

GRADUATE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The following activities should be undertaken to reach your academic and/or professional goals:

- establish contacts with academics and professionals with related interests;
- apply for department Research and/or Teaching Assistantships;
- participate in research conducted by faculty;
- seek opportunities to work on ongoing research projects;
- become a member of your professional association(s);
- subscribe to/read respected journals in your area;
- become involved in volunteer activities at conferences and in your community;
- apply for scholarships and travel grants to present at conferences (see the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and Faculty of Education websites);
- consult with your academic advisor/supervisor as soon as possible to discuss how you can best achieve your future goals.

***IN ADDITION**, it is highly recommended that you undertake the following:*

a) *if your goal is to become a **PROFESSIONAL**:*

- (co-)present at the departmental/faculty level in colloquia, lecture series, or mini-conferences;
- conduct workshops/in-services for groups and institutions in the community;
- attend/present at meetings and conferences of professional associations;
- publish articles/reviews in professional newsletters/journals;
- develop skills that may assist you in your future career (e.g., University Teaching Services' *Teaching and Learning Effectiveness Sessions*);
- learn about the certification/accreditation requirements in your area (e.g., College of Alberta Psychologists, <http://www.cap.ab.ca/PPA/index.asp>).

b) *if your goal is to become an **ACADEMIC**:*

- complete University Teaching Services' *Instructional Skills (IS) Program* or *University Teaching (UT) Program* (www.ualberta.ca/~uts/gradstudents.htm);
- (co-)present at local, national, and international research conferences;
- submit reviews of recent publications to professional journals;
- consider writing a paper format dissertation;
- publish papers in peer-reviewed journals (To be competitive, you should have a minimum of 4 single- or co-authored publications by the time you apply for an academic position. Some papers may be generated from supervised independent studies or from participation in research projects conducted by faculty members.).

The department recognizes that many doctoral students are expected to be both professionals and academics. If this is the case, you should consider undertaking activities in both areas.