

## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 13<sup>th</sup>** -Deadline to apply for Coop

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Orientation – New Students

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** -End course-add period, End of no-record drop period, End of 100% refund

**January 31<sup>st</sup>** -Deadline to apply for Spring 2025 Convocation

**January 31<sup>st</sup>** - End of 50% refund period & End of penalty-free payment period

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 24<sup>th</sup>** – Esam Hussein Seminar Series - Mandatory (more info in newsletter)

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – Graduate Student Coffee Party

**January 2025 (TBD)** - Deans Honour List lunch – more info to come from Wendy Tower (you do not need to apply, if you qualify you will be contacted by Wendy)

**February 2025** – Excel tutorial session – more details to follow

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Domestic Students

Doctoral students must be registered full-time each semester until completion of the PhD program (including the semester in which the defense is held).

Masters students must be registered in a minimum of 3 credit or billable hours when accessing university resources in any given semester. Students are required to register on an annual basis (ie. Once in 3 terms).

### International Students

Doctoral students must be registered full-time every semester until completion of the PhD program (including the semester in which the defense is held).

Masters students must be registered full-time (six credit hours – or seven if MEng) in Fall and Winter semesters and minimally part-time (three credit hours or more) in the Spring/Summer semester. If Spring Summer is your first term, you must be registered full time (6 hours).

### Maintenance of Candidacy

Thesis-based students who have completed the credit hour component of their program of studies, but have not completed all of the formal approved degree requirements (e.g. written a thesis and defense) are to register in one of the following:

GRST 995AA – Full-time Maintenance of Candidacy

GRST 995AB – Part-time Maintenance of Candidacy (can only be used in Spring Summer)

### Course Registration

Students should register for classes through UR Self-Service or FGSR.

## **Undergraduate Classes**

Permission must be sought prior to registration in the course, and you must have room in your program. Requests must be sent to your Academic Advisor.

## **Course Offerings (info on general engineering courses)**

ENGG 701 – Winter only

ENGG 702 – Spring/Summer only

ENGG 703 – Fall only

ENGG 800 - This course is available only for PhD students.

ENGG 900 – This course is available only for Thesis-based students (MAsc & PhD), and is only available in Fall or Winter terms. This must be taken to graduate and should be taken once your thesis is started.

## **GRST 800AA**

All new students must complete this no cost tutorial in their first semester. Failure to do so can disqualify you from some scholarships so it is very important!

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> seminar in the series of 3 will be offered January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm in EA106.1. The room information will be sent out closer to the date. 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.

## **GRAD FUNDING**

It's a New Year and that means new chances at scholarships. There are several big external awards coming up in February, so now is the time to start your applications for the Mackenzie King and Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Scholarships. Learn more by checking out FGSR's [scholarship database](#).

## **GRADUATION**

Students must apply to graduate. Deadlines to graduate are available at <https://www.uregina.ca/graduate-studies-research/thesis-project-prac/graduation.html>

## **GRADUATION PORTRAITS**

Graduation Photos - optional for undergraduate and graduate students  
Students graduating after completion of program requirements in December 2024 or April 2025 may book an appointment through Camera One. For more information:  
<https://www.cameraone.ca/index2.php#!/Home>  
Camera one is the designated photographer for the Faculty of Engineering and prepares the Class Composite.

## **COOP APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE**

Check out their website at <https://www.uregina.ca/academics/work-experience/co-op/index.html>  
Deadline for Coop application for Spring Summer 2025 is January 13, 2025.

Students can apply through the Career Connect portal at <https://careerconnect.uregina.ca/>. Please have your supervisor sign the application form and include it with your application and work permit when you apply. Shortly after submitting your application, your coordinator will be in touch to set up an entrance meeting with you. The meeting will be conducted via MS Teams or in the CESL Office. (Riddell Centre 163)

International Student?

If you are an International student and you want to apply for Co-op for Spring Summer 2025, you must already have applied for your co-op work permit and have provided our office proof of your application.

## **ENGINEERING WORKSHOP**

And a reminder the Mitchell Workshops (ED 115) are open for use. Once a student has completed their brief orientation with the shop staff, they can have access on their keyfob for those times. Please contact the workshop to set up an orientation time. The Workshop email is [engg.workshop@uregina.ca](mailto:engg.workshop@uregina.ca).

## **OFFICE SPACE**

Research students who would like to apply for an office space and MEng students who would like to request access to the MEng Lounge can do so through our website:  
[https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/student-forms.html#fact\\_4\\_2](https://www.uregina.ca/engineering/students/student-forms.html#fact_4_2)

Please look under Graduate Key Card Access

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

Unofficial transcripts can be obtained through UR Self-Service.

