

Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Summer classes – July 2–August 18, add drop July 8

July 1 – Canada Day - University Closed

July 31 - Application deadline for Fall graduation

August 4 – Saskatchewan Day – University Closed

September 1 – Labour Day – University Closed

September 2 – Fall term begins

Always check “my refund schedule” in UR Self Service to see the correct drop dates for classes

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Book an advising appointment:

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

EVENTS

June 19th 3-4pm in ED436.14 – Graduate Student Coffee Party

Please join us for some drinks/snacks/games and conversation!

NOTE TO STUDENTS FOR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

The Faculty of Engineering main office and advisors will be open and available all summer. If you have any questions or concerns you may drop in or schedule an appointment online per normal practice. One of us will always be on campus to assist you.

PhD STUDENTS - ENGG 800

If you are a PhD student the candidacy exam has a new guideline. The ENGG 800 Candidacy Exam Guideline can be found in full here: https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/graduate-students/Index.html#fact_5_1

Timing: All doctoral students must undergo a Candidacy Exam within **24 months** of their program start date. Any approved leave of absence will be accommodated during the calculation of these 24 months.

Purpose of the Candidacy Exam: The Candidacy Exam will evaluate the student's knowledge of their thesis topic, their research plan, and the anticipated timeline for completion. Generally, it is not required for the students to be able to demonstrate the complete methodology or significant amount of results of the thesis work during this candidacy exam.

ENGG 900

Friendly reminder, if you are a MASc or PhD student you must take ENGG 900 as part of your program. If you have taken 6 credit hours of research or more you are eligible to take ENGG 900. It is recommend that you take it 50% of the way through your research. This is a 0 credit hour class so it must be taken with other credit hours. Do not leave this until the very end as you cannot graduate without it. This class is only offered in Fall and Winter terms (Spring Summer 2025 is an exception and this will not happen again), so please plan accordingly.

Engineering Coffee Party

June 2025 – watch your email for more information from Wendy.

Important Notice regarding Graduation Photos

Camera One is the designated photographer for the Faculty of Engineering and prepares the Class Composite that hangs on the wall at the University of Regina.
If you will graduate in the **Fall of 2025** -- contact Camera One to book an appointment.
Academic regalia is provided by Camera One.

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GRAD ENGAGEMENT

FGSR is looking for Indigenous graduate students interested in starting a SAGE chapter at the University of Regina. SAGE - Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement - is a national initiative that began at UBC to support Indigenous graduate students in their academic journey. FGSR has funding (from various units) available to support group activities, with the goal of hosting at least one event per semester. Interested in leading? Contact Tianna Bell at grad.admin@uregina.ca

FGSR Summer Research Institute - Join our Inaugural Summer Research Institute (SRI) offering practical tools for undergraduate and graduate researchers, whether you're just starting out or preparing for a presentation. Upcoming workshops:

- Literature Reviews & Library Tools - Jun. 10, 10:30 a.m. Hybrid/CK185
- Poster Skills & Visual Knowledge Mobilization - Jun. 26, 10 a.m. CK187.
- Indigenous Research Methodologies – Jul. 8, 10 a.m. ED 388
- Research & Artificial Intelligence – Jul. 22, 10 a.m. Zoom
- Presentation Skills - Jun. 26, 10 a.m. ED 388.
- Research Presentations Session - Aug. 27, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Ed 191/193.

Cash prizes will be awarded for top 3 undergrad and top 3 grad presentations. For more info or to register, visit [here](#).

Thesis JumpStart - Friday, July 4 - Saturday, July 5, 2025 - Two days of presentations, writing time, and writing supports designed to help master's and doctoral students focus and gain momentum on their thesis writing goals. Registration opens: May 1 and closes June 19. Seats are limited! Register [here](#).

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SAFETY MOMENT

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen lab safety, **all graduate students with access to research labs, grad student offices and/or the MEng lounge must renew**

their access by June 15. (That is, unless you just received access within the past couple of months. You can check your approval email for your individual expiry date.)

What is Required for Renewal?

To renew your access, you must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the new [UofR Health & Safety Orientation](#) on UR Courses. This is a **new requirement** and is valid for one year.
2. Make sure other required training is up to date (Engineering Safety Orientation, WHMIS, Chemical & Lab Safety, etc.)
3. Submit your [Access Renewal Request](#) online. Ensure you upload ALL of your required orientation/training documents before you submit, or it will be rejected. Also check your room selections carefully. Students often make errors in this section, also resulting in rejection.
4. For all research labs (except computer labs), complete a **Lab-Specific Orientation** WITH your supervisor, in your lab(s). Your supervisor will upload the completed orientation checklist as part of their online approval, which is a **new requirement**.

To avoid any disruption to your access, please begin the renewal process as soon as possible and coordinate with your supervisor to complete the required orientation.

At any time, you can revisit the [Access Renewal Request](#) online to check the status of your request. “Supervisor” means it is waiting for your supervisor to approve. “Office” means it is waiting for the Safety Coordinator (Lauren Bradshaw) to review and approve. You will receive an email from Engg.Safety@uregina.ca once the approval is final.

NOTE: If you recently submitted a request for access or renewal and are waiting for Office approval, please **DO NOT** resubmit. We are currently experiencing a very high volume of training and access requests, and they are being reviewed in the order received. We will follow up later to ensure your online and lab-specific orientations are complete.

Why Is the Lab-Specific Orientation Important?

The U of R's safety training and online orientations provide essential foundational knowledge, but every research lab has its own specific hazards and procedures. A **lab-specific orientation ensures you are prepared to work safely** in your unique research space. This is also a requirement under the U of R Safety Policy and

Saskatchewan OHS legislation, which state that students must be trained and informed about the hazards of their specific work environment. This also helps you and your supervisor to uphold the APEGS Code of Ethics, to “hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public and the protection of the environment and promote health and safety within the workplace”.

The newsletter will return in September! Have a great July and August!

July 1st is Canada’s birthday. There will be festivities around the city, but the main attractions will be at Wascana Park which will have family-friendly fun activities, live music, food booths and fireworks if you wish to celebrate.



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