



# The Graduate Student Society at Simon Fraser University

**May 1, 2024**

Dear Graduate Students,

Please read through this week's newsletter; we have several important items for you!

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## ADVOCACY & STUDENT RIGHTS

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### Neurodiversity & Disability Survey

Are you a neurodiverse graduate student, or one who is physically or mentally disabled? The GSS Director of Access and Equity wishes to better understand your experiences on campus so that we will be better able to advocate on your behalf on the SFU Accessibility Committee. Your answers are being collected anonymously and any identifying information will not be shared.

[\*\*Survey Link\*\*](#)

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### Survey on REB experiences

Anecdotally, stories suggest real and perceived challenges in the research ethics process may have affected scholars' willingness to undertake research, shaped the advice they provide students about graduate research projects, limited student experiential learning opportunities in undertaking research, or the design of their research projects. These stories suggest that this may even

be true for minimum-risk projects. This survey will attempt to go beyond anecdotes to get an empirical overview of the extent of these concerns with the Social Sciences and Humanities. We seek to document and understand potential systemic impacts on Canadian research, teaching and learning.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 1:1 Graduate Student Career Coaching Sessions

Book a 1:1 career coaching session to support your career exploration, work search, portfolio development, or future education plans. Offered by SFU Graduate Studies, this opportunity is hosted by Amrit Mundy, a Career Education Specialist and fellow PhD graduate student.

[\*\*Book a Meeting\*\*](#)

### Dialogue and Directions

This event is specifically tailored for graduate students in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and will provide suggestions on how you can connect your values to your research and future career possibilities. It will also explore how the FASS can meet the unique needs of its graduate students. This event will be composed of a one hour workshop led by Charity Slobod (Professional Development & Student Experience Manager, SFU Graduate Studies), followed by an open forum and conversation with Kate Slaney, FASS Associate Dean, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies. You may join by Zoom, if you cannot make it in person to the Burnaby campus. Register at: <https://dialogue-and-directions.eventbrite.ca>

**Register**

**Research Meets Policy @ SFU  
summer institute**

Graduate students and post doctoral fellows are invited to apply to the SFU Knowledge Mobilization Hub Research Meets Policy @ SFU (RMP@SFU) summer institute. The theme this year is climate and sustainability. This week-long virtual institute will take you beyond traditional scholarly outputs and increase your potential for policy engagement and impact. The summer institute will be held from July 15th - 19th, 2024, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm on Zoom.

**Apply**

Have a good week!

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