Official transcripts can be obtained through the MyCredits™ | MesCertif™ network. Please check this [link](#) for more information.

## **CONFIRMATION OF ENROLMENT**

A confirmation of enrolment letter can be obtained through the MyCredits™ | MesCertif™ network. Please check this [link](#) for more information.

## **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](mailto:engg.grad@uregina.ca) stating your name and student ID

## **SAFETY MOMENT**

### **Congratulations on Completing the Fall 2024 Semester!**

You've made it through the semester—well done! If it felt stressful, you're not alone. However, stress, if left unaddressed, can impact your academic performance, mental health, and overall well-being. Taking time to reflect on the root causes of your stress is essential.

Ask yourself:

- Did you find the course material challenging?
- Are you a perfectionist striving for unattainable standards?
- Did procrastination or poor time management add to your workload?
- Was your work-life balance off?

- Were financial or health concerns weighing on you?

Whatever the cause, help is available, and you don't have to navigate it alone:

- [Global Learning Center](#): In 2025, watch for sessions on time management, organization, and writing skills. Free tutoring is always available.
- [URSU](#): Learn about student health benefits, food security programs, student discounts, and URSU Thrifts.
- [Student Health Clinic](#) & [Mental Wellness Hub](#): Access primary care and a variety of mental health support services.

Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Engineering is about solving problems—approach stress as a challenge you can tackle with the right tools and support!

## **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 in which participants present their work and its wider impact in three minutes or less. The event helps graduate students present their research in an accessible and compelling way with the assistance of only one static slide.

Competitors start by participating in heats that happen in mid-to-late February. The top eight students, as scored by a panel of judges, move on to the final in late March. The winner will receive a \$1,500 prize and progresses to the Western Regional Final. Throughout the process, there are opportunities for expert feedback and hands-on workshops and training, making 3MT an excellent way to develop your presentation and communication skills.

Join us on Jan. 17 at 10-11:30 a.m. to learn “**How to become a 3MT Competitor Information Session**” by **registering [here](#)**. Hear from our past winners, Michael Mensah (current 3MT National Winner), Andy McLellan and Kwaku Ayisi about their experiences in the 3MT Competition and why you should consider participating. We will go through the process from the heats to the training designed to prepare participants for the 3MT Competition finals on Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Register to compete by Jan. 24, plus compete in the first heat in February for a chance to win one of three \$100 gift cards. [Register here to complete by January 24!](#)

**2) SSHRC Storytelling Competition** - Calling all SSHRC-Funded Researchers - be a Storyteller! Tell us about the social sciences and humanities research you are involved in to be among the Top 20 finalists who will each receive \$3,000. Finalists then compete to earn a spot as a Final 5 winner. Let your creativity shine through! Submit a song, poem, infographic, short essay, video or audio clip—the choice is yours. For all the challenge details, visit The Storytellers. **Deadline: Jan. 21**

**Bonus Opportunity: FGSR's SSHRC Storytelling Competition** - SSHRC-funded graduate students are invited to enter the same entry to the FGSR internal competition for a chance to win \$1,000. **Submit your entry by Jan. 10** to [grad.engagement@uregina.ca](mailto:grad.engagement@uregina.ca)

3) **Startup Bootcamp 2025 Application – Join us on Jan. 18. Feb. 8 and Mar. 15** for the Startup 101 Bootcamp, hosted by the GATE Centre, offers a unique opportunity for University of Regina students and faculty interested in startups or commercialization. This interdisciplinary, multi-day program is designed to immerse participants in the Saskatchewan startup ecosystem, help refine their ideas, build connections, and gain essential business skills.

Throughout the bootcamp, attendees will work alongside like-minded individuals to develop their business concepts and create a compelling pitch. At the end of the program, participants will have the chance to present their ideas to industry judges, gaining valuable feedback and exposure, as well as a chance to win money to develop your startup. This bootcamp is ideal for those looking to take the next steps toward launching a startup.

What you will gain:

- Understanding of startups
- Business communication skills
- Market validation techniques
- New networks
- How to build a pitch
- One on one mentoring with industry experts

Innovators and entrepreneurs have all sorts of life and experience backgrounds. All faculties are welcome to join! **Please submit your application by January 11<sup>th</sup> by clicking [here](#).**

4) **January 28** - [Science Exposed](#) 2025 is now open! Eye-catching images coming from research projects from all fields\* can be submitted until January 28, 2025. The individuals or groups that have the most successfully combined creativity and science will be awarded one of the four \$2000 cash prizes. The contest is organized by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and Acfas. (\*with the exception of the arts). Check out our latest tweet for more information: [https://x.com/FGSR\\_UofR/status/1863971094472118444](https://x.com/FGSR_UofR/status/1863971094472118444). Or to enter, click [here](#).

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