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The Pulse

April 2023 Graduate and Professional Student Newsletter from Student Affairs

We're here to help! Explore student services and resources

Dates & Deadlines

- **April 1** | Summer term <u>Pre-authorized Payment Plan (PPL) self-enrolment</u> opens
- **April 5** | Final winter term PPL withdrawal
- April 14-28 | Winter term final exam period
- **April 15** | Deadline to <u>nominate</u> faculty or staff as <u>Champions for Mental Health</u>
- **April 30** | Final deadline to apply for spring graduation
- April 30 | Deadline to change your name on spring degree lists
- **April 30** | Personal income tax filing deadline
- May 1 | Last day to self-enrol in the summer term PPL without a fee
- May 31 | Last day to self-enrol in the summer term PPL

Event & Workshop Highlights

<u>EDII Student Events Calendar</u> – events and initiatives for equity-deserving students and/or allies. <u>Promote your EDII event on the calendar!</u>

April 2 & 16 | Solidarity Swim, 2:30-4 pm & 2-4 pm

April 3 | SAGE Grad Student Coffee Chat for Indigenous Students, 10:30–11:30 am

April 4 | QTBIPoC Student Medicine Walk, 11 am-2 pm

April 4 | QTBIPoC Student Healthy Cooking Session, 6:30-7:30 pm

April 6 | Write Now: Writing Feedback Workshop with SASS, 11:30 am-1 pm

April 6 & 13 | Dogs on Campus, noon-1 pm

April 6 | Interfaith Prayers for Peace, 3–4 pm

April 6, 14, & 20 | Queer Study Space, 5-8 pm

April 6 | PSYC Night with SASS, 6:30-7:30 pm

April 6 | Sometimes Life is Hard Drop-in with Chaplains, 7-8 pm

April 11, 18, & 25 | Four Directions Beading Circle, 12–2 pm

April 11 | Four Directions Goodbyes Feast, 5-7 pm

April 27 | Ban Righ Foundation Inspiring Women & Student Spring Awards, 7–9 pm

April 27-30 | Sustainable Move-out Drop-off/Pick-up, 11 am-5 pm, Rideau Hall

Congratulations to the 2022–23 recipients of the Student Affairs Student Leadership Awards!

Registrar & Financial Aid Info

Graduating this Spring?

- Apply to graduate before April 30!
- <u>Convocation ceremony details</u>: schedules, gowns, guest info, and more.

Graduate Student Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PPL)

- Remember, there's no withdrawal in May!
- Want to join the Summer <u>PPL</u>?
 - o If you're already on the 2022–23 PPL, you'll be automatically rolled into the Summer plan.
 - If you're not already on the PPL, <u>enrol on SOLUS</u> before May 31.
 Enrol before May 1 to avoid service charges!
- Email <u>fees@queensu.ca</u> with questions, or to be removed from the PPL.

Accessing Financial Aid

- The 2023–24 full-time OSAP application will be <u>available on your OSAP</u>
 <u>Account</u> starting April 12.
- Find out how to delay student loan payments, and keep <u>previous</u>
 OSAP and <u>out-of-province loans interest-free</u>.
- Watch this <u>National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) presentation</u> to learn about repaying your student loans.

Info for Filing 2022 Income Taxes

- Access your T2202 Tuition and Enrolment Certificate in SOLUS to claim tuition, education, and textbook deductions.
- <u>T4A tax documents</u>, for reporting scholarships, bursaries, prizes, and awards have been mailed to your address in SOLUS.
- <u>T4 tax documents</u> for students employed at Queen's are available online.
- Questions? Email <u>solus@queensu.ca</u>, <u>book an appointment</u>, or drop in to the Registrar's Office on the first floor of <u>Gordon Hall</u>.
- The Queen's University International Centre (QUIC) is hosting <u>Income</u>
 <u>Tax Workshops for international students</u> on Thursdays from 3–4:30 pm!

Studying on an International Study Permit?

- Make sure you're aware of <u>Immigration</u>, <u>Refugees and Citizenship</u>
 <u>Canada (IRCC)</u>'s <u>rules and requirements</u> related to your permit status.
- Attend QUIC's <u>Permanent Residency Info Session</u>, April 14, 1:30–3 pm.

Do you have an emergency contact?

Make sure to list a contact in SOLUS!

Health and Wellness

Support your Wellbeing

- Stay active at <u>the ARC!</u>
 - o Registration for ARC summer programs opens April 3.
- Book a Wellness Coaching Appointment.
- Find spaces for prayer, meditation, and reflection, including a new space
 in the School of Medicine building.
- Get stress management tips from Student Wellness Services (SWS).
- Drop by Faith and Spiritual Life for conversations and cookies.
 - o 10:30 am-2 pm, Mon.-Fri., April 14-27, Mitchell 210.
- Access <u>mental health</u> and <u>24/7 crisis resources</u>, including <u>EmpowerMe</u>,
 or Console for MBA students.
- If you need to miss a class, exam, or academic requirement due
 to illness or other extenuating circumstances, submit a request for
 academic consideration through your faculty/school.
- SWS is holding <u>daily STI test clinics</u> from 9 am–12 pm and 1–3:30 pm.
 No appointment needed!

