



# Winter 2023 SGPS General Orientation

Thank you for joining us! 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.



# Welcome from the Dean



Dr. Theodore (Ted) Christou,  
Dean, School of Graduate and  
Postdoctoral Studies



# Welcome to Graduate Studies at Ontario Tech University!

**Jeremy Bradbury**, PhD  
Associate Dean, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

**Ami Mamolo**, PhD  
Assistant Dean, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

# Welcome from the Deans



**Dr. Jeremy Bradbury, Associate Dean, SGPS  
Associate Professor, Faculty of Science**

- Approves thesis committees and external examiners
- Support for Supervisors and thesis related issues



**Dr. Ami Mamolo, Assistant Dean, SGPS  
Associate Professor, Faculty of Education**

- Grad Student Engagement
- Programs that enhance scholarly practices, work-place readiness, and community leadership



**~1000**

Graduate Students  
(And growing!)

**Welcoming  
and supportive  
community!**

**40+**

Thesis, course based  
and graduate  
diploma programs

**State-of-the-art  
facilities and  
laboratories!**





# School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Overview

# School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

## Our office includes the following graduate specific services:

- Admissions
- Registration
- Finance
- Thesis Coordination
- Graduate Engagement
- Postdoc Coordination

## University wide services offered by the Office of the Registrar

- Campus ID services
- Student Awards and Financial Aid
- Records
- Cashier



# Admission and Registration

## SGPS

- Course registration issues
- Full-time vs. Part-time status
- Leave of Absence Request
- Proof of Enrolment

## Faculty Support

- Program maps
- Graduation requirements

Inquiries about registration: [gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradstudies@ontariotechu.ca)

Inquiries about admissions: [gradapps@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradapps@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.



# Scholarships, awards and funding

## SGPS Finance

- Graduate specific bursaries and scholarships
- Teaching Assistantships
- Graduate Research Assistantships
- Tuition and fees
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- Tri-Council (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)

## Student Awards and Financial Aid

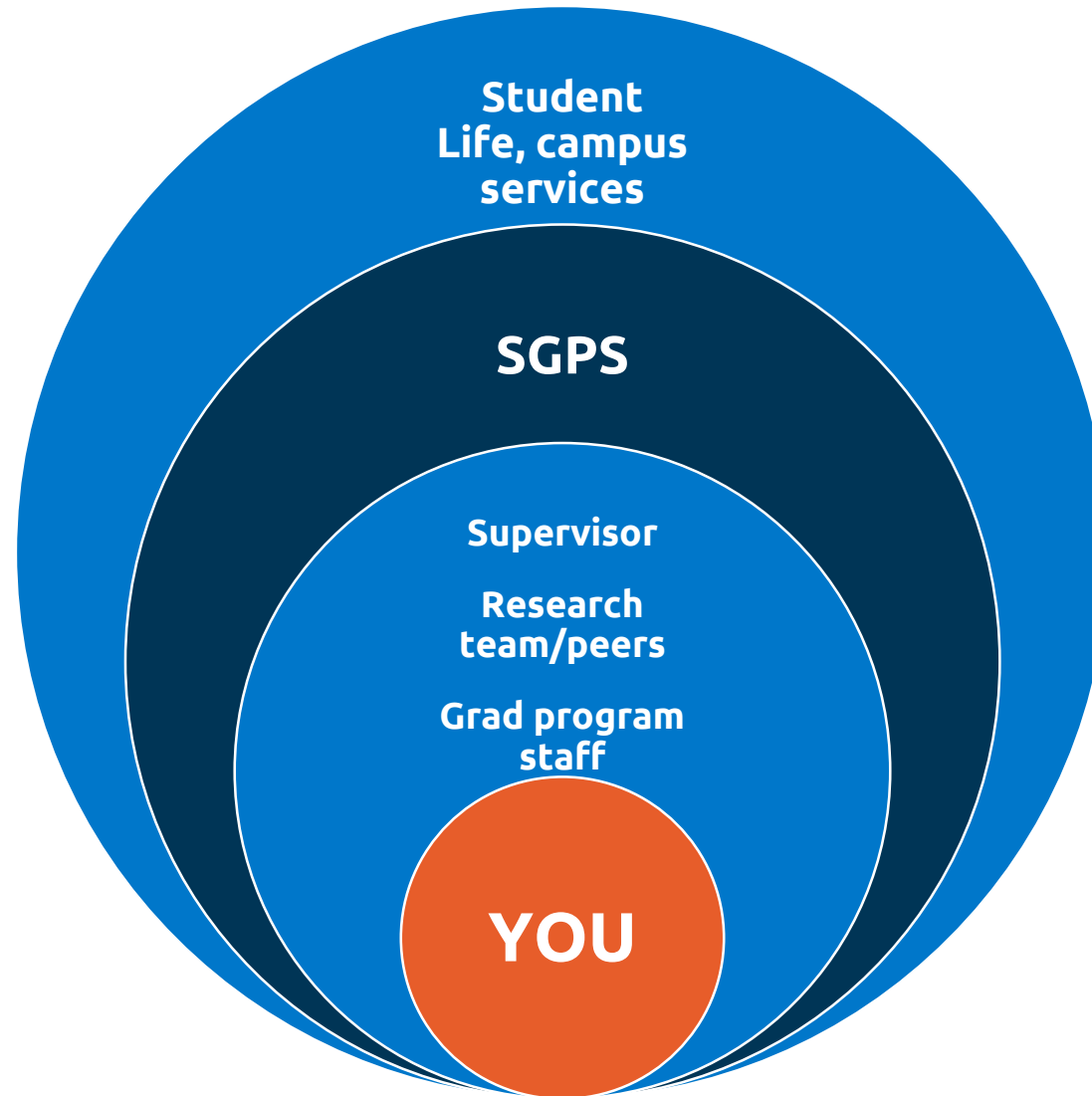
- University-wide general bursaries
- University Works Program
- Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

