

Information sessions on Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto

As a student moving towards graduation, you may be considering graduate studies and a career in some subdiscipline of biology. In general, most departments welcome a new class of students in September, though some also admit in January. This fall there will be several information sessions at UTSC for prospective students. You are encouraged to go to all of these as they are designed to acquaint you with different aspects of the process of applying, the expectations and 'rules' of the School of Graduate Studies, the funding package, how to best position yourself for fellowship/scholarship awards, as well as other topics.

September 17: 3-4PM in AA160: "What is graduate school and how do I apply?"
The speaker at this session will be Hasmik Sargsyan, Recruitment and Admissions Officer at the School of Graduate Studies.

September 21: 1-3PM in AA160: "Scholarship Application workshop/information session".
Shelley Eisner, Senior Awards Officer in the Graduate Awards Office will discuss awards made by NSERC/OGS/CIHR and the components/strategies for a successful application.

October 1st 4-5PM in AA160. "A week in the life of a biology graduate student". Dan Riggs, Associate Chair for Research and Graduate Studies in the Department of Biological Sciences, and a member of the Cell and Systems Biology graduate studies committee, will provide some information about graduate studies in biology and will be available to answer specific questions that you might have.

Upcoming deadlines:

- MMG, CSB and EEB will accept graduate student applications until at least the middle of January, 2010.
- NSERC scholarships: internal deadline is October 7, 2009; new students submit to VP-Research office to Michele McDonell.
- OGS scholarships: internal deadline is October 14, 2009, new students submit to VP-Research office to Michele McDonell.
- CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarships: deadline is November 4, 2009: new students submit to VP-Research office to Michele McDonell.