



## NOTICE: SGPS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting the week of May 8, the SGPS Main Office will be closed on Fridays for the summer. Our hours from Monday to Thursday remain the same, 9 am to 5 pm. Regular hours will resume some time in late August. Please keep an eye on our newsletter, website and social media for any other updates.

### ATHLETICS COMMISSION OFFICE HOURS

Every Thursday from 11:30-1:30 the SGPS Athletics Commissioner will be hosting open office hours, starting **March 16th**. Drop in to the commissioners' office in the JDUC to chat about anything sports/fitness/activity related.

Hope to see you there!



### ONTARIO GRADUATE POLICY RESEARCH CHALLENGE

We are re-posting the 2016 competition for the Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge.

This is an exciting opportunity for graduate students to share their research and innovative ideas in the areas of postsecondary education, employment and labour market with policy leaders in Ontario. The Challenge will...

Make connections:

The Challenge seeks to create links between the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) and policy research at higher education institutions in Ontario by facilitating dialogue between students, policy leaders and research faculty.

Support Ontario graduate research:

This competition is open to graduate students and recent graduates from masters', doctoral and post-graduate certificate programs at Ontario publicly-assisted universities and colleges. Applicants are asked to formulate their research into a policy brief that demonstrates how their ideas can be applied to postsecondary education and labour market issues in Ontario.

Reward new ideas:

The top applicants will receive awards of \$2,000 or \$3,000 and present their ideas at MAESD.

Background Materials

Application Materials: The Call for the 2016 competition, the Application Form and the faculty letter of support can be found here:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/ogprc.html>

Timelines: The deadline for the completion is **April 21, 2017**. Applications and any questions or concerns should be sent to [GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca](mailto:GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca).

### SGPS ORIENTATION ROUND TABLE COMMITTEE

The Orientation Round Table Committee is looking for members. If you have a few hours a month to spare and would like to participate in the planning of SGPS Orientation Week 2017, please contact [vp.community@sgps.ca](mailto:vp.community@sgps.ca)

*A message from Career Services*

### GOT CAREER QUESTIONS?

Career Services is available to graduate students all summer. May-August hours are 8:30-noon and 1:00-4:30. Drop-in Career Advising hours are Tues, Wed, Thurs from 1:30-3:30 (no appt required). You can continue to book appointments through our website (<http://careers.queensu.ca>) and if you are off campus, telephone appointments are available. Graduating? Career Services is available to students for one year post graduation!



*A message from Career Services*

### GRADUATING SOON?

Career Services is open during exams! Did you know that Career Services is open all summer and can help you for up to one year past graduation?

If you are outside Kingston and want to make an appointment with a career counsellor, we can conduct the appointment by telephone, if desired.

For more information about telephone appointments please click [here](#).

*A message from TedxQueensU Advisory Board*

### TEDXQUEENSUSALON EVENT

Would you like to shape Kingston's Downtown night culture?

Join business owners and community members in a lively discussion on Revitalizing the Kingston Night Economy for Young Professionals. TEDxQueensUSalon: Night Culture Revival will welcome Amanda Maracle and Meghan McKay to discuss findings of a recent collaborative research study with the Kingston Economic Development Corporation that surveyed young professionals on ways to improve the downtown night economy. Their presentation will be followed by roundtable discussions and screened TED videos focused on developing tangible and practical solutions to revitalize the Kingston night culture. Light refreshments will be provided. Doors open for networking at 5:45pm followed by formal programming beginning at 6:00pm.

Tickets are free but limited. Reserve a seat via Eventbrite.

**Date:** Monday, April 24th, 2017

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:30pm (Doors open for refreshments at 5:45pm)

**Location:** Ellis Hall Rm 333 (58 University Ave.)

**Registration:**

<https://tedxqueensusalon-nightculturerevival.eventbrite.ca>

Follow the event on [Facebook](#)

### SGPS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on these social media platforms:

- <http://www.sgps.ca>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2310661892/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/qsgps/>
- <http://twitter.com/QueensSGPS>



### CORPORATE GOODLIFE MEMBERSHIP

As a part of our supporting active and healthy living among our membership, the SGPS has partnered up with GoodLife to provide our members with discounted rates to join the GoodLife gym. For more info, click [here](#).



# PSAC Local 901 News & Updates

Union of Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows & Postdoctoral Scholars  
at Queen's University

Learn more at [www.psa901.org](http://www.psa901.org).



May 1  
5pm

## International Worker's Day

# May Day BBQ

Free community BBQ in McBurney Park followed by a lively march downtown to City Hall. Everyone is welcome!



May 15th

## Childcare Bursary Winter 2017

Reminder to all PSAC Local 901 members with children: the deadline to get your application in for the Winter Semester bursary is May 15th!



Additional information and the application form can be found on our website ([psac901.org](http://psac901.org)) under the Resources tab.

## PSAC LOCAL 901 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Effective May 1st the office will be open Wednesdays from 9am - 2pm. Staff will be available at all other times through email: [info@psac901.org](mailto:info@psac901.org)

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Queen's University Let's Talk Science Presents:

# let's talk field biology

SATURDAY  
APRIL 22 | 2:00 PM  
to 8:30 PM



Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre

Join us for a *free*, fun filled **Earth Day** with activities for the whole family including owling, bonfires, and starry night walks, all while learning about field biology from Queen's Undergraduate and Graduate Biology students.

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