

IMPORTANT DATES

October 12 – Thanksgiving Day (Most University Offices Closed)

October 31 – Halloween

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 7 – APEGS presentation in ED 191 at 930am

October 13 – ESE and SSE program coffee party (more details to come from Wendy)

October 14 – EVSE/PSE/ERSE program coffee party (more details to come from Wendy)

October 16 - Thesis Defense info session (with grad defense) ED315

October 22 – PSEN and ISE program coffee party (more details to come from Wendy)

October 29 – Coffee Party in ED 436.14 at 3PM

SAFETY ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

If you are a new graduate student, make sure you complete the “Engineering Safety Orientation” on UR Courses. This has valuable information and health/safety resources for all graduate students and is valid for one year. It is also required for access to student offices, MEng lounge, and all labs. Instructions for requesting office/lab keys are included within the orientation.

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.

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

SEDS CANADA DESIGN COMPETITION OPPORTUNITY

Canadian Reduced Gravity Experiment (CAN-RGX):

CAN-RGX is a competition for students to design, test, and fly a scientific payload in microgravity on a parabolic flight, conducted in collaboration with the Canadian Space Agency and the National Research Council.

Application instructions: <https://www.seds.ca/can-rgx/>

Application deadline: Friday October 23, 2026, 11:59 p.m. (EST)

Questions: canrgx@seds.ca

Canadian Stratospheric Balloon Experiment (CAN-SBX):

CAN-SBX is a competition for students to design, test, and launch a scientific payload to the stratosphere on a high-altitude balloon, conducted in collaboration with the Canadian Space Agency.

Application instructions: <https://www.seds.ca/can-sbx/>

Application deadline: Saturday October 3, 2026, 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

Questions: cansbx@seds.ca

Canadian Analog Research Expedition (CAN-ARX)

The Canadian Analog Research Expedition (CAN-ARX) is a competition for Canadian post-secondary students to test an experiment in an analog of the Canadian landscape in collaboration with The Mars Society of Canada

Application Instructions: <https://www.seds.ca/projects/can-arx/>



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Questions: canarx@seds.ca

GRAD ENGAGEMENT

1. Student Research Showcase Oct 29, 1-5 pm, RIC Atrium/RIC 208

Interested in participating? Maybe win some cash prizes? Register by Oct 9.

Celebrate the exciting research of U of R students at this in-person event featuring:

Poster Competition - 1–3 pm, RIC Atrium - Judging and cash prizes. To participate, register [here](#) by Oct 9.

Lightning Talks: 5-minute presentations from 1-5 pm and cash prizes. To participate, register [here](#) by Oct 9.

Reception & Winner Announcements at 4:00 pm

** Check out the workshops on Poster/Visual Presentation Skills on Oct 5 and Presentation Skills on Oct 6 to help you prepare. Check them out [here](#).*

2. Pizza & Play BINGO with GATE Friday, Oct 30, 12-1:30pm at RC 128.1 Multipurpose Space (Riddell Centre)

GATE will be hosting a BINGO party, handing out bingo cards, dabbers and prizes! Join us for pizza on the FGSR & URGSA! Network in a relaxed setting, enjoy some delicious pizza.

All graduate students are welcome: come for the food, stay for the fun! RSVP [here](#) by Oct 28.

3. Career Workshops Designed Exclusively for Graduate Students: these workshops will help you grow your confidence, expand your skills, and build the professional skills employers value.

- a. **October 8:** Job Searching for Grad Students. [Register here!](#)
- b. **October 9:** Customizing Resumes for Grad Students. [Register here!](#)
- c. **October 14:** Beyond the Job Board for Grad Students. [Register here!](#)
- d. **October 15:** Interview Prep for Grad Students. [Register here!](#)
- e. **October 16:** LinkedIn Power Hour with GATE. [Register here!](#)
- f. **October 20:** Engineering Reverse Career Fair! [Register here \(please note: you will have to participate in one of the above workshops to qualify for the Reverse Career Fair\).](#)

4. Have a Chance to Win \$1,000 at the Tech Skills Showcase

Registration is open till October 5



Event on October 15th

More information: <https://rods.sk.ca/events/tech-skills-showcase/>

GRAD FUNDING

Saskatchewan Innovation and Excellence Awards open Oct 8th and close Oct 22nd. This scholarship is open to all faculties, but students should review the [terms](#) to ensure their program is eligible.

All rules of scholarship adjudication apply with a completed research proposal and significant contribution being an integral part of the process. Be sure to read all instructions in the application carefully so you are not eliminated from adjudication on a technicality.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

If you are completing all the requirement classes by December 2026, please book an appointment to get your photo taken. To book a graduation photo session with Camera One, please sign up on-line at www.cameraone.ca or call [\(306\) 533-3347](tel:3065333347).

There are many options for appointments, including the week of Convocation. Out-of-town Graduates coming to Regina are encouraged to sign up early to reserve a time for when you are here. Graduates that are photographed will be included on the Class Composite.

All portrait sessions will be held in-studio and academic regalia will be provided by Camera One.

TURNITIN

Turnitin is an originality checking and plagiarism prevention service that checks your writing for citation mistakes or inappropriate copying. When you submit your paper, Turnitin compares it to text in its massive database of student work, websites, books, articles, etc.

<https://apus.libanswers.com/writing/faq/2160>

If you would like to have access to this tool, please send an email to engg.grad@uregina.ca stating your name and student ID



THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is an annual holiday in Canada held on the second Monday in October.

Thanksgiving has been officially celebrated as an annual holiday in Canada since November 6, 1879. On January 31, 1957, the Governor General of Canada Vincent Massey issued a proclamation stating: "A Day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed – to be observed on the second Monday in October."

While the actual Thanksgiving holiday is on a Monday, Canadians may gather for their Thanksgiving feast on any day during the long weekend; however, Sunday is considered the most common. Foods traditionally served at Thanksgiving include roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet corn, various autumn vegetables (including various kinds of squashes, but also Brussels sprouts), and pumpkin pie. Various regional dishes and desserts may also be served, including perogies, salmon, wild game, Jiggs dinner with split-pea pudding, butter tarts, and Nanaimo bars.



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