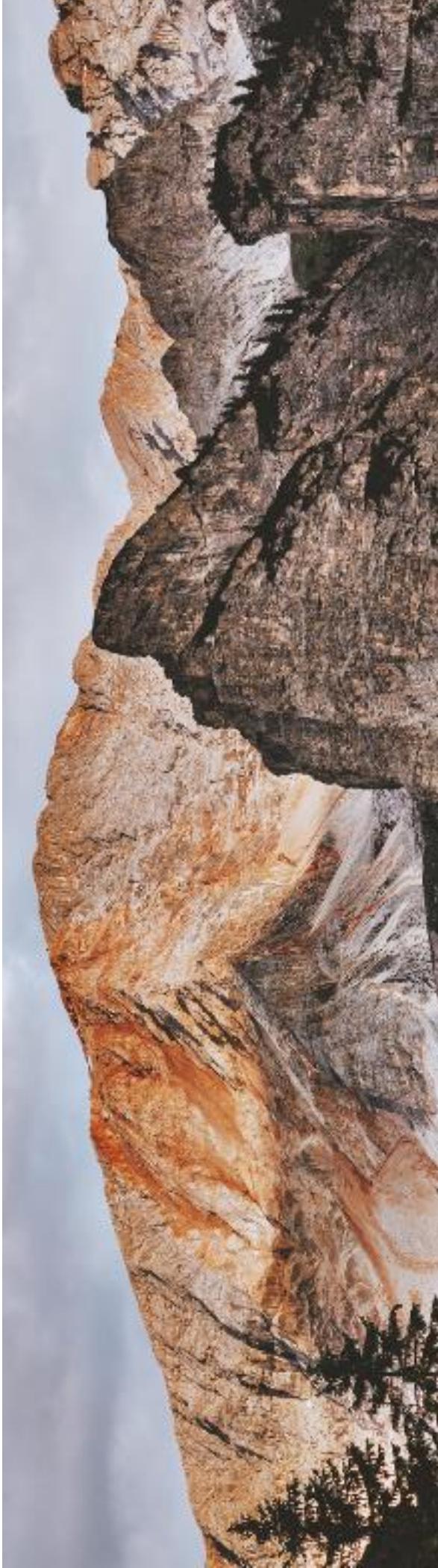




Queen's  
International  
Women  
Conference March  
15-16th, 2019





The Society of Graduate and Professional Student (SGPS)'s  
International and Equity Commissions present

**Queen's International Women's Conference:  
Celebrating Women's Leadership in  
International Graduate Research**

## BACKGROUND

The Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) is a member-driven student governance organization that represents the diverse needs and interests of the more than 4000 graduate and professional students at Queen's University. The SGPS offers a breadth of resources and services to meet the needs of its members. The SGPS advocates for an inclusive and equitable campus environment for all of our domestic as well as international student members on campus. Each year the Equity & Diversity Commissioner organizes an annual conference on an equity-related topic; however, this year the SGPS's Equity & Diversity Commission and the International Students Commission have decided to team up to develop a conference that celebrates the strengths of both commissions.

Following the publication of the Queen's University Comprehensive International Plan (2015-2019), a strong emphasis was placed campus-wide on supporting internationalization efforts and enhancing Queen's international prominence. Queen's University aspires to achieve research pre-eminence through international scholarship, contributing to the cultural and economic growth of Canada, and addressing many of the world's greatest challenges. To support the university's aims towards internationalization, the SGPS International and Equity Commissions present the **Queen's International Women's Conference: Celebrating Women's Leadership in International Graduate Research** on March 15-16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The **Queen's International Women's Conference** is a platform to celebrate the scholarship and leadership initiatives of graduate women researchers in international graduate research at Queen's University. This conference will include a panel on graduate student research at Queen's and will provide our students an opportunity to showcase their scholarly accomplishments. We will have a second panel that will bring together alumni from Queen's to talk to graduates about their career paths and their experiences post-graduation. As part of this conference, we will be running several professional development workshops and will be bringing in a keynote speaker to talk about the intersections of internationalization, research and the experience of women performing international research. Hosted just a week after International Women's Day (March 08), our conference on March 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 aims to promote empowerment and leadership on Queen's campus. Through this conference, we hope to create a dialogue for change, and contribute to fostering an inclusive and equitable Queen's campus for everyone.

## EVENT DETAILS

**Specific Goals:** Our goal with this conference is in line with the Queen's University Comprehensive International Plan (QUCIP) on Internationalization, as we wish to –

- (1) celebrate the diversity of our current graduate students as many are international students, and
- (2) highlight graduate women students' research that has international collaborations, international implications, or receives funding from international sources.



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**Date of Conference:** Friday March 15th and Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Location:** Robert Sutherland Hall, multiple room bookings including some active learning classrooms

**PARTNERS NEEDED**

This event, which is entirely organized by a committee of graduate students, is open to graduate and undergraduate students across Queen's University to attend (with panel presentations and professional development workshops reserved for graduate and professional students). A large portion of our budget is allocated to costs associated with securing the venue, workshop leaders, hosting the reception, bringing in keynote speakers, catering and promoting the event. With that in mind, we are currently looking for partners to help support us in the execution of this conference, whether it's in kind support through donations, through financial contributions or through attendance at the conference itself. Our partners will be listed on our website and in the program that we produce for the conference. We appreciate any support we're able to receive!

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Call for Photographs:** For Day 1, Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Evening Reception), we intend to put out a call for photographs that show diversity, inclusion, and internationalization on campus in mid-January. The reference document for theme will be QUCIP 2015-2019. We will ask to submit a high-resolution photograph/painting, with a description of maximum of 300 words explaining why they chose that photograph to submit. Winning photographs will be displayed at the evening reception in addition to being publicly published in some way to be decided upon.

**Call for Papers:** For Day 2, Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Conference), we would put out a call for panelists for our RESEARCH PANEL. Submissions for panel discussion will go in January mid. We will ask graduate students in all disciplines to submit an abstract, with a description of maximum of 300 words explaining how their research involves, supports, highlights or benefits the role of women leadership/scholarship internationally. Four panelists will be selected by the scientific committee to showcase diversity of perspectives.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity
March 15, 2019 <b>Evening Reception</b>	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Inaugural ceremony with Queen's dignitaries/project partners & social networking with snacks and beverages
	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Day 1 Keynote speaker speech – on “ <b>Internationalization and Women leadership</b> ”
	7:00 pm to 7:30 pm	Selected photographs will be introduced
March 16, 2019 <b>Conference Day</b>	8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration with snacks, tea and coffee
	9:00 am - 9:30 am	Introduction/Welcome by the SGPS and then 20 introduction speech about the intersection between women and internationalization
	9:35 am - 10:35 am	RESEARCH PANEL: A panel of graduate students will talk about their research and then will field questions. The theme for panel - <b>Research Scholarship to Real Social Change in the World.</b>
	10:35 am – 11:00 am	Break
	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	WORKSHOPS (two parallel sessions), tentative themes: 1. Women in business world workshop/ navigate being a professional (led by a Professor or consultant in the Faculty of Business) 2. Building your own start-up business/work
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Catered Lunch
	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Day 2 KEYNOTE speech on “ <b>Women Leadership and Scholarship in International Graduate Research</b> ”
	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	ALUMNI panel (Queen's women staff and alumni) highlighting their career paths and sharing their learning (panelists will be selected with the support of QUAA and SGS)
	3:30 pm -3:45 pm	Thanks & Conclusion of the event