Fees, funding and general grad finance questions: [gradfinance@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradfinance@ontariotechu.ca)

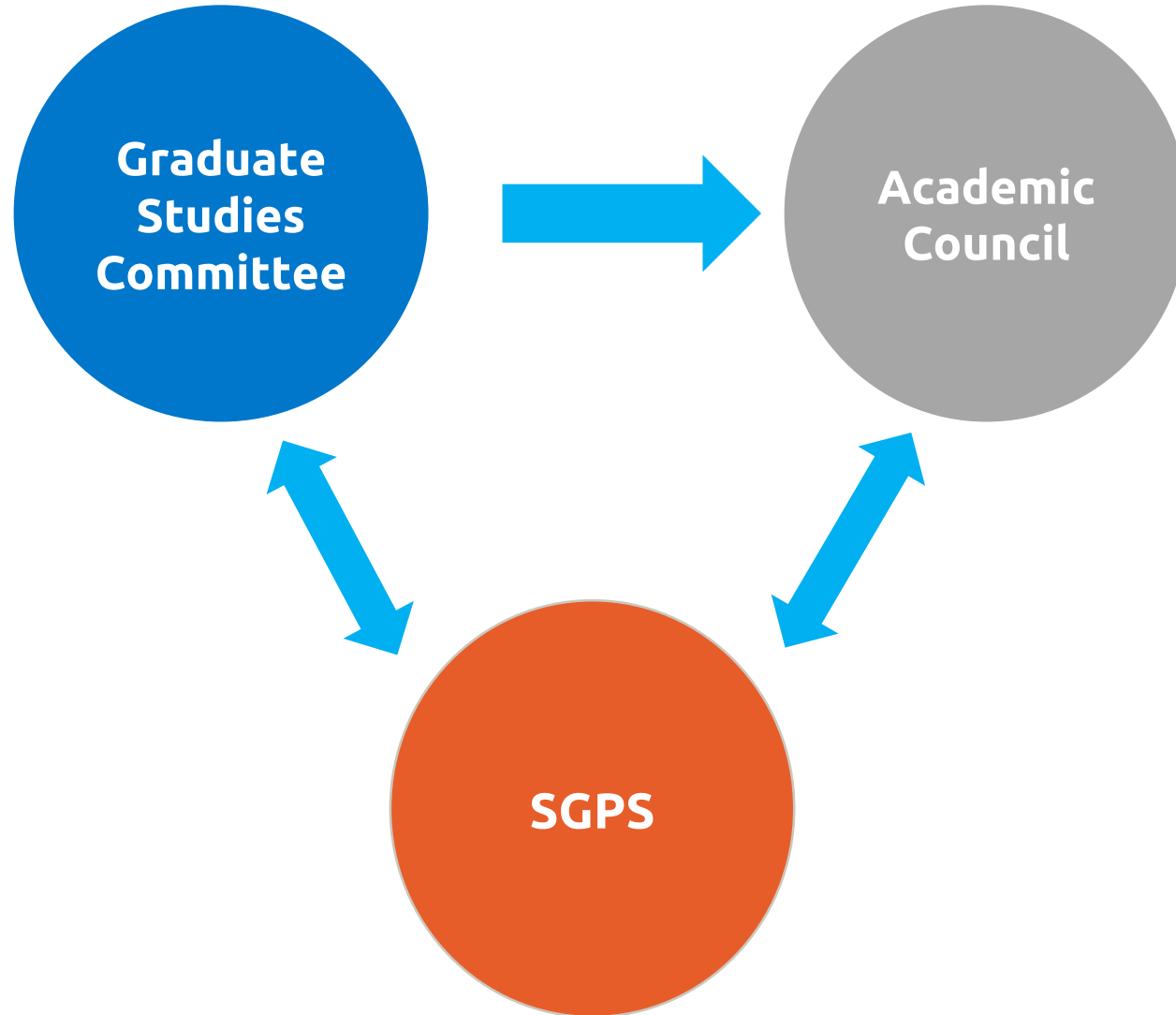
Inquiries about scholarships and awards: [gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:gradscholarships@ontariotechu.ca)



