

IMPORTANT DATES

February 16 – Family Day – no classes (most University offices closed)

February 16 to 22 – Winter break week (no classes)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4 @ 2pm in ED436.14 – Grad Coffee Party

February 11 @ 2:30-4pm in ED 230 – Thesis Info Session from Grad Defense

February 13 @ 12pm in ED 193 - Seminar Series - Mandatory

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ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

To book an advising appointment with Gina or Wendy, please use this link:

<https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/advising.html>

Wendy – general advising ERSE/PSE, PSEN, SSE, graduate transfers, academic action (rtd, probationary, etc)

Gina – general advising ESE, EVSE, ISE, graduate coop

SEMINAR SERIES

The 2nd seminar in the series of 3 will be offered February 13 at 12pm in ED 193. These seminars are **mandatory** and attendance is taken. You must arrive by 12pm to be marked in attendance. These sessions are being held to showcase the research being done in Engineering by your fellow students. If you are interested in presenting you can let your supervisor know and they can nominate you for upcoming seminars and you might be chosen to present.

These seminars will happen every year and attendance will be mandatory every year. Please plan to attend to support your fellow students and learn more about what is going on in Engineering.

It is understood that it may not be possible to attend every session due to other commitments, which is why 2 of 3 are required – to allow some flexibility. If you are unable to attend the

seminars you will need to provide your rationale to one of the advisors in Engineering. If sufficient you will be marked as exempt from that seminar.

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OFFICE SPACE

If you are a MSc or PhD student, you can apply for an office space by submitting the office Waitlist Form to Engg.Grad@uregina.ca. Once a spot becomes available, the general office will contact you with the details. At that time, you can apply for access using our online key request system. MEng students can apply for MEng lounge (ED 485.2) access using the online key request system (the Waitlist Form is not required). The online key request system and further instructions are found within the “Engineering Safety Orientation” on UR Courses.

GRAD FUNDING

The Winter Graduate Awards Portal (GAP) scholarship competition opens on Feb 1st with applications due on the 28th. Want to know what you can do to have a better chance at funding? Join the FGSR funding team for our [GAP How to session](#), or visit our [GAP information page](#) which features videos, how to guides, and samples that you can use to improve your applications.

GRAD ENGAGEMENT

- 1) 3MT Competition - Want to showcase your research and maybe win some money? The Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) is an internationally recognized competition for thesis-based graduate students to present their work and its wider impact in three minutes or less, in an accessible and compelling way with only one static slide. The U of R winner will receive a \$1,500 prize and progresses to the Western Regional Final. For more details, visit [3MT at the UofR](#). Register [here](#) to compete by Feb 6 to compete in the Heats Feb 11 & 12.
- 2) SAGE (Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement) Chapter, supported by FGSR, is looking for Indigenous graduate students who are interested in helping build this new community. Their aim is to provide connection and opportunities for cultural, academic, personal, and professional development. Interested? Click [here](#).

- 3) INSPIRE's Annual Research Symposium - Feb. 25. INSPIRE invites all students to participate! Students can choose to present in one of the following formats: Poster Presentation, 10-Minute Oral Presentation, 5-Minute Data Blitz Presentation. Register [here](#). After registering, participants will be asked to submit an abstract for their project.
- 4) Thesis Jumpstart - Join us on Feb. 27 - 28 for the [Thesis Jumpstart](#), a two-day writing retreat designed to help graduate students make meaningful progress on their thesis or proposal. The program combines short, focused sessions with extended periods of dedicated writing time to help participants build momentum, strengthen their writing habits, and connect with peers in a supportive environment. This retreat is open to all thesis-based graduate students. More details coming soon. Interested? Register [here](#).

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Groundhog Day derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.

Canada's groundhog is named Wiarton Willie and resides in Wiarton, Ontario.