

Campus Resources to Assist Graduate Students

Aboriginal Student Services Centre – ASSC offers a variety of programs and services to Aboriginal students at the University of Alberta, including advising services, funding for tutoring, and mentoring services. See: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/aboriginalservices/index.cfm>

Academic Support Centre – The primary goal of the Academic Support Centre is to enhance students' learning and writing skills, including exam writing skills. The Centre offers in-person workshops and seminars throughout the term, online workshops, and one-on-one sessions. It has specific graduate student oriented workshops. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/academicssupport/>

CAPS U of A Career Centre - CAPS offers a variety of career services to University of Alberta undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, alumni and the University community. They can help students explore career options, connect with employers, write a resume, prepare for a job interview and find work. See further: <http://www.caps.ualberta.ca/>

Centre for Teaching and Learning - CTL offers a wide range of programs and services to support teaching and learning. With the exception of the August Teaching Orientation, all CTL sessions and symposia are open to graduate students. The CTL Resource Library has a number of books, journals and videos on teaching and learning topics that can be borrowed by graduate students. See further: <http://www.ctl.ualberta.ca/>

Centre for Writers – Offers free writing support to all students, staff and instructors on campus, in any subject or discipline, and at all levels of study. See further: <http://www.c4w.arts.ualberta.ca/>

Chaplains' Association - The Chaplains are available for guidance, care and support to any student or staff member, whether or not he or she identifies with a particular faith. They also offer information and referral regarding religious groups and activities on campus, as well as marriage preparation courses and assistance in memorial services. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/chaplains/>

Graduate Students Association – The GSA is the student group that represents all graduate students at the University of Alberta. The GSA exists to help students on an individual and group level. It has four full-time staff members in addition to its elected executive positions filled by graduate students. The GSA has recently begun to offer a Graduate Student Assistance Program (GSAP) which provides all graduate students with 24/7 access to psychological counselling services, as well as access to a wide range of health, wellness and worklife services through a company called Human Solutions. On the GSAP, see: www.virtualwellness.ualberta.ca (under “Assistance Programs”). The GSA also provides emergency bursaries each year based on need. See further: <http://www.gsa.ualberta.ca/>.

International Student Services – Located at the International Centre, International Student Services is the main campus resource for international students seeking assistance with immigration as well as financial, academic, or personal issues. See further: <http://www.international.ualberta.ca/current/ic.cfm>

Office of Student Judicial Affairs – The Office of Student Judicial Affairs is one of the offices (along with Deans, Directors and Campus Security Services) delegated by General Faculties Council to deal with violations of the Code of Student Behaviour. The office promotes awareness of the Code of Student Behaviour, compliance with the rules, and ethical behaviour. OSJA is also required to address violations of

the Code that have been referred to them by Campus Security Services, Faculty Offices or other Unit Directors. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/osja/>

OmbudService - The OmbudService is a confidential service focused on ensuring that university processes related to students operate as fairly as possible. Staff offer information, advice, and support to students, faculty, and staff as they deal with academic, discipline, interpersonal, and financial issues related to student programs. The OmbudService has a section on its website called: “Documents Every Graduate Student Should Read”. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/OmbudService/>

Postdoctoral Fellows Assistance Program – The Assistance Program for Postdoctoral Fellows has been designed to help deal with difficult or stressful events in the lives of Postdoctoral Fellows. It provides confidential, professional counselling for a broad range of personal and family problems. See: www.virtualwellness.ualberta.ca (under “Assistance Programs”).

Safe Disclosure and Human Rights Office – This office provides staff and students with a safe, neutral and confidential space to express concerns regarding issues such as treatment or ethics. They help the client to identify the issue and refer them to the correct area, or help them explore the area of concern without formal intervention. See further: <http://www.osdhr.ualberta.ca/>

Specialized Support and Disability Services (SSDS) – SSDS promotes and coordinates the efforts of University departments and off-campus agencies in meeting students’ needs and provides services, which help to equalize educational opportunities for students. SSDS serves prospective and current students at the University of Alberta, as well as staff and faculty, whose disabilities involve any number of conditions affecting mobility, vision, hearing, learning, and physical or mental health. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/SSDS/>

Student Counselling Services – Student Counselling Services is a professional agency staffed by Licensed Psychologists and psychologists-in-training supervised by senior staff. It is part of the University Health Centre. The services are available to students currently enrolled at the University of Alberta, with a view to improving a student’s personal, social, and academic well-being. There are no charges for their services with the exception of their therapy groups and workshops. See further: <http://www.uhc.ualberta.ca/StudentCounsellingServices.aspx>

Student Legal Services - SLS is a student-managed, non-profit society dedicated to helping low-income individuals in Edmonton understand their legal issues and solve their legal problems. The services are offered by law student volunteers, and include advice on criminal and family law matters. See further: <http://www.slsedmonton.com/>

University Bursaries and Emergency Funding (UBEF) - UBEF administers a number of emergency aid programs to assist full-time University of Alberta undergraduate and graduate students complete their academic programs. See further: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/ubef/>

University Calendar – Available online at: <http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/calendar/>

Virtual Wellness – This website has various resources to assist with mental health matters. The “Assist U” link provides easy, direct access to external resources for a variety of topics including Parenting and Child Care, Adult Care, Emotional Wellbeing, and Legal and Financial matters. See further: <http://www.virtualwellness.ualberta.ca/>