New Graduate Student Orientation

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Introduction to Graduate Studies at Carleton

Grad School 101

Academic Development

Professional Development

In Brief: Essential Links

Welcome to Graduate Studies at Carleton University!

Graduate school is an adventure, and whether you are entering a Master's, PhD, or Graduate Diploma program, you probably have a lot of questions about what lies ahead. We have created a guide that will answer some of those questions and help you start your journey. *Please note: all information in this guide is unofficial. Always confirm information from this guide with that available on the Carleton website (carleton.ca).*

Grad School 101 addresses some of the more immediate and practical questions you might have.

GradPD at Carleton

- GradPD mailing list
- Large calendar of PD workshops for all grad students and postdocs
- Non-credit certificates
- Communications competitions (3MT)
- Info on PD resources
- 1:1 PD consultations

carleton.ca/gradpd

Sign up for our Professional Development email list at https://carleton.ca/gradpd/list/

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Orientation Webinars

PhD Student Awards Workshop
Friday, September 11, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Graduate Scholarship and Bursary Opportunities
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Tips for PhD Research Success
Friday, September 18, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Professional Development Overview and Global Citizen Scholar Program
Thursday, September 24, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Master's Student Awards Workshop
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

https://gradstudents.carleton.ca/graduate-orientation-webinars/

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Meet the GSA

September 2026

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https://gsacarleton.ca

What Is The GSA?

By Students
For Students!

- The GSA is an independent student body representing all graduate students (full time and part time) at Carleton University.
- The GSA offers a wide range of services to support graduate students.
- The GSA advocates for graduate student interests within the university and at the local, provincial, and national levels.
- The GSA is a community built by and for grad students. It is your home away from home, where you connect with like minded peers.

Graduate Students' Association (GSA)
600 Nideyinàn, Carleton University
(613) 520-6616
gsa@gsacarleton.ca
https://gsacarleton.ca
IG @gsacarleton

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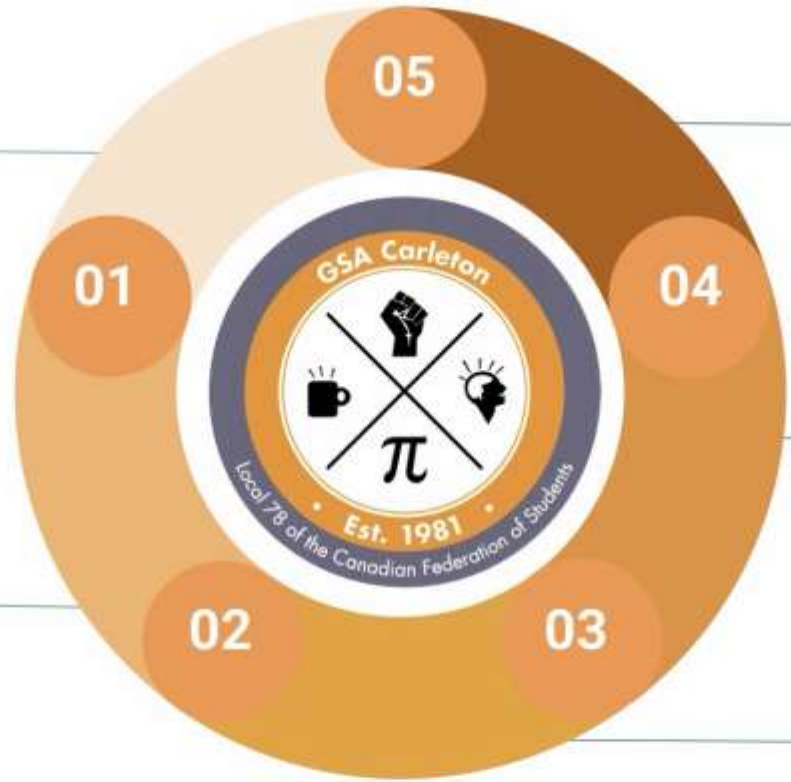
GSA Services

ADVOCACY & EVENTS

- Welcome week
- Community Garden
- Canadian Federation of Students
- Events and free merch

SERVICES

- FOOD HAMPER
- GSA lounge
- Board room booking
- Coffee and tea
- Free printing, scanning and binding



GRANTS & AWARDS

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Professional Development Support Program

HEALTH PLAN

- Dental
- Prescription
- Vision

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- Peer Support Program
- Sexual Assault Outreach Program

Grants and Awards

- Academic Scholarships
- Equity and Accessibility Awards
- Emergency and Health-Related Grants
- Research and Conference Support
- Recognition Awards
- Professional Development Support Program

By Students For Students!

