

IMPORTANT DATES

February 17 – Family Day – no classes (most University offices closed)

February 17 to 23 – Winter break week (no classes)

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3 @ 230pm in ED 193 – Invigilator Training

February 21 @ 12pm in ED 191 - Esam Hussein Seminar Series - Mandatory

February 26 @ 12pm in ED 311 – Excel Info Session

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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, graduate transfers, academic action (rtd, probationary, etc)

Gina – general advising, graduate coop

ESAM HUSSEIN SEMINAR SERIES

The 3rd seminar in the series of 3 will be offered February 21 at 12pm in ED 191. 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.

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

Applications are open for the ComSciCon conference being held June 27 to 29th, 2025 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. Applications close Monday February 10th at 1159pm.

I want to strongly encourage our students to apply as it would be a great opportunity to showcase your work! There are no fees or costs for those selected.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.comsciconcanada.org/>

Attendance at ComSciConCAN is limited to current (or recently graduated) graduate students in residence at a Canadian institution. International students who study at a Canadian institution are gladly welcomed. Recent graduates must have graduated no earlier than December 2024. ComSciConCAN applicants must be studying in a science-related field. This includes engineering, social sciences, economics, math and public health. If you have questions about whether you may be eligible, please contact us at our [email](#).

CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

CSCE Winnipeg Conference, Fairmont Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 28-30, 2025

The paper submission deadline is due on February 10, 2025 (Monday)! Please remember to submit your full paper before the deadline.

We are pleased to announce that the upcoming Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE) annual conference will take place in Winnipeg in May 2025. Our conference theme is "Empowering communities through sustainable and resilient engineering solutions". The City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is well known as "the cultural cradle of Canada", and the home to a very diverse population, the world-class Canadian Museum for Human Rights, the world's most comprehensive Arctic species exhibit, the Forks, the historical Exchange District, the French-flavored St. Boniface and many other attractions. The Fairmont Hotel is in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, in easy walking distance from these attractions. A variety of activities are being planned to entertain conference delegates and their guest family and friends.

The Environmental Specialty (ENV) will focus on the environmental and public health needs of civil engineering and its importance in improving the quality of life for people and providing reliable infrastructure for societal benefits. It will explore research and technological advances concerning innovative approaches, assessment, and sustainable management/remediation of environmental impacts to water, air, and soil and the unique challenges faced in addressing the effects of climate change on infrastructure. Please click here for more information:

<https://www.csce2025winnipeg.ca/environmental-specialty>

We look forward to seeing you at CSCE Winnipeg 2025! If you have any questions regarding the CSCE Environmental Engineering Specialty conference, please contact Dr. Kelvin Tsun Wai Ng (kelvin.ng@uregina.ca).

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MARCH 4, 2025!

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND WOMEN IN ENGINEERING WITH US!

Join us for an engaging panel discussion and networking opportunity as we build awareness around the impactful role of women in engineering, advocate for women in engineering as engineers work together to remove barriers and challenges and **CELEBRATE** women in engineering!

The theme for International Women's Day 2025 (March 8, 2025) is **Accelerate Action**.

Our Women in Engineering event's theme comes from the IWD's main theme. Our theme is "Accelerate Action – 30 by 30, an important goal for ALL. The importance of increasing enrollment, graduation, retention of women in engineering."

Event: **Women in Engineering Panel Discussion**

Format: In-person

When: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Time: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Where: CK 187

Light refreshments will be served.

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OFFICE SPACE

If you are a MAsc 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.

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

INSPIRE is excited to announce that we are hosting our second annual research symposium on February 26th! This symposium offers a comfortable 'conference' environment for students at the U of R to present their research. There will be three presentation formats open to undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral researchers:

- Paper presentation (10 minute presentation)
- Data Blitz presentation (5 minute presentation)
- Poster presentation

For all oral presentation sessions (paper and Data Blitz) there will be people's choice voting. The students who place in the top three for both paper and Data Blitz presentations will win a monetary award! These are as follows: 1st place (paper = \$500; Data Blitz = \$300), 2nd place (paper = \$250; Data Blitz = \$200), and 3rd place (paper = \$150; Data Blitz = \$100).

Importantly, applications for this symposium are not peer-reviewed and instead will operate on a first-come-first-serve basis. The posters will be printed (and paid for) by INSPIRE (through support of FGSR).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me (shaelyn.carr@uregina.ca) or any member of the INSPIRE team (inspire@uregina.ca).