Sexual Violence Supports

- Queen's <u>Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Services (SVPRS)</u> is your central point of contact for resources, options, referrals, and reporting. <u>Contact coordinator Barb Lotan</u> for more information.
 - The VESTA online support hub allows survivors to record experiences in a trauma-informed format with the options to remain anonymous and to notify SVPRS and/or police.

Worried about food? Click here for resources.

Learn, Work, Live

Got Writer's Block?

- Register for the <u>Grad Writing Lab</u> and join other grad students in virtual spring and summer co-writing sessions.
- <u>Book an appointment</u> with a Student Academic Success Services (SASS)
 Writing Consultant!

Work and Study Spaces

In addition to <u>Queen's Libraries</u>, check out these work/study spaces across campus:

- Mature women students can drop in to the Ban Righ Centre, Mon.-Fri.,
 9 am-4 pm, for quiet study space and a free hot lunch.
- Queen's University International Centre (QUIC), Mitchell 208
 - o Drop-in study space, Mon.–Fri., 8:30 am–4:30 pm.
- Join the <u>Student Experience Office (SEO)</u> for quiet study time, snacks, and beverages.
 - o 11 am-3 pm, Mon.-Fri., April 11-28, LaSalle 224.
- The Yellow House is hosting <u>regular study halls and community building</u> <u>events</u> for QTBIPoC students.
- Indigenous students can book study spaces at Four Directions.

- Drop by for <u>Indigenous Student Study Day</u>, on April 13,
 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
- Indigenous students can connect with 4D for <u>academic or</u> <u>emotional support</u> anytime.
- The Adaptive Technology Centre (ATC), Stauffer Library, first floor.
 - Lab space for independent work and <u>bookable study spaces</u> for students registered with <u>QSAS</u>.
 - Computers, assistive devices, and specialized software are available.

Build Work Experience this Summer!

- Work on campus! Apply for Summer Work Study jobs before May 5.
- Check out job search tips and videos from Career Services.
- <u>Subscribe</u> to Career Services' newsletter and <u>follow</u> us for job opportunities.
- Get tips from a Career Counsellor: <u>drop in</u> or book an <u>appointment</u>.
- Log into MyCareer to explore resume and cover letter advising,
 workshops, employer/recruiter sessions, and the MyCareer Job Board!
- Check out <u>Alumni Roadmaps</u> to learn how Queen's alumni developed their careers, applied their university experience, and achieved success!

Moving?

• Watch <u>@queensuocla</u> for info on a Sustainable Move-out Drop-off/Pick-up Event, April 27–30, 11 am–5 pm in the Rideau Hall parking lot.

• The Off-Campus Living Advisor has tips on moving out and moving in!

Community

Supports for Students Observing Ramadan

- Find prayer spaces across campus.
 - o Questions? Contact Faith and Spiritual Life.
- <u>Halal offerings</u> are always available at campus retail food locations.
- Campus dining halls will serve <u>Ramadan menu features on Thursday</u>
 <u>evenings</u> (students not on meal plans are welcome to pay at the door).
- The Queen's University Muslim Student Association is hosting daily Iftar meals at the QUIC.
- On a meal plan? <u>Register</u> for <u>supports</u>, including "pick and pack" dining hall service for pre-dawn meals.
- If you have a food-related question or concern, connect with <u>Wellness and Sustainability Manager Theresa Couto</u>.

Contribute to a Culture of Wellbeing

<u>Stories of Hope</u> is a student-led initiative to reduce mental health stigma and promote community on campus. <u>Submit your story</u> showcasing hope, resilience, and strength in the face of adversity.

Help Create a Harassment and Discrimination-Free Campus

- Be part of the shift towards a safer, more inclusive campus community with the <u>Queen's Shift Project</u>.
- Get informed with student-focused education and training.
- Learn about the university's <u>Harassment and Discrimination</u>

 <u>Policy's complaint and reporting procedures.</u>
- If you need support, contact supportservices@queensu.ca.

Student Affairs staff are here to listen, refer, and empower you to problem solve.

Not sure who to contact?

Email <u>studentaffairs@queensu.ca</u>. We're here to help!

Check out our websites below!





Student Affairs

Athletics and Recreation (A&R)

Ban Righ Centre

Career Services and Experiential Learning

Community Housing

Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre

Food Services

Off-Campus Living Advisor

Office of Faith and Spiritual Life

Office of the University Registrar (OUR)

Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)

Residence Life and Services

Student Academic Success Services (SASS)

Student Community Relations

Student Conduct Office

Student Experience Office

Student Wellness Services (SWS)

Yellow House Student Centre for Equity and Inclusion

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