

What's Up Western Grad Students

Your Monthly Student Newsletter | June, 2026



Stay Focused This Summer!

Staying motivated when the weather is nice can be challenging – but we're here to help! Join us for **Grad Productivity Sessions**: a structured, distraction-free online environment where you can co-work and make consistent and meaningful progress on your work. Whether you're working on readings, writing, data analysis, or emails, each session combines focused work time with light structure and peer accountability. Available Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. until July 3.

[Grad Productivity Sessions](#)

Need some extra support? Book appointments with [Learning Development & Success](#) and the [Writing Support Centre](#) to meet one-on-one with specialists and advisors who can help you achieve your goals this term.

Events on Campus

June 3

Community Engagement and Knowledge Translation

A BrainsCAN Lunch and Learn on community engagement and knowledge translation in research, featuring a panel discussion on how academic work can be translated into real-world impact.

[BrainsCAN](#)

June 4

hirewesternu Healthcare Day

Meet virtually with employers on Thursday, June 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. hiring for both clinical and non-clinical roles in the healthcare industry.

[Healthcare Day](#)

June 4

Summer Graduate Exhibitions: Opening Reception

Join us at McIntosh Gallery on Thursday, June 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. for the opening reception of two MFA thesis exhibitions: Natasha Beaudoin's 'Refracted Realities', and Eric Allan Cameron's 'Distant Sun'. Both artists will be in attendance, with remarks at 5:30.

[Summer Exhibits](#)

June 7

Western's Black Graduation Celebration 2026

Join us on June 7 as we celebrate the excellence and achievements of our Black graduating students! This event is open to all Black-identifying members of the Class of 2026 (Spring and Fall).

[Black Graduation](#)

June 18

Lunch & Learn: Digital Defense

Explore practical strategies for managing digital overwhelm and fostering healthy online engagement at this interactive Lunch and Learn focused on well-being in an increasingly connected world. Join us on June 18 from 12 to 1 p.m. Light snacks will be served.

[Digital Defense](#)

June 22-26

Pollinator Week

Join us in celebrating pollinators and contributing to a more sustainable, pollinator-friendly campus through activities including guided nature walks, pollinator garden tours, and educational workshops during Pollinator Week 2026.

[Pollinator Week](#)

[See All Events](#)

Campus Life

WESTERN NEWS: Expert insight: World Cup team reflects Canadian identity



As excitement builds for the FIFA World Cup, a Western expert explores how Canada's men's soccer team reflects the country's multicultural identity and offers a broader vision of what it means to represent Canada on the world stage.

[Read Full Western News Article](#)

GET INVOLVED

Make an Impact

- **Become a Peer Leader:** Looking to get more involved on campus? Explore opportunities with the [Western Peer Leader program](#), including Student Writing Advisors, Mustangs Statisticians, Learning Peers, Wellness Peers and more.
- **Provide TA Feedback:** The Resource TA team is seeking feedback from TAs-- if you'd like to join a focus group to share your experience, please [fill out this survey](#).

Campus Recreation

- Need a study break this summer? Drop in to [Campus Recreation](#) at the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC) for a workout, aquatics, group fitness classes, drop-in sports, and more. Explore summer programs and [hours online](#).

GRAD STUDENT LIFE

Academic & Career Support

- **Grad Life Coaching:** appointments are available year-round to support you with all things grad school. [Book an appointment](#) to discuss your journey and get connected to available resources.
- **TA support:** Are you a TA looking for support? The [Resource TAs](#) are available to help--contact the team at resourceta@uwo.ca.
- **Pickup Anywhere** allows you to request books to and from 16 universities across Ontario or walk in to a partner library, pick from the shelves, and check out using your Western ONECard. The same goes for returns – drop off books at any partner library.
- **Career Advice:** Summer is a great time to check in on your career goals. [Chat with a career coach](#) to plan your next steps!

Connect with SOGS

- Connect with SOGS and meet fellow graduate students at events throughout the month, including Weekly Trivia and Friday Karaoke at The Grad Club, Rainbow Coffee Club, and the SOGS Global Café BBQ on June 25 (details to come). Visit sogs.ca/events for more information.

Summer Construction

- During the summer months, Facilities Management schedules maintenance and construction projects across campus to improve infrastructure, which may impact building access, parking, and pedestrian routes. Learn more by visiting the [Summer Construction Updates page](#). In addition, The City of London has started [construction on Philip Aziz Avenue](#). The road will remain closed until July 2027. Drivers are asked to proceed with care and allow extra time when traveling around campus.

INSPIRING MINDS: Ran Jiang



Ran Jiang, PhD Candidate in the Don Wright Faculty of Music, explores how accessible musical instrument design can foster awareness, empathy, and inclusion through music and technology education. Her research challenges traditional ideas of who music is designed for and encourages more inclusive learning environments.

[Read More About Ran's Research](#)

WESTERN WELLNESS

Student Health & Wellness Services

[Book an appointment](#) to meet with a doctor, or [mental health counsellor](#). Regular business hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mental health counselling is also available virtually for students, whether you're on campus or not.

Make the Most of Your SOGS Health & Dental Plan

Your [SOGS Health & Dental Plan](#) includes extended health, dental, travel, and virtual mental health support coverage through StudentVIP. Learn more about your coverage and available services through SOGS.

OWN YOUR FUTURE

Upcoming Workshop: Dissertation and Thesis Writers' Retreat

This event is offered as part of the [Own Your Future](#) program's [Communication & Relationship Building](#) curriculum in partnership with the [Writing Support Centre](#).

Remove yourself from daily distractions and focus your time exclusively on writing! The Dissertation and Thesis Writers' Retreat provides graduate students with dedicated time for intensive writing. Participating in the retreat can help you make significant progress in writing your dissertation or thesis while establishing good writing habits.

Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Please bring your lunch.

Date: June 9 & 10

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST

Location: IGAB 1N05 (International and Graduate Affairs Building)

Eligibility: Graduate students working on a dissertation or thesis

Hosted by: Dr. Magdalena Kubow, Senior Writing Advisor - Writing Support Centre

[Register Now](#)

Important Dates

- **June 11:** Due date for second installment of summer term tuition for those paying in 2 installments.
- **June 26:** Last day to provide proof of Permanent Residency to have summer term tuition fees reduced to the domestic rate.
- **June 30:** Last day to withdraw from a graduate course beginning in the summer term without academic penalty. Students who drop after this date will receive an F on their transcript.

[See More Dates](#)

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