Grad Orientation 2020

Welcome to UBC and the Department of Computer Science!

Computer Science Graduate Student Association (CSGSA)

Paulette Koronkevich

"The purpose of the Association is to promote the welfare of the Computer Science graduate students, and to provide official representation for them."

– The CSGSA Constitution

"*All students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies in Computer Science at the University of British Columbia shall be members of the Association.*"

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CSGSA Executive Team

Paulette Koronkevich

President

Adam Geller

VP Finance

Nico Ritschel & Joe Wonsil

VP Social

Grad Affairs

Yasha Pushak

Adam Geller

Chris Chen

But there are many more …

Faculty Recruiting (Research): Puneet Mehrotra, Baraa Orabi

Faculty Recruiting (Educational Leadership): Nico Ritschel

Outreach, Diversity, and Equity: Paul Bucci, Greg d'Eon, Baraa Orabi Puneet Mehrotra

Reading Room: Junfeng Xu

Space and Safety: Adam Geller

Computing Support: Noah Weninger

TA Union Representatives: Svetlana Sodol and Paulette Koronkevich

Full list on
cs.ubc.ca/~csgsa/people

CSGSA Traditions

Tuesday Tea

every Tuesday afternoon at 4pm

UnDistinguished Lecture Series (UDLS)

every Friday at 5pm

More info on cs.ubc.ca/~udls

Social Event

every Friday, after UDLS (~6pm)

Other CSGSA Events

Get informed about events
(even if you lose control over your email inbox ;)) Join at:

https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~csgsa/join-slack/

Alternatively, you can subscribe the official event calendar.
Subscribe: https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~csgsa/csgsa-calendar/

(Important: Do not download the linked file but subscribe in your calendar app)

Other Orientation Events

More info on cs.ubc.ca/~csgsa/orientation2020

Wednesday

9am – Meet and Greet **(Please RSVP!)**

Thursday

9pm – Meet and Greet **(Please RSVP!)**

Friday

12pm – Meet and Greet **(Please RSVP!)**

5pm – UDLS and Social

Next Tuesday

4pm – Tuesday Tea

Next Wednesday

6pm – Paint-with-what-you've-got Night **(Please RSVP!)**

Next Friday

12pm – Dialogue with UBC Alumni **(Please RSVP!)**

5pm – UDLS

Next Saturday

3 hour timespan – Distributed Scavenger Hunt **(Please RSVP!)**

TA Training

Wednesday and Thursday

Mandatory (but paid) for all incoming TA's.

Watch your emails for more information from the department!

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09:45 - Introduction from the Department

10:00 – Safety Orientation

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10:45 - Reading Room

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11:00 - Computing Resources

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11:30 – Bullpen & Shared Spaces

12:00 - Lunch & Imagine Day

14:00 - Faculty Course Pitches

16:00 - Student Course Discussion

Join Slack!!

https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~csgsa/join-slack/

Discussion of courses WILL NOT be recorded.

Ask any questions about courses in the #courses channel.

TIPS:
Choosing Courses

- Stay until the end of today to get an overview over all offered courses

- Shop for courses in the first week

- Consider that different courses may be taught next year

- You can take up to two undergraduate level courses

- Also consider courses from other departments (e.g. ECE is common)

- Talk with senior grads (e.g. lab mates)

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Other UBC Career Resources

- [Graduate Pathways to Success](#) program

- [Centre for Student Involvement and Careers](#) – Graduate Student Resources

- [MITACS Step Workshops](#) – presentation skills, networking, time management etc. Online & in-person workshops

TIPS:
How to be successful

- Try to get in contact with professors whose classes you're taking

- Attend reading groups

- Attend talks organized in the department

- Keep in touch with your grad buddy

- Ask other people from your cohort for advice

- Ask other grads for advice (e.g. during Tuesday Tea, or your lab mates)

TIPS:
What you should do now

- Meet with your faculty contact if you haven't done so already

- Meet/Email the instructor you are TAing for

- Register for courses, pay tuition, set up direct deposit

- When all else fails, contact Joyce Poon, the Graduate Program Administrator (poon@cs.ubc.ca) or me!!

- Set up your work from home environment

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