

SGPS Health and Dental Plan

The SGPS Health and Dental plan is mandatory unless you have alternate comparable coverage (through parents, partners, etc). The health and dental plan is active from September 1, 2009 until August 31, 2010. You pay for the health and dental plan once (in September). If you are on the health and dental plan, you may opt-in your partner and/or family. Complete details can be found on the SGPS website: <http://www.sgps.ca/health>

Students who have alternative equivalent coverage can opt-out of the SGPS health and/or dental plan. **Between September 14-25, 2009** go to <http://www.studentplans.ca>, choose "Queen's University" and follow the on-screen instructions. You will be asked to provide proof of coverage including the name of your Insurance Company, your Policy Number, and the name of the person who holds the policy.

There are no paper opt-outs. No opt-outs will be accepted after September 25, 2009.

Welcome Week Events

The SGPS, in conjunction with the ESS, have planned social events during welcome week. We have different events planned, a backyard BBQ, a wine and cheese, Kingston tours and a mixer. For more details, please visit the following URL:

<http://www.sgps.ca/ess/registration.html>

SGPS Services

The SGPS provides many services to graduate and professional students at Queen's including:

- Free International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
- E-Newsletter: Published twice a month to keep you up-to-date.
- Social Events: Our social team plans many great social events throughout the year.
- Kingston Bus Pass: Ride Kingston Transit at no charge with your Queen's student card.
- WalkHome: Get a walk from home to campus or from campus to your home.
- TravelCUTS: Get great discounts on international or domestic travel.
- UFile: Free online tax filing for all members.
- And a lot more!

Mandatory Fees 2009/2010

Fee Group	Amount
Campus Observation Room: Supports operations and alcohol education programs	\$0.25
Telephone Aid Line Kingston: Supports confidential crisis line	\$0.38
Accessibility Task Force: Supports students with special needs	\$1.50
Queen's Legal Aid: Legal aid service available to students	\$2.25
Sexual Assault Crisis Centre: Funding to the local sexual assault crisis centre	\$0.63
CFRC Radio: Queen's University radio station	\$1.86
Queen's Journal: Student run newspaper service	\$1.75
Queen's Work Bursary: Covers operating costs of a joint government SGPS/AMS sponsored program providing employment to financially constrained students	\$2.43
AMS WalkHome: Nightly peer accompaniment service	\$6.92
Athletics and Recreation: Provides students with full access to the athletics facilities at Queen's.	\$101.90
Queen's Oxfam: Covers some of the operating costs of this organization dedicated to alleviating poverty and inequality.	\$0.40
Health Counselling Disability: Covers some of the operating costs of Queen's Student Health Service	\$53.33
Bus-It: Provides Queen's students free access to city buses	\$44.50
Canadian Federation of Students: Covers membership in this national student organization.	\$14.64
SGPS Society Fee: Covers operating costs of the SGPS, which provides member activities and services, representation of student concerns to the administration and external societies, social events and much more.	\$30.00
University Centre: Covers some of the costs of operating the JDUC.	\$9.68
SGPS Student Advisors: Peer support program	\$3.00
Mandatory Fee Total	\$275.42

Optional Fees 2009/2010

ESS students are assessed the same optional fees as the rest of the SGPS membership. Complete details regarding optional fees can be found in the SGPS Activity Fee document at the following URL:

<http://www.sgps.ca/info/fees.html>

SGPS Council

The Graduate and Professional Student Council acts as the legislative body of the Society. Its decisions are final, unless they are amended or rejected by referendum or General Meeting. It is responsible for directing and overseeing the activities of the Executive, for formulating and authorizing Society policies, and for acting as a liaison between the Executive and the ordinary members of the Society. The decisions of the Executive may be amended or rejected by a majority vote of Council.

ESS has 4 voting seats on SGPS Council. If you are interested in being one of the Council reps, please contact the ESS Executive.

Education Coordinator

The SGPS has added a special position for the Education Student Society. The Education Coordinator is meant to be a liaison between the ESS and the SGPS. The Education Coordinator will ensure the needs and opinions of the ESS are heard by the Executive and Staff of the SGPS. If you are interested in this position, please see the job posting at this URL:

<http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/jobs.html>

SGPS Student Advisors

The Student Advisors offer advice and advocacy services to graduate and professional students on issues concerning their well-being while here at Queen's. In addition, they act as an effective referral service for issues and needs that fall outside of our jurisdiction or expertise.

<http://www.sgps.ca/sa>

Message from the ESS

Welcome to the Faculty of Education from the Education Students' Society! I hope that everyone is having an amazing summer! My name is Mike Higginson and I'm the Education Students' Society Transition Officer.

The Education Students' Society (E.S.S.) is the representative body for both Consecutive and Concurrent Education students enrolled in the one-year Bachelor of Education and Diploma in Education programs. Our purpose is to organize professional and social events throughout the year as well as represent the needs, concerns and interests of Education students to the university, Kingston community and teaching profession. In the past for example, the E.S.S. has arranged for educational speakers to visit the faculty, organized a semi-formal dinner and dance, run an intramural sports program, created a yearbook, and organized a variety of teaching-related workshops.

Each fall, after a brief election period, a new E.S.S. Council is elected. The following is a list of the available positions on Council:

President	A.C.E. Representative
Vice President External	O.E.E. Representative
Vice President Internal	A.T.E.P. Representative
Treasurer	Technological Education Representative
Secretary	Waterloo-Queen's Representative
Professional Development Coordinators (2)	T-C.E.S.A. Representative
Social Convenors (2)	Consecutive Student Representative
Faculty Board Representatives (2)	Mature Student Representative
B.Ed./Dip. Ed. Liaison to the S.G.P.S.	Human Rights Representative
Athletic Representatives (2)	Transition Officer
Communications Representative	Chairperson

The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 4 at 5:00pm. Nomination forms can be picked up and dropped off at the E.S.S. office located in the main hallway. All nominations must be in writing and signed by five (5) members of the student body. After nominations close, campaigning will occur from Monday, September 7 at 9:00am to Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00pm with a special candidates' forum during lunch on Wednesday in the main hallway. All teacher candidates will then vote for their Council members on Thursday, September 10 and Friday, September 11.

Being part of E.S.S. is a great way to get involved, meet new people and make a difference within our faculty. Not only does E.S.S. organize a number of amazing social and educational events, they also ensure that our voices are heard by the faculty and staff at Queen's. I encourage everyone to consider running for a position on Council!

Nomination forms and more detailed position descriptions will be available at the E.S.S. office in September. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me, Mike, at 5mth@queensu.ca.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Mike Higginson
E.S.S. Transition Officer