

Introduction

The bi-weekly newsletter is intended to keep you in the loop with what's going on in the department, introduce the 2020-2021 executive team, and share relevant information. Help us populate these newsletters! If you see a CFP, virtual/digital event, professionalization opportunity you would like other grad students like you to know about, please send this information to sage@uwaterloo.ca

We would also like to invite you to the SAGE discord channel! Get updates easily, talk to others in the program, and speak with the executive team directly. <https://discord.gg/TuYV49z>

On the "To-Do" List

- SAGE's Social and Game Night is upon us! Join us on Discord, on Friday, **November 6th**, between **7 – 9 PM**. Drop-by any time and enjoy Among Us, Jackbox party games and an outstanding chat. Think of this as an opportunity for you to hangout and get to know SAGE, as well as learn what we offer on discord.
- The results are in! Grab your favourite mug and join us on Discord's "Student Lounge" every Tues. and Thur., from 12 pm – 1pm, to hear what others are up to and let us know how you are doing.
- Welcome and congratulations to our two newest executives: Dakota Pinheiro, our new Treasurer, and Thomas Phang-Lyn, our MA RCD Representative!
- The new SAGE Website is currently under construction and will be completed with the help of our executive team. While we have an idea of what we would like to offer, we are always open to suggestions! If there is something you would like to see on our website, please email our Co-President, Sabrina, at sasgandu@uwaterloo.ca

Profile of the Week: Getting to Know Your SAGE Executives

Tabinda Khan - Internal Communication Officer

Hi everyone! My name is Tabinda. I am currently a second year PhD student and the Internal Communication Officer for SAGE. My main responsibilities include scheduling monthly meetings for the organization, documenting meeting minutes, and overseeing internal communication protocols for SAGE meetings. I have been a UW student for quite a while now, as I received both my BA (Joint honors English and Fine Arts) and MA Literary Studies here. I am aware that every new term is demanding, and the pandemic has added to our stress in unprecedented ways, so if you want to discuss and share any concerns as a graduate student: I am available to offer help and support to the best of my ability and will attempt to connect you to adequate resources.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any queries about courses, faculty, general information about the department and how to access various resources on campus and online or about settling into a new environment. The best way to reach me is through email: t9khan@uwaterloo.ca. I am also open to audio/video meetings after an introductory email. My contact and further information about my research interests is available at the English department website, [here](#).

Wishing you all Good Luck with your studies and a safe and happy year ahead!

Scholarships & Professionalization - Upcoming Events, Opportunities, and Deadlines!

Check out the [DiMarco Graduate Scholarship in Computational Rhetoric](#). This scholarship is valued at \$2,500 and is awarded annually to a full time Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or international graduate student registered with the David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science or the Faculty of Arts at the University of Waterloo, and with a demonstrated area of interest in computational rhetoric. Contact Denise Shantz at denise.shantz@uwaterloo.ca if you have any questions or submit your application by November 15th.

The [Canadian Association for Commonwealth Literature And Language Studies](#) (CACLALS) has put out a CFP for their virtual conference at Congress 2021. Proposals are due by January 15th, 2021.

Have you considered talking about your research to an audience? Attend the [GRADflix training session](#) on Nov. 5 to find out how easy it can be to communicate your ideas on video!

Check out our department's own professors [Ashley Rose Mehlenbacher](#) and [Brad Mehlenbacher](#), and their expert advice/insights into how leaders can more [effectively communicate complex scientific and technical information](#), and help people trust them and the information they provide.

Get ready for [Rock Your Thesis 2: Starting to Write](#), happening on Friday, November 6, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM EST!

Are you a hockey fan? Do you enjoy design thinking? Take a week in November for hacking hockey! [Applications are now open](#).

Learn about GSEF and GSI funding opportunities by reviewing the recording from [Funding your Graduate Initiatives](#).

New to teaching? Want to learn more on the topic? Then check out the virtual events happening this month and offered to graduate students via CTE's [Fundamentals of University Teaching](#) course in Waterloo LEARN.

Would you want to connect with students looking to practice their English language skills? Consider checking out the virtual events and workshops being offered this term via [Renison's English Language Institute](#).

Check out some of the virtual workshops the [Writing and Communication Center \(WCC\)](#) is offering this term!

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

Consider dropping by the [Grad Student Community and Conversation Circle](#) for a safe space to discuss the stress of graduate school and/or relationships. Open to all graduate students at UW. No referral needed. The next meeting is from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (EST) on October 22nd, 2020. Register on [GoSignMeUp](#).

Are you a MA Co-op student who is feeling stressed, pressured and/or isolated on your work or recruiting term? Find 1:1 mental health support and prepare for your current/future work terms, [here](#).

Health Services is providing [flu immunizations starting November 09](#) to help make it easy and convenient to get your flu vaccine and help stop the spread of influenza. This service is available by appointment only. To book an appointment please call 519-888-4096. Students, staff, faculty and UW clients in the following high-risk categories are strongly encouraged to get the flu immunization.

The Committee on Student Mental Health is hosting University of Waterloo's inaugural Virtual Conference on Student Mental Health Research on November 5th, 2020, as part of [Thrive Week](#). The goal of this event is to bring together members of the Waterloo community to share knowledge, connect researchers, and promote mental wellness.

Check out the "[Healthy Warriors at Home](#)" page of the Department of Athletics and Recreation's website for information regarding Virtual Personal Training sessions, nutritional tips, and more.

COVID-19 Updates from the University/Department:

There are recent updates to UWaterloo's approach to COVID-19 and the protocols in place when [Coming to campus](#).

Everyone has their own story of resiliency, we want to hear about yours. Use this [link](#) to submit your own story of resilience. UW is looking for stories from all members of the university. Contact Robbyn Hesch at rhesch@uwaterloo.ca if you have any questions.

Familiarize yourself with: [Employee Health Protocols for COVID-19 Cases and Exposures](#) and [Student Health Protocols for COVID-19 Cases and Exposures](#).

The SAGE executive.

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