, researchers and students. These can include the following items:

- Monographs
- Pre- and post-prints of academic journal articles
- Theses and dissertations
- Reports/working papers and conference proceeding

Materials in eScholar are openly available to the world and discoverable through search engines such as Google Scholar. This high visibility, discoverability, and exposure can lead to increased citation.

Communities in eScholar

Select a community to browse its collections.

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Ontario Tech Campus Libraries

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Faculty of Business & Information Technology (FBIT)

[Faculty of Education \[73\]](#)
Faculty of Education (FEDU)

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Enhance your thesis experience with Graduate Professional Skills workshops

Consider checking out:

- Writing a Review of Literature
 - September 13, facilitated by the Student Learning Centre
- Introduction to Research Data Management
 - September 27, facilitated by the Campus Libraries
- Grant Writing: How to Write a Winning Grant Application
 - October 5, facilitated by the Office of the VP, Research & Innovation
- Navigating Research Ethics Involving Human Participants at Ontario Tech University
 - October 18, facilitated by the Office of the VP, Research & Innovation
- Organizing your Literature Search with Citation Manager
 - November 8, facilitated by the Campus Libraries





Additional resources and support

- **Student Life:** <https://ontariotechu.ca/future-students/student-life/index.php>
 - Academic support
 - Accessibility and accommodations
 - Career readiness
 - Community
 - Equity and Inclusion
 - Health and wellness
- **Teaching and Learning Centre:** <https://tlc.ontariotechu.ca/>
 - Instructional and educational technology
 - Multimedia development
 - Teaching techniques
 - Instructional design and training



**Please welcome Jeanette Oliveira, Faculty Development
Coordinator, Teaching and Learning Centre.**

Fall 2022 Graduate Orientation events

30 Aug	10 to 11 a.m.	SGPS Orientation Google Meet
	12 to 1 p.m.	Library Resources 101 Google Meet
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31 Aug	10 to 11 a.m.	Research-based Orientation Google Meet
	11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Scholarship Information session (research-based) Google Meet
	1 to 2 p.m.	Professional Program Orientation Google Meet
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9 Sept	10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.	Coffee with the Deans (FEAS, FSc & FBIT) SHA 024
	1 to 2:30 p.m.	Coffee with the Deans (FEEd, FHSc, FSSH) SHA 024

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- Be sure to check out our upcoming Orientation events!
- Some sessions are tailored specifically for grad students in **research-based degree programs** and others for grad students in **professional-based degree programs**.
- Visit gradstudies.ontariotechu.ca/orientation to register and view event details as well as access helpful Orientation resources.



Questions?