# Graduate student supports



# Governance



# Thesis Coordination

- SGPS works alongside the faculties to assist in all aspects of thesis coordination
- 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](mailto:gradthesis@ontariotechu.ca)



# Thesis and project/major paper resources

FUTURE STUDENTS CURRENT STUDENTS GRAD ENGAGEMENT POSTDOCS FACULTY AND STAFF CONTACT

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**Thesis and projects/papers**

PhD thesis and candidacy

Master's thesis

Master's project/major paper

Understanding roles and responsibilities

Research progress reports

Resources

Thesis Award

Award of Excellence in Graduate Supervision

FAQ and contacts

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**FAQ and contact**



# Adjusting to a blended-learning environment

- **All resources and services are available online**
- **Attend as many events as you can to connect with fellow students**
  - Grad Pro Skill instructor-led workshops and self-directed e-learning
  - Faculty events
  - Social events
- **Regularly check your email and MyOntarioTech accounts**
  - The school will be communicating important information on a safe return to campus
- **Make a schedule and stick to it**
  - Schedule in your classes, research time, meetings and extracurriculars





# Graduate Professional Skills

## Research

Enhance critical thinking and analytic skills



## Teaching

Leverage technology and innovate in the classroom



## Communication

Improve techniques for mobilizing knowledge



## Workplace Readiness

Cultivate transferable skills for professional settings

## Leadership

Become an inclusive, forward-thinking trendsetter



DEVELOP **SKILLS &**  
**COMPETENCIES** IN



# Graduate Professional Skills

Register for instructor-led **GPS Workshops Online!**

## January 2023 (online) \*Registration opens Monday, December 12

Starting Off Strong: Library Resources 101 - Wednesday, January 11 from 1 to 2 p.m.	▼
Presentation Skills - Tuesday, January 17 from 12 to 1 p.m.	▼
Writing a Review of Literature - Thursday, January 19 from 1 to 2 p.m.	▼
(NEW) Diversity and Discrimination in the Recruitment Process - Wednesday, January 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.	▼

## February 2023 (online) \*Registration opens Monday, January 16

Organizing your Literature Search with EndNote - Thursday, February 2 from 1 to 2 p.m.	▼
Paraphrasing and Summarizing - Tuesday, February 7 from 1 to 2 p.m.	▼
Intercultural Communication - Thursday, February 9 from 10 to 11 a.m.	▼
Resume and Cover Letter Writing - Wednesday, February 15 from 12 to 1 p.m.	▼



For more information and registration, visit [ontariotechu.ca/gradproskills](https://ontariotechu.ca/gradproskills).

# Graduate Professional Skills

Register for **GPS Self-directed e-Learning!**



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# Certificates

## Professional Communication Certificate

- Offered through the **School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**
- Complement your graduate program and give yourself an edge in a competitive job market by enrolling in our communications certificate program.

## Teaching and Learning Certificate

- Offered through the **Teaching and Learning Centre**
- Open to all teaching assistants and graduate students who are interested in developing their teaching practice and engaging in a community of practice along with their peers in the Ontario Tech teaching community.



# Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition

- Three minutes or less
- One static slide
- 7 non-expert judges
- Grand Prize of \$1000
- **Competition runs in March!**





**Questions?**

**We look forward to connecting with you!**

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