



E-NEWSLETTER

SGPS Office Hours

The **SGPS Office** is resuming normal office hours! The SGPS Office will be open Monday to Friday from 9:30 until 4:30 (closed 12:00 until 1 for lunch). The SGPS Office closes on University observed holidays. [Click here for the list of holidays.](#)

SGPS ORIENTATION WEEK 2008

The SGPS has planned a week of orientation events for new and returning graduate and professional students. All the details you need to know about the events of Orientation Week are provided in our **Orientation Week Survival Guide**. You should have received your copy in the snail-mail. If you have not yet received yours, please stop by the SGPS office to get a copy. We have posted a digital version of our guide on our website.

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

Orientation week provides you with many great opportunities to learn about the various services offered by the SGPS and Queen's to graduate and professional students. Orientation week also provides you with many opportunities to meet students in your program of study and across our diverse University. Below is an outline of planned events.

S E P T E M B E R 2 0 0 8

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2	3	4	5	6	7
12:00 - 3:00 Splash of Success BBQ & Info Fair Biosciences Complex 7:00 International Night Joy Supper Club	2:00 - 5:00 Sporting Events JDUC Room 021 7:00 - 9:00 Haunted Walk Grad Club 9:00 Meet & Greet Grad Club	8:30 - 3:30 Registration Phys. Ed. Center 9:30 - 1:00 International Student Orientation JDUC Room 117 6:30 - 10:00 Boat Cruise Pier (See Map)	8:30 - 4:30 TA Training Day Biosciences Complex 9:00 - 5:00 Sidewalk Sale Bader Lane 6:30 Semi-Formal Portsmouth Olympic Harbour	11:00 Corn Maze Wolfe Island Ferry 3:00 Wolfe Island Grill Island Grill	11:00 - 5:00 Beach Day Sandbanks Provincial Park

NEW STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The office of the University Senate has informed us that as of July 1, 2008 Queen's University has adopted a new Student Code of Conduct, which sets the standards for student responsibility and behaviour. The document also identifies the various bodies within the University with jurisdiction to investigate student misconduct and explains the elements of procedural fairness to be observed in deciding matters of non-academic discipline.

The new Student Code of Conduct is available on the Senate Policy web page at:

<http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/policies/code2008.pdf>

Greater awareness of this policy will benefit all members of the Queen's community.

SGPS LOOKING TO HIRE 1 STUDENT ADVISOR

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, September 4th, 2008

For complete details, please see the full job posting: <http://www.sgps.ca/jobs/jobs.html>

The SGPS Student Advisor Program provides a general information centre and advocacy service for graduate and professional students at Queen's University. Student Advisors provide information, advice, and advocacy related to any issue concerning student well-being, whether the issue is related to academics, employment, or social and personal life. Student Advisor positions are part time (5 to 10 hours / week) and pay \$12000 per year. We strongly encourage qualified female students to apply for this position.

TIME TO GET ACTIVE!!

The SGPS is pleased to announce that starting mid October, a one year corporate discount with Goodlife Fitness Clubs is available to all graduate students and their significant others. This discount is over 50% off the regular membership price, and is available to all new AND existing Goodlife members. Stay tuned for more details!

OLYMPIC NEWS

Two current Queen's students are in Beijing representing Canada this summer. Sailor Katie Abbott of Sarnia, ON will be competing in the Yngling Class while John-David Burnes of Toronto, ON will be competing in Archery.

For more information or to send these athletes a message visit:

<http://www.goldengaels.com/olympics>

GO CANADA AND QUEEN'S!

SGPS COMMITTEE NEWS - HEY YOU!!

The SGPS has many committee opportunities that allow you to get involved with the SGPS and Queen's. Committees have varying time commitments. Please consider joining a committee, your help makes a big difference to graduate and professional students.

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

Hey, you fun people!

Feel like bossing people around? Ooppss~~~ cough, cough, I mean..... helping out on the site of your favorite event(s) throughout the Orientation Week (September 2-7)? Contact Social Commissioner, Diala Habib at social@sgps.ca now! Look no further, the O-Week event calendar is posted right here: <http://www.sgps.ca> For those people who pay attention to details and like to make sure a particular event goes as smoothly as possible, we need you, too!

Hey, student parents!

Did you know that with only 2 to 3 hours a month, you can help Queen's Day Care Centre provide services that better suite the needs of graduate and professional student parents? You can do so by being an SGPS representative on the Queen's Day Care Board. Contact the SGPS committee coordinator, Joellen Lin at committee@sgps.ca now for details.

Hey, earth friendly friends!

