Fast Facts about FGSR

7600
GRAD STUDENTS

34% ARE
INTERNATIONAL

367
Master’s programs

172
Doctoral programs

300+
Research areas

250
Official specializations

Award almost $26 million in scholarship funding per year

CLOSE TO 400
TEACHING AND RESEARCH AGREEMENTS
IN 50+ COUNTRIES

HOLDS 3 PRESTIGIOUS
CANADA RESEARCH EXCELLENCE CHAIRS
the most at any university

FLEXIBLE, INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PROGRAMS
How we help students

FGSR

Program Services

Admissions Services

Award Services

Quality Assurance

Professional Development (PD)
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Associate Deans (4)
FGSR ... in short

We’re here to help make your graduate studies the best experience possible
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Your decanal team:

Dean

Dr. Heather Zwicker

Associate Deans:

Dr. Deborah Burshtyn, (Medicine and Dentistry)

Dr. Bryan Hogeveen, (Arts)

Dr. Suzanne Kresta, (Engineering)

Dr. Veronica Smith, (Education)
FGSR decanal team responsibilities

Informal
- The FGSR Associate Deans provide advice and support to associate chairs -grad
- We also meet with students who have been unable to resolve an issue within their departments. We can arrange for a meeting of involved parties and facilitate resolution.

Formal
- RTW – required to withdraw
- Code of student behaviour violations

Additional Responsibilities
- Each member of the decanal team holds a portfolio specific to their strengths
  - i.e. Awards, teaching, policy, supervision, etc.
When should you go to see an Associate Dean?

- Our role: support graduate students
- Often the earlier the better
  - Recognize a significant problem exists
- Beyond your capabilities
- Beyond your resources
- Associate chair, grad
- Chair
Where to find us

Killam Centre for Advanced Studies
2-29 Triffo Hall

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(closed for lunch, Noon to 1 PM)

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What is the Office of the Student Ombuds (OSO)?

- We offer **advice and support** on academic and disciplinary issues.
- We act as an **impartial third party** to any conflict or dispute involving students and the University.
- We are a **source of information** on University regulations and policies.
- Our service is **confidential and free**.
- We are **independent** from the faculties and from the student associations (GSA and SU).
- We are **accessible** to all students (undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral) and located in an accessible area.
- We are **advocates for fairness and equity**, working to strengthen the collegial relationship between students and the university.
When do graduate students visit the OSO? 214 Issues raised in 115 graduate student cases (Graduate Ombudsperson): May 1, 2015 - April 30, 2016

- Supervisory conflicts: 78
- Requirement to withdraw appeals, grade appeals, or program changes: 62
- Code of Student Behaviour (non-academic): 6
- Code of Student Behaviour (academic): 26
- Harassment allegations (faculty, staff, or student): 12
- Other (typically policy inquiries or referrals to other university offices): 30
What types of issues come up in graduate student – supervisor professional relationships?

- Scenarios for dialogue in groups of 2 – 4
- A detailed lesson in early 1990s fashion…