More Opportunities

- Volunteering
- Student Job Opportunities
- Networking and Community!

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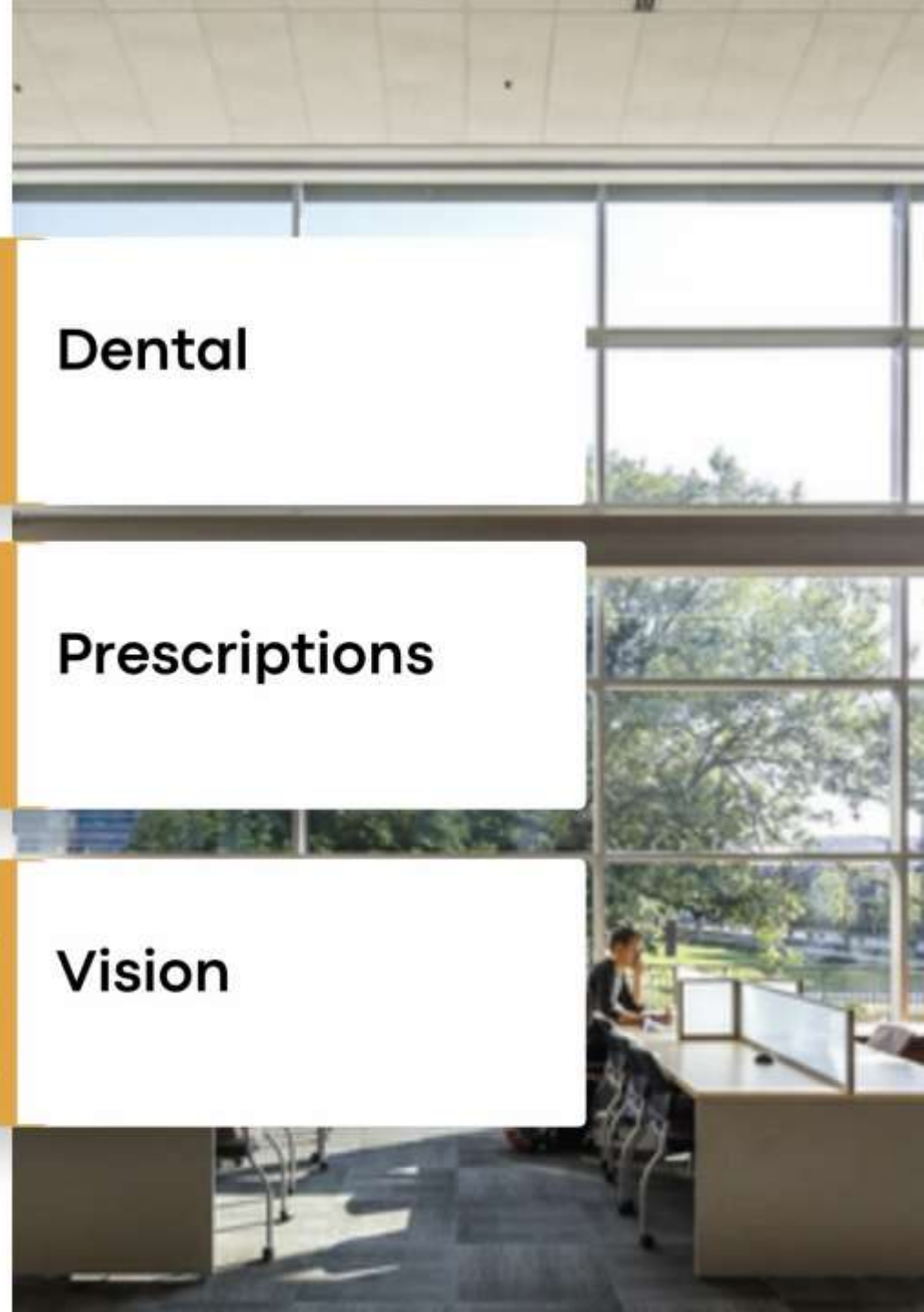
For Students!

Health Plan

GreenShield

- Access to Greenshield App
- Mental health coverage
- Travel Insurance (emergency medical coverage)
- Accident insurance
- Paramedical coverage

For more information, grab a brochure!