To expand the sustainable practice at Queen's, SGPS is forming an important committee: SGPS Campus Sustainability Standing Committee. Launching the new academic year with new green efforts, we are now seeking dedicated individuals to take parts in shaping/improving Queen's sustainability plans and to organize student initiatives. We will be working closely with AMS Sustainability Committee and other related organizations within the Queen's community. Together, we can make the difference. Share your passion with us; contact committee coordinator, Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca.

Green Feeds

- Bring your own mug and/or lunch box/plate to Garden Street Café located at the basement of the Botterell Hall, and you could win a travel mug or a free lunch! Visit the café for more details.
- Hey, Starbucks fans! BYOM (bring your own mug) and get 10 cents off per drink!

CFRC SEEKS GRAD STUDENTS

Do you have an interest in broadcasting? Do you have a knack for interviewing or would like to learn? CFRC 101.9 FM Queen's Radio is looking for a few keen grad students to host and produce a weekly 30 minute program on graduate research at Queen's. This is your opportunity to share the interesting and important work that you and your peers are contributing to our community. No previous radio experience necessary.



101.9fm

For more information about this opportunity please contact Chris Trimmer at cfrdspoken@ams.queensu.ca or call (613) 533-2121. For more information about CFRC visit www.cfrc.ca.

CFRC 101.9FM: This is your signal.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

A dedicated graduate student is needed to sit on the Curriculum Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. The committee is responsible for examining programs of instruction, degree programs, interdisciplinary studies and methods of instruction, and finally making recommendations to the Faculty Board.

The Curriculum Committee will meet weekly starting from the middle of October 2008 to the end of November 2008, and again from the first week of January 2009 to the end of March 2009, excluding Reading Week.

If you are interested in sitting on the Curriculum Committee or have any questions concerning the position, please contact the committee coordinator, Joellen Lin, at committee@sgps.ca. A complete application should include name, department, degree enrolled, and 2-3 sentences commenting on why you are interested in the position.

Review of applications will begin September 1st, 2008.

RMC SEEKS GRAD STUDENT FOR PART-TIME WORK

The Royal Military College of Canada Library is looking for bilingual (English/French) graduate students who are interested in working part-time at the reference desk.

12 hours/week - evenings and weekends, some Mon. to Fri. day shifts

Starting date: training during week of Aug. 25, 2008 (daytime)

Ending date: April 24, 2009.

If you are interested, please contact either Suzanne Burt (541-6000 x6767, burt-s@rmc.ca) or Clarinda Olsen (541-6000 x6079, clarinda.olsen@rmc.ca) as soon as possible.



TAFA SEEKS ORGANIZER

Position title: TAFE Organizer

Position timeline: September 2nd, 2008 – December 19th, 2008

Background information:

TAFE requires committed organizers who are capable of devoting time and energy to the organizing campaign above and beyond that expected of regular Steering Committee members and departmental representatives. TAFE Organizers will be required to coordinate activities among other Organizers, the Steering Committee, Departmental Representatives and various TAFE Sub-Committees. TAFE Organizers shall develop effective organizing strategies and actively participate in campaign sign-up initiatives. TAFE Organizers must possess superior time-management and organizational abilities, and remain committed to their responsibilities throughout the Fall term.

General responsibilities:

- Research and develop communications materials (newsletters, e-alerts & etc...)
- Promote the union and TAFE activities among Graduate TAs and TFs
- Review and develop the campaign action plan along with the PSAC Organizer
- Report to the Steering Committee on a monthly basis (or as requested)
- Coordinate campaign strategies with the Steering Committee
- Coordinate activities amongst the Sub-committees
- Keep the list-serve, campaign database and list of departmental reps up-to-date
- participate in campaign sign-up initiatives and track the number of cards signed

Job Requirements:

Must be a graduate TA and/or TF at Queen's and a member of TAFE
Excellent computer skills (i.e. familiarity with websites, google, facebook)
Excellent written communication skills
Ability to work independently and within a group
Effective advocacy skills
Ability to meet deadlines and good organizational skills

Application process:

The PSAC Regional Coordinator for Ontario will be responsible for any and all hiring decisions. Applicants must send their CV and cover letter to the attention of Chris Wilson, PSAC Regional Organizer at wilsonc@psac-afpc.com for review. The central selection criteria will be direct experience in the above listed job objectives.

All applications must be submitted by August 22nd, 2008.

Benefits:

TAFE has an immediate need for three TAFE Organizers for the term commencing September 2nd, 2008 and ending December 19th, 2008, at \$23/hr for 10 hours/week. Additional TAFE positions may be posted as required so continue to visit the www.qtafa.com website if you are interesting in working as a TAFE organizer.