SAFETY MOMENT

Did you know? The University of Regina offers a **FREE Student Health Clinic** right on campus! Located on the main floor of **Paskwāw Tower**, the clinic is open **Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Students can visit the **Nurse Practitioner** for a wide range of medical services, including:

- ✓ General medical care & minor injuries
- ✓ Treatment for common infections
- ✓ Specialist referrals & prescription refills
- ✓ Sexual health, contraception & reproductive care
- ✓ Health screenings, education & preventative care

Appointments are required. To book, email Health_Clinic@uregina.ca or schedule online: [Student Health Clinic](#).

Their website also offers **24/7 support resources** for urgent medical care, crisis situations, and wellness needs.

GRAD FUNDING

The Winter Graduate Awards Portal (GAP) scholarship competition opens on Feb 1st with applications due on the 28th. FGSR will be offering over a \$100k in scholarships during this competition so be sure to carefully review the scholarships offered and apply for those for which you are eligible. Not sure how to complete your application? 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) How to become a 3MT Competitor Information Session - 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. [Register here](#) by Feb. 7 to compete in the Heats and join the Presentation Skills workshop.

2) The INSPIRE Team is excited to announce a lineup of academic events planned for the Winter semester. This will include two technical workshops on using qualitative and quantitative statistical software, led by UofR post-doctoral fellow's and doctoral students, as well as our second *Interdisciplinary Research Symposium!* These events are open to all graduate students at the University of Regina, and we encourage you to bring your friends. Be sure to stay tuned on our social media channels and emails for reminders and updates, and formal dates.

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 29, 4-6 p.m. in RI 209 - Quantitative Technical Workshop Series (Python)** - 4-Parts: Jan. 29, Feb.12, Mar. 26 & Apr. 9, 4-6 p.m. in RI 209
- **Feb. 5, 4-6 p.m. in RI209 - Qualitative Technical Workshop Series (i.e., NVIVO) - Part 1**
- **Feb. 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - 2025 INSPIRE Interdisciplinary Research Symposium** - Full day symposium for undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral researchers at the UofR. If you are interested in showcasing your research, please complete the [Call for Abstracts](#)

GATE CENTRE

GATE LinkedIn: We launched our new GATE LinkedIn page:

1. Follow [GATE on LinkedIn](#) – because FOMO is real, and success looks good on you!
2. Be smart, follow [GATE on LinkedIn](#) – because winners take every opportunity.

3. Follow [GATE on LinkedIn](#) – your career will thank you later!
4. Don't miss out – all the cool kids are following [GATE on LinkedIn](#)!
5. Join the [GATE LinkedIn](#) fam!

Startup 101 Bootcamp: The GATE Centre is excited to announce the return of the Startup 101 Bootcamp this Winter! Whether you're a student, faculty, or staff member at the University of Regina, this is your chance to turn your ideas into reality and have the chance to win \$10,000 in *prize money*! Not a student? No worries, you're invited to our Pitch Night happening in March. More details to come!

Key Dates:

January 25th: Kick-off Session

February 8th: Pitch Workshop Day

March Pitch Night: Date TBD

Why Participate?

- Gain exclusive insights into startups and entrepreneurship
- Sharpen your business communication skills
- Learn effective market validation techniques
- Expand your professional network
- Master the art of a winning pitch
- Receive personalized mentoring from industry experts
- Compete for \$10,000 in *prize money*!
 - *Prize money* will be applied to student accounts. Faculty and staff are ineligible to win prizes, but encouraged to participate.

Please Note:

- All faculties are welcome to join!
- Attendance is encouraged, but not mandatory for all sessions.
- Not a student? No worries, you're invited to our Pitch Night happening in March. More details to come!

[Register now](#) to secure your spot! [Register Here](#)

Reverse Career Fair: Join GATE's Centre for Experiential and Service Learning (CESL) workshops to qualify for the Reverse Career Fair, where you'll have the exclusive opportunity to present your skills and network with industry leaders. In the Fall, this unique opportunity featured employers from major Saskatchewan businesses, including Mosaic, Nutrien, Farm Credit Canada, Cultivator, TD, ISM, ISC, and the City of Regina.

- February 26: Job Searching for Graduate Students. [Register here!](#)
- February 27: Customizing Resumes for Graduate Students. [Register here!](#)
- March 5: Interview Preparation for Graduate Students. [Register here!](#)

- March 6: Networking Etiquette for Graduate Students. [Register here!](#)
- Reverse Career Fair: TBD

Please note:

- Attendance is encouraged for all sessions, but only one session is required to participate in the Reverse Career Fair!
- Last semester, graduate students said these sessions best prepared them in their professional development.
- These sessions are the most popular sessions put on by CESL, very high in demand, and often "sell" out.
- The sessions are designed to prepare students effectively for the Reverse Career Fair and cover essential topics like resume building, professional communication, and effective networking strategies, ensuring that participants are well-prepared to engage with industry partners.

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Groundhog Day – February 2nd

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 Warton Willie and resides in Warton, Ontario.