We've got you covered

GSAC Healthand Dental Plan

GreenShieldis your benefits provider.
Please register using the QR code and download the GS+ app or visit their website to **access your plan and file claims**.
https://app.greenshieldplus.ca/en/sign-up

GSAC Opt-In/Opt-Out Portal

Your center for opt-in and opt-out events, and your resource hub for all things student benefits & support.
carleton.studentplans.ca

GreenShield Member ID

CAR+Student Number-00 (E.g. CAR123456-00)

Student Benefits Portal User ID

CAR+Student Number (E.g. CAR123456)

NATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK

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GSA Welcome Weeks 2026

September 8-11, 2026

2/4 Welcome Weeks 2026

TUE
September 8

Graduate Orientation

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Outside of KM Theatre, Carleton

WED
September 9

Coffee and Connection with GSA Executive

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

GSA Lounge

THURS
September 10

GSA Services Tour

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

GSA Lounge

Walking Tour in Downtown Ottawa

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Meet at the GSA Lounge, then explore Downtown Ottawa

FRI
September 11

GSA Picnic

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Arboretum

Connect · Engage · Belong

Win free giveaway!

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Aidan Power

President, CUPE 4600

Welcome to CUPE 4600

Representing Contract Instructors, Teaching Assistants, Research Assistants, and Service Assistants at Carleton University

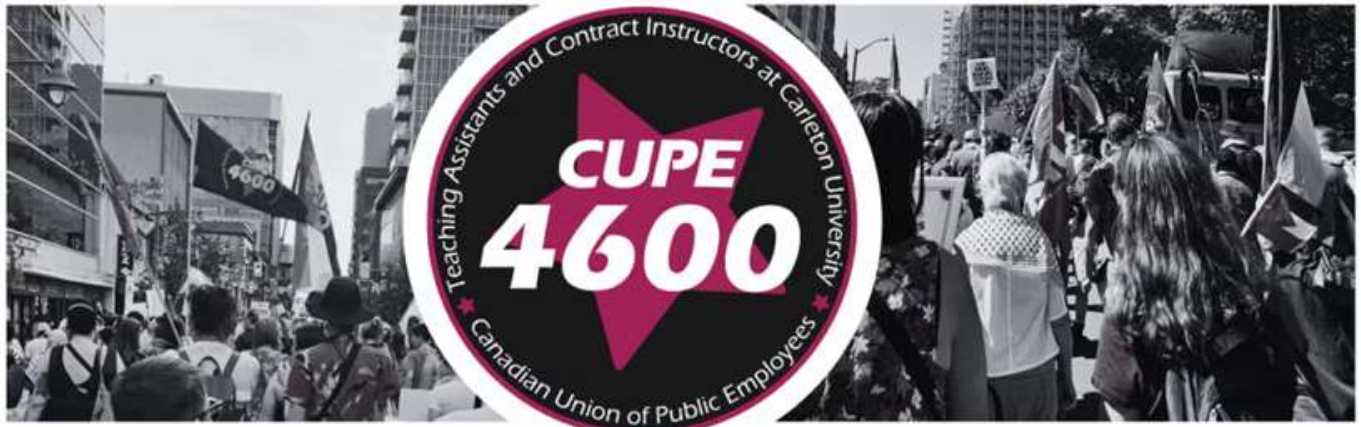
You are a member of the largest union on campus, and we are glad to have you with us!

As a CUPE member you get…

- Health benefits
- Protections at work
- Emergency funds
- Protection from tuition increases

In 2025-2026, we bargained and won:

- 7.5% wage increase
- Increased dental coverage
- Precedent setting Artificial Intelligence protections



TA UNION VOTE

'...We are workers and need to eat'

Massey Padgham

Carleton University's teaching assistants (*TAs*) vote in two weeks on certification of a union to bargain with the university on their behalf.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board, the body which settles certification disputes, told the university and union organizers the vote will be on Oct. 10, 11 and 12.

It will be conducted by board officers with union and university scrutineers.

The vote will decide if Carleton's 750 *TAs* will form a campus local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (*CUPE*), or remain unrepresented by a union.

Gerald Morton, coordinator of the TAs spearheading the unionization drive, said if the union is accepted, it will form a bargaining committee and sit down with the administration. He said he hopes the *TA* union would be able to reach a contract with the administration.

"We understand the need for restraint," he said. "However, we don't feel that simply because we're unorganized that we should bear the brunt of restraint. We want the university to recognize that we are workers and need to eat."

