

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences Graduate Students' Association

New students - Welcome to Grad Life

ALES GSA welcomes all new grad students to the University of Alberta. The Faculty of ALES is your home faculty. We are here to support you, promote and protect your interest. Learn more about the ALES GSA from [this page](#).



There is often excitement and expectations as you begin your journey as a grad student. There are many resources to get you settled in, and ALES GSA is here to assist you with any questions. Email: alesgsa@ualberta.ca

Onboarding





The Faculty of ALES comprises four departments, and it is essential to understand where you fit in to the big picture. New student orientations serve as a guide to understanding better the faculty and the department you belong to.







<https://www.ualberta.ca/media-library/current-students/orientation/2023facultyorientation-ales-1500x844px.jpg>

The ALES GSA is hosting an onboarding event to introduce and welcome you to the Faculty of ALES. We will deliver crucial information to make your first year at the institution go as smoothly as possible. Click [here](#) to register for the ALES GSA Graduate Student Onboarding (September 8, 2023)

New students Checklist

-  Your campus computing ID (CCID)
-  View your registration confirmation
-  Bear Tracks: Your online account
-  Your email at your @ualberta.ca

-  Learn about eClass
-  Use of laptop during class
-  Obtain a ONEcard
-  Career services resources

To learn more about what you need to know as a student at U of A, click on this [link](#)

Professional Development (PD)



PD is a new initiative that can assist you to discover and recognize your talents and learn professional skills. It is mandatory for all graduate students. Your PD requirements are in two parts; Individual Development Plan (IDP) and Eight hours of PD activities.

[Learn more about the PD requirements and deadlines for your program of study.](#)

Extracurricular Activities - Get involved

- Click [here](#) to follow the ALES GSA on instagram page
 - Click [here](#) to get involved in student clubs, groups and governance
 - Click [here](#) to participate in sports and athletics
 - Learn about campus and community recreation/gym facilities from [this page](#)
 - Click [here](#) to learn more about the campus food bank
 - Click [here](#) to get involved in volunteer opportunities and lots more
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Upcoming events

- HECOL Graduate Student Orientation @ HECOL building room 205 on August 30 - 9:30am to 11:30am
- REES Graduate Student Orientation @ GSB 550 on August 31 - 11am to 12pm
- AFNS Graduate Student Orientation @ Ag/For building room 1-13 on August 31 - 11am to 12pm
- ALES Graduate Student Onboarding @ SAB room 1-50 on September 8- 12pm to 1pm
- ALES grad, Faculty and staff EDI Potluck on September 22 - 5:30pm to 8:30 pm