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IMPORTANT DATES

November 11 – Remembrance Day (Most University Offices Closed)
November 16 – End of grade-of-W drop period

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19 – Coffee Party in ED 436.4, 3-4PM
November 20 – Engineering Ethics Zoom seminar @12pm. Registration required, Registration Link
November 24 – Esam Hussein Seminar Series – 4 to 5pm in ED193 – **Note: This is mandatory for all thesis based students, attendance will be taken**

GTA/TA POSITIONS

GTA/TA positions for the Winter 2026 term will be posted on **November 2, 2026.** Your application must be sent in by the closing deadline of **November 17, 2026** to be considered.

Please apply on the UR careers website and view the GTA/TA postings using this link: https://urcareers.uregina.ca/.

If you are planning on applying, please read the following Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ensure that you have completed the mandatory Graduate Teaching Enhancement Courses: **Grad Thrive Plus 801** and **GRST 800AB** course. Grad Thrive Plus 801 (previously 800AA) must be completed by the end of the first semester in which a student begins their program, in order to be eligible.

Recipients of the GTA who have not already completed the Graduate Teaching Enhancement Course **(GTEC/GRST 800AB)** regularly offered by the University, will be required to do so within two semesters of their first GTA. **Should a student fail to complete GTEC within two semesters students will not be allowed to hold a GTA or GTF until after they have completed the course**

*Please contact grad.funding@uregina.ca to be registered in GRST 800AB. You can view the upcoming sessions at this link here Centre for Teaching and Learning » GRST 800 – Graduate Teaching Enhancement Course (GTEC)

2. **Ensure that you are registered in 6 credit hours as a full-time student.** Awardees are required to be registered full-time by the 5th day of the first month (January, May, or September) or by an earlier date if specified by the academic unit, of the semester in which the award is to be paid to meet payroll deadlines. **Note: payment will be withheld until the student is registered full time.**

3. **A SIN (Social Insurance Number) or TTN (Temporary Tax Number) –** is required for all positions before payroll can be processed. Information on how to apply for a Social Insurance number of Temporary Tax Number (for students on a Study Permit) is available on the Human Resources web-site: https://www.uregina.ca/hr/students/employment/apply-for-sin.html.

4. Students who have never been paid through the University of Regina are to complete a TD1, TD1 SK and an Authorization for Direct Deposit and Union Dues Deduction Authorization – CUPE 2419 available from the Human Resources website (https://www.uregina.ca/hr/students/employment/forms.html).

If this is your first semester at the University of Regina with no grades yet, in addition to the unofficial transcript found in UR Self Service or the official transcript from MyCreds, you MUST also provide a copy of your last institution transcript along with the grading key in order to be considered. You must combine these documents into one document and then upload them."

ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

To book an advising appointment with Gina or Wendy, please use this link: https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/advising.html

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

Gina – ESE, EVSE, ISE advising, graduate coop, admissions, funding, scholarships

ESAM HUSSEIN SEMINAR SERIES

The next seminar will take place on November 24th at 4pm in ED193. All are welcome to attend but this event is mandatory for all thesis based students (MASc, PhD) and attendance will be taken.

Presenters:

Saman Shahrokhi, ESE

Title: Physics-based modeling of hybrid air-source heat pump-gas furnace systems in cold climes

Bijay Pandey, SSE

Title: Physics-informed modeling for early prediction of thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries

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GRAD FUNDING

Travel Awards

Looking to travel to a conference and want some help paying the costs? Traveled to a conference and would love to get some money back? The FGSR's November Travel Award competition is for you! The competition opens on GAP Nov 2nd with applications due by Nov 30th at 11:59 pm.

GRAD DEFENSE

Thesis submission deadlines:

Fall term Master's thesis submission deadline: November 6, 2026

Winter term PhD thesis submission deadline: February 28, 2027

For more information about thesis submission and defense email: grad.defense@uregina.ca

Convocation deadlines:

2027 Spring (June) Convocation application deadline: January 31, 2027.

For more information about applying to graduate email: grad.defense@uregina.ca

Thesis Jumpstart

A two-day writing retreat for graduate students.

Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21, 2026

To register: https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/thesis-project-prac/thesis-jumpstart.html

Thesis Thursdays (via Zoom):

Monograph vs Manuscript-style thesis

The differences, key considerations, and requirements for the traditional monograph-style thesis and the manuscript-style thesis.

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/4085324

Format your thesis with Microsoft Word

Thesis formatting using Microsoft Word and the FGSR thesis template.

Thursday, November 19, 2026, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/4085332

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Create your thesis "roadmap"

Need help to structure your thoughts and clarify your ideas for your thesis? Want to save time? You need a thesis roadmap!

Thursday, November 26, 2026, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/4085348

Write your thesis introduction

Advice and best practices for writing the first chapter of your thesis.

Thursday, December 3, 2026, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/4085349

How to apply for graduation

Are you ready to graduate? Want more information on how to apply for graduation? This virtual information session is for you!