The number one issue for graduate *TAs* is that their pay is combined with graduate scholarships, said Morton.

"They're given a combined assistantship — scholarship for which they're asked to assume some assistantship responsibility," said graduate awards officer Eleanor Curry.

"They're not working. I was told to take that word out of my vocabulary. It's an enriched learning experience," she said.

"We've gotta split that up. It causes tremendous problems," said Morton. *TAs* don't know how much is pay and how much is scholarship.

Graduate *TAs* have to be full-time students for 12 months to get all their pay, he said. If they get a summer job they lose four months pay.

"Undergraduate *TA* pay is abominable," Morton said. "In journalism they get $1,200 a year. They've gotten that for about five years. Grads usually get double in journalism."

Morton also wants a formal grievance procedure for *TAs*.

David Van Dine, a personnel officer with the University Staff Relations Office, said *TAs* can make complaints informally, by going to the professor or department. Graduate *TAs* can also go to the graduate studies department.

Carleton's Assistant Ombudsman, Dorothy Kent, said informal procedures usually work best.

"On the other hand, when that doesn't work, it's nice to have a formal way to work it out," she said.

"Anytime you get a union in Ontario, you get a grievance procedure," said Morton. He said this would prevent bad feelings between *TAs* and the administration.

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Photo by **Bruce Paton** (left)

TAs vote yes

Massey Pagham & Paul Watson

After more than three years of trying to unionize,Carleton's 700 teaching assistants (*TAs*) have voted to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (*CUPE*).

"This puts us in an excellent position for bargaining with the university because 75 per cent of the voters want a union," said Gerald Morton, organizer of the campaign.

When the ballots cast by half of the eligible voters were counted Wednesday, 246 TAs voted in favor of unionization, 68 against.

Tony Giles, spokesman for the new *CUPE* local said he hopes bargaining for a new contract between TAs and the university will begin before Christmas.

"Our objective in the long run is to equalize the pay structure. We want to work it so most of the benefits go to the lower paid people," he said.

The advantages of TAs joining *CUPE*, Morton said, are that the union supplies money and advice to help the local unit organize, but the local remains autonomous.

At McGill University in Montreal, the Teaching Assistants Association ha been trying to negotiate a contract with the university which refuses to recognize the association as the TA's representative. If the impasse continues, McGill TAs plan to organize a union.

Gerald Morton

Last month, TAs at McMaster University voted to join the Graduate Assistants' Association which already represents TAs at the University of Toronto, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, York and Lakehead Universities.

A previous vote by Carleton's TAs in early 1978, defeated unionization by 23 votes. That drive was run by an offshoot of the Graduate Students' Association, the defunct Carleton Graduate Assistants Association.

Photo by **Barb Sibbald**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Benefits

Learn about your Benefits plan

Sept 15th & 18th, 10-12pm
Online workshop

Pancake breakfast

Join the CUPE 4600 exec

Sept. 22, 9-11 am

Room TBA

Walking tour

Radical History Walking Tour

Sept. 25th

12-3pm, meet at National Gallery

$750

Pay Advance

TA Pay Advance is due Sept 10th

Bi-weekly pay begins Sept 28th

GET INVOLVED

Mobilization

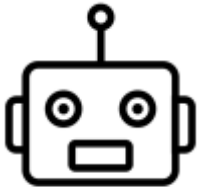
Meeting every second Monday, 12pm
Hybrid and room TBA

GMM

General Membership Meeting to hear from you! TBA

Solidarity

Come to External Affairs Committee to support allies of labour



AI Committee

Help build on our precedent setting AI protections!

Stay connected!

See our events at cupe4600.ca/calendar/

Follow us on Instagram **@cupe4600**

Problems? Questions? Email **info@cupe4600.ca**

Maddi Bruining

Academic Relations Coordinator, Office of the Deputy Provost (Academic Operations and Planning)

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David Jackson, Research Support Services

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Welcome to MacOdrum Library!

We're excited to meet you!

Fall 2026

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General Library Information

- MacOdrum Library | Carleton University: https://library.carleton.ca/
  - Borrow and Access Materials
    - Loan up to 500 items max for 120 days.
    - Interlibrary Loans
    - Account assistance, connection problems, etc.
    - Access to global collections including medical, science, engineering, arts and humanities
    - Digital articles within 24 hours
  - Research support
  - Scholarly Publishing and Copyright

The Building

Hours September 8 to November 29

- Monday to Thursday: 7:30am - 10pm
- Friday: 7:30am - 9pm
- Saturday and Sunday: 9am - 9pm

Hours November 30 to December 22 (extended exam hours)

- Monday to Sunday: 7:30am - 2am

Physical Space

- Silent study space
  - Floors 3 & 5
- Study rooms
  - bookable
- Graduate study rooms, 5th floor
  - first come, first serve

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Access to print and e-resources

- Accessing materials: Carleton + Omni Libraries, **Beyond** Carleton +Omni
  - Physical items
  - Chapters, articles
  - Interlibrary Loans
- Digitization Service for Carleton materials
- Hard to locate items?
  - Blank request form
- Harvard Business Review for Educators
- Questions? Contact LibraryServices@cunet.carleton.ca

General Research Support

- In-Person Research Help:
  - Mon-Wed: 10am-6pm
  - Thurs-Fri: 10am-4pm
- Chat or Text help:
  - Mon – Thurs: 10am – 10pm
  - Fri: 10am – 5pm
  - Sat & Sun: 12pm – 6pm
- 1-1 Research Consultations:
  - On Demand

- Library webpages:
  - Subject Guides
  - Course Guides
  - Citation Guides
  - Research Help
- Contact Us:
  - Subject Specialists: https://library.carleton.ca/services/research-help#specialists
  - General Email: askthelibrary@carleton.ca

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Scholarly Communication & Copyright Services

Copyright, Author Rights & Agreements

Supporting graduate students as users and creators of copyrighted materials

- Navigating permissions, licenses and use agreements
- Requesting permissions
- Fair Dealing consultation and analyses
- Theses / Dissertations - mandatory deposit support
- Maintaining and managing your rights
- Navigating publisher & author agreements

→ **Questions to:** copyright@cunet.carleton.ca

Open Access Publishing & Deposit

Publication support and consultations, including:

- Strategizing publication and research communication activities
- Seeking open access (OA) publishing venues
- Assisting in grant compliance on OA and open data
- Evaluating predatory publishers, journals and conferences
- Providing repository services – for academic research outputs and creative works by Carleton authors
- OA publishing discounts and support

→ **Questions to:** schol-coms@cunet.carleton.ca

Resources & Training

Workshops and training

- Copyright, fair dealing & attribution
- Researcher profiles
- Impact metrics & alternatives
- Building research narratives
- Publishing & research communication

Web guides

Research consultations

Research Profiles, Identifiers & Metrics

Increasing profile & availability of research by:

- Using scholarly ID schemes (e.g., DOI, ORCID) for better discovery, citation, metrics & integration
- Consulting on metrics, assessments and use contexts
- Telling your research impact story
- Providing open, persistent access to research works
- Exploring & adapting to changing research modes and outputs

Make your research journey easier - plan ahead!

Email: schol-coms@cunet.carleton.ca & copyright@cunet.carleton.ca
Web: https://library.carleton.ca/services/scholarly-communications
& https://library.carleton.ca/copyright-carleton

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Data Access and Help

- How to access all types of data
  - Microdata and aggregate data
  - GIS Data
  - Government information
- What type of help
  - Finding, accessing & using data dataservices@carleton.ca
  - Qualitative data qualitativedataservices@carleton.ca
  - GIS data: GIS@carleton.ca

Research Data Management

- Why?
  - Funding requirement
  - Defending your research
- Manage your data
  - Includes Data Management Plans
  - Help and consultations: LibraryRDM@cunet.Carleton.ca
  - Research Data Management Guide
- Data Deposit
  - Storing, retaining, sharing and archiving data.
  - Data Storage and Repository Finder

Thank you!

MacOdrum Library: https://library.carleton.ca/

We're more than books!

Lacey Thompson & Jennifer McPhee

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Fitness Centre

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Fitness Centre

Hours: Monday – Friday 6am-10:45pm, Saturday & Sunday 8am-8pm

Women Only Hours: 10am-11:30am

Lockers available

Gym Orientation: Book here https://athletics.carleton.ca/cu-facilities/fitness-centre/