Thursday, January 7, 2027, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

To register: https://uregina.libcal.com/event/4085282

GATE CENTRE

Innovation Challenge:

November 6 and 7, 2026, RIC 119, Prizes will be awarded to three teams

Register here before Sunday, November 1: https://www.showpass.com/gate-2026/

On November 6 and 7, 2026, GATE is hosting Saskatchewan's first Health Tech Innovation Challenge, and we're inviting students from all faculties to participate! Over 24 hours, students will work in interdisciplinary teams alongside healthcare leaders, industry mentors, and technology experts to solve a healthcare challenge, develop innovative ideas, build new skills, compete for prizes, and make new connections.

GRAD ENGAGEMENT

2026 National 3MT Competition

Nov 4, 7-9pm, Darke Hall, College Ave

Watch the competition live, cast your vote for the People's Choice National Winner, and see who will advance to the North American 3MT stage. Reserve your free ticket **here**.

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Entrepreneurship Week with GATE

Nov 16–20

Explore more than 25 free events with GATE during Entrepreneurship Week! Workshops, networking events, and speakers will offer opportunities to develop entrepreneurial skills, grow your ideas, and connect with Saskatchewan's innovation community. Prizes will be awarded throughout the week. **Watch for the full schedule here.**

The BIPOC Graduate Students Association will be hosting our first leadership forum on November 19 from 9am-4pm at RIC Atrium. There will be a keynote speaker, panels, and presentations featuring BIPOC perspectives on leadership.

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP using this link

Thesis Jumpstart

Friday, Nov 20 & Saturday, Nov 21

9am - 4pm

Luther College LC208

Make progress on your thesis or proposal with Thesis Jumpstart. Set aside time to focus, work through writing challenges, and move your draft forward with dedicated writing time and practical guidance. You'll have opportunities to build writing habits that support your progress beyond the retreat and connect with fellow graduate students who are working toward similar goals. Full details found **here**. Register early as space is limited. Please register **here** by **November 18.**

GRADUATE KEYS AND OFFICE SPACE

Graduate students must use the faculty's Key Request Workflow for new access requests and annual renewals. This is for MEng, MASc, PhD, and Visiting Students. The Workflow and further instructions are found within the "Engineering Safety Orientation" on UR Courses.

If you are not yet enrolled in this orientation, please contact Engg.Safety@uregina.ca".

Graduate Student Offices:
Thesis students may be assigned a graduate office during their studies for their degree, and while they are presently active (i.e. currently registered and/or not on leave). This is a desk, chair and filing drawer in a shared space in either the RIC, PTRC or GG buildings. Professors that have dry lab space with cubicles will be asked to place their students there first.

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How do I apply?
To be added to the waitlist for office space, you will want to fill out this form and then email it to engg.grad@uregina.ca. We will send you a confirmation email that you have been placed on the waitlist. Waitlist Form

How long will it take before I hear back?
We may have to put your name on our waiting list (there is approximately a one (1) semester wait, and some even have a two (2) semester wait depending on the number of requests.

Until when can I keep this office & Key returns
Within one (1) month of defending your thesis, you must return your key to the Engineering Main office along and email the key return form and photo of your cleaned desk to engg.grad@uregina.ca. If you require an extension, please contact engg.grad@uregina.ca

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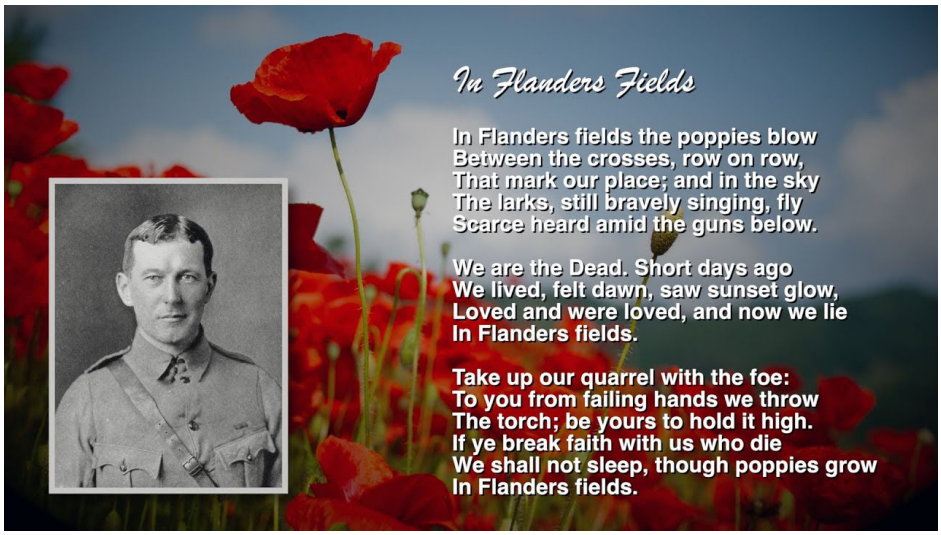


Canadians recognize Remembrance Day every November 11th at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World War and an opportunity to honour all those who have served and remember those who have lost their lives.

The poppy was first introduced to Canada by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer during the First World War. John McCrae penned the Poem “In Flanders Fields” on a scrap of paper in May, 1915 on the day following the death of a fellow soldier. This poem is still recited across the country on November 11th every year.

The poppy is worn each year during the Remembrance period to honour Canada’s Fallen.

John McCrae Heritage Minute: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZDme90k5gY



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