Use student card for access

Personal Training available with student discounts

Group Fitness

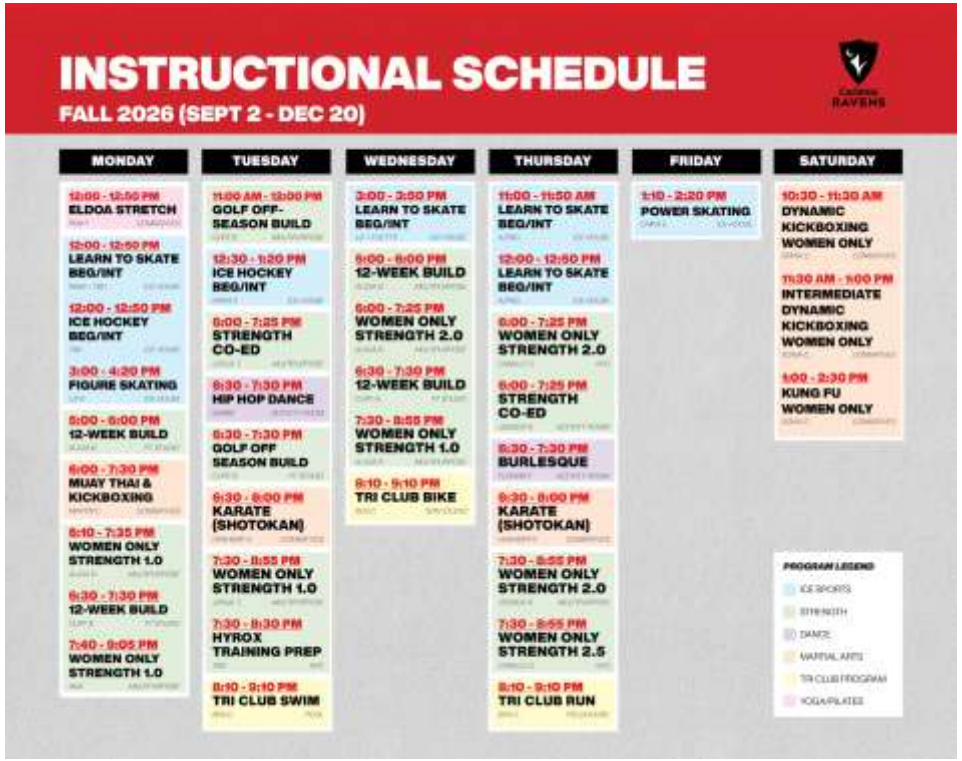
- **CUFIT ($100/term)** – Drop in group fitness

Includes: 30+ classes/week

Yoga, Strength, Kickboxing, Zumba, Spin & Circuit Classes

- **Instructional** – Specific fitness programs

Adult Skating, Hockey, Muay Thai, Strength Training, Burlesque & more



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CUFIT Open House September 14th – 19th

- Come try any of our CUFIT classes!

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Leagues & Intramurals

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Intramurals

For Carleton Students Only

Sports Offered

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Ultimate
- Flag Football
- Dodgeball
- Ice Hockey

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Adult Leagues

For Community Members and Carleton Students

Sports Offered

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Pickleball

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Intramurals and Adult Leagues Information

To see full schedule of available sports and to register, visit:

rec.carleton.ca

For any additional information or if you have any questions, please email:

leagues@carleton.ca

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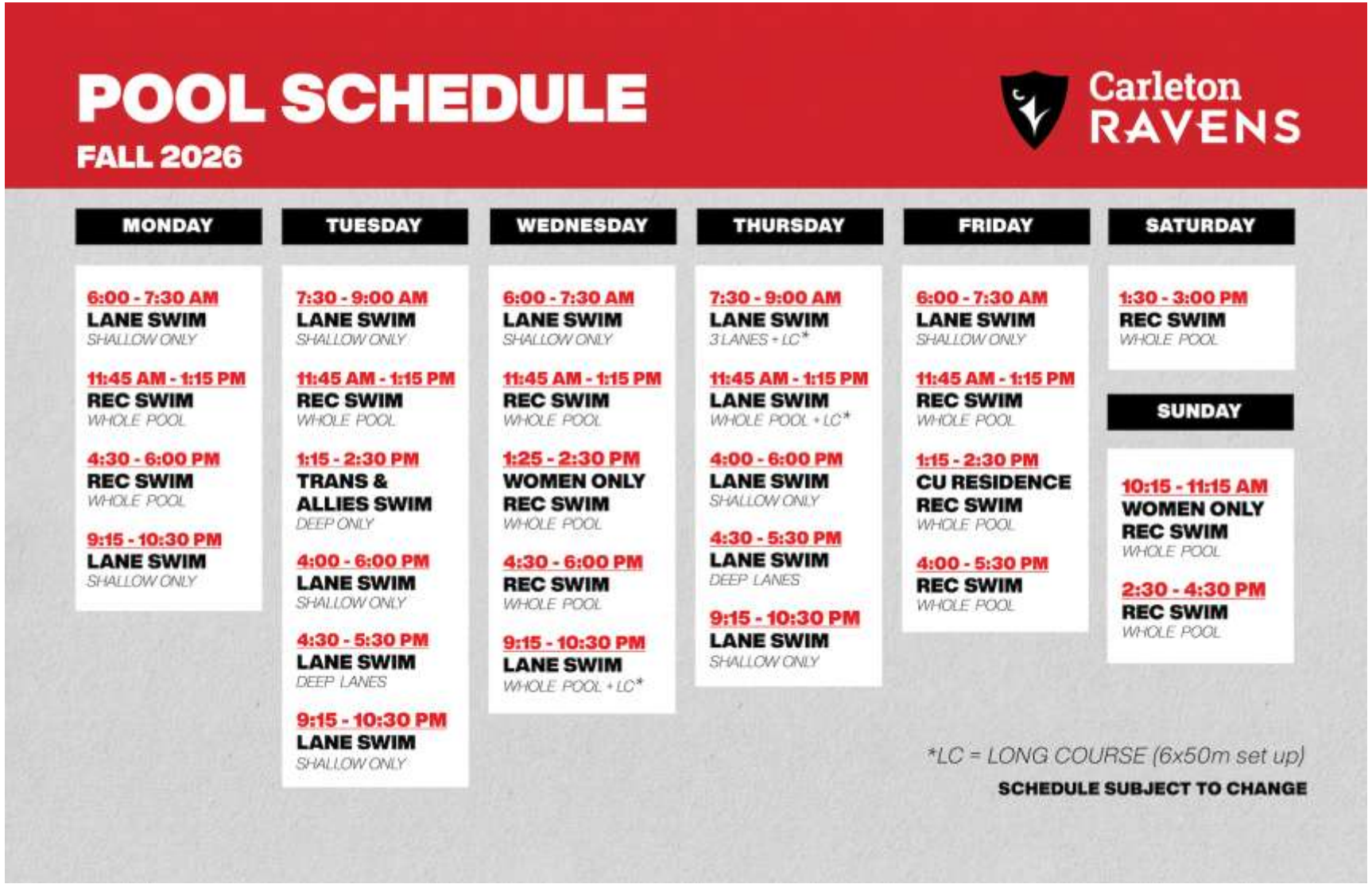

Download the Carleton University Ravens App, to view up-to date changes or cancellations.

Mobile App | Carleton Athletics

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Aquatic Programing

- High Performance & Intro to ParaSwim
- Lifesaving & Advanced Leadership Certification
- First Aid and Airway Management
- SUP Fitness
- Private Swim Coaching
- Masters Swim Program
- Children’s Swim Program
- AquaFitness
- Adult Learn to Swim
  - Group Lesson
  - Private/Semi-private
  - Womens Only

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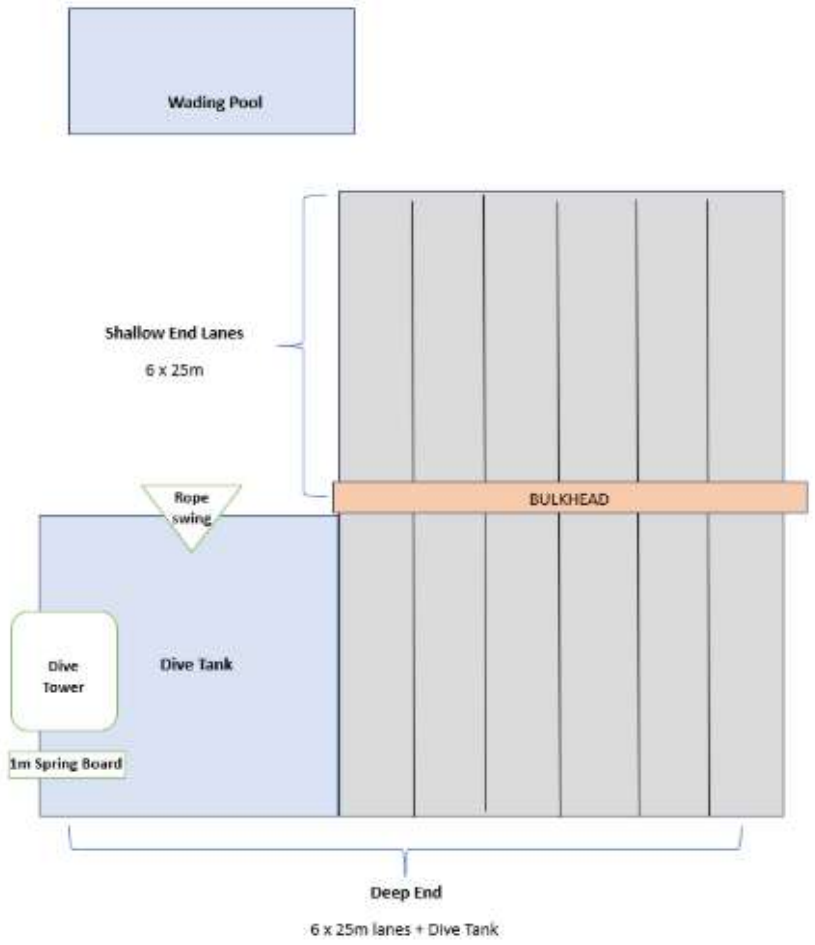
Pool Rental



Additional information:

https://athletics.carleton.ca/aquatics/

Aquatics@carleton.ca

25% discount for CU & academic groups

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Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities

Amanda Blais, M.Ed.

Senior Disabilities Learning Support Coordinator

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Welcome to the PMC!

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Registering with the Paul Menton Centre

- Obtain documentation of disability (complete forms on our website with a Regulated Health Professional or submit a psycho-educational assessment for a Learning Disability)
- Fill out the PMC appointment request form to schedule an intake appointment
- Complete pre-intake paperwork
- Meet with a Disabilities Coordinator to discuss accommodations and supports

Academic Accommodations

- **Academic accommodations** are supports and services provided to help students access the curriculum and validly demonstrate learning.
- They are intended to level the playing field without compromising academic standards or essential requirements in a course or program.
- NOT modifications to fundamental skills or knowledge (essential requirements)
- NOT intended to guarantee success for the student
- NOT intended to make it “easier” compared to classmates

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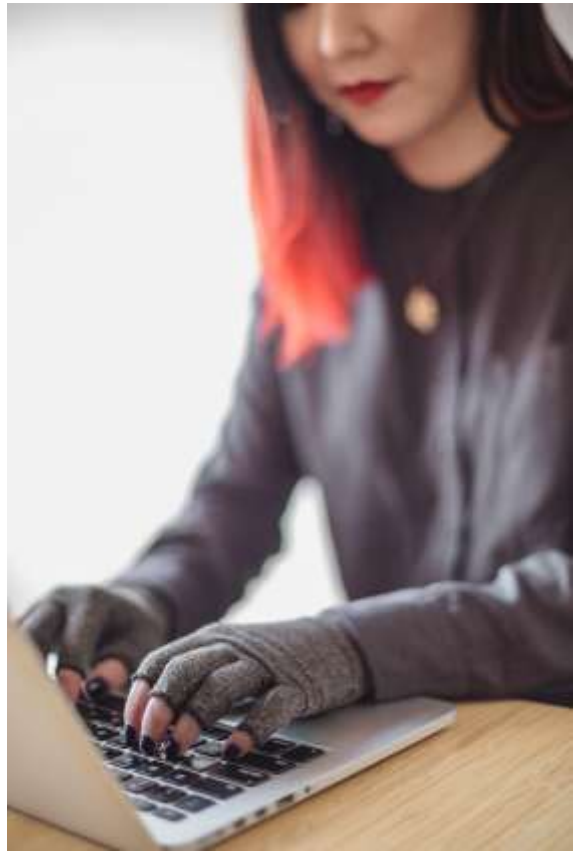
Services and Supports

- **Groups**
  - Grad Student Writing Group
  - ADHD
  - Learning Strategies Workshop Series
  - *Group Counselling and Workshops – Health and Counselling Services
- **Other services**
  - Learning Strategy Sessions
  - Assistive Technology Sessions
  - Wellness Counselling
  - Mentorship
  - Notetaking Services
  - Tutoring
  - Alternative format

For More Information…

- If you have any questions, please contact our Front Desk at pmc@carleton.ca or 613-520-6608



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PhD student, Department of Systems and Computer Engineering

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Three Minute Thesis (3MT)

Photo from Provincial 3MT contest in Kingston, ON, courtesy of Allen Tian, Queen's University

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If you ever have questions or concerns, talk to us!

We’re here to help.

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