



*All good wishes for the Year 2021! We hope that the well deserved break has been refreshing and rejuvenating for you, and that you are all set to make the best of the new term. Though the weather is cold and winds are chilly, we hope that the social and academic events that we have planned for you and our various interactions this month will warm you up. See you all soon!*

## Monthly Events

### ***'Proposal Writing for Scholarships & Funding' Workshop Series***

Critical reflections on last year's application process clarified for us the need among students for more help not just in putting together a high quality application, but also in planning ahead, and understanding all the critical steps involved towards a great application. Consequently, in consultation with Dr Amy Metcalfe, we have organized this workshop series to enrich students' understanding and skills in this important area.

**Workshop 1: 'Beyond the proposal - what are the important ingredients for a good application and when should we start working on them?'**

**Facilitator:** *Dr Amy Metcalfe*

**Date and time:** Monday January 18th, 12:00 - 1:00pm PT

**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

**Description:** Join Dr. Metcalfe for the first in a series of four workshops on the most important ingredients for a good funding application. While many of us focus our attention on writing a compelling proposal, there are many other factors in the process of compiling our application that can dramatically increase our chances of moving to the next stage in the proposal consideration process. Dr. Metcalfe will highlight those factors and suggest some great ways to start thinking of our funding applications as a long-term, dynamic process.

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## MA Meet-Up

**Date and time:** Thursday, January 21, 10:00-11:00am PT

**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

**Description:** The MA Meet-Up is an exciting and safe space to get to know one another, ask questions, and share experiences. Bring a warm drink and come join us!

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## EDST Student Town Hall Meeting

**Date and time:** Friday January 22, 7:00 - 8:00pm PT

**Location:** Virtual (Zoom)

**Description:** Calling all EDST students! This town hall meeting is organized by the EDST GAAs and the EDST Student Representatives. Communication and connection are a bit more difficult in a virtual department, so we're starting off the term with an open town hall meeting to share your experiences, concerns, and feedback. We're looking forward to introducing ourselves and making sure that you know who we are, how we're representing you, and where you can reach out to within the department for support.

See you there!

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## Virtual Co-working Sessions

Our regular online co-working sessions began during the pandemic as a way to meet with other EDST students, have some company while you work on academic or other tasks, and add a bit of accountability if you're struggling with focus while we're all more distanced. Sessions include a group check-in, focused working blocks, and short breaks. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during if this sounds helpful, or if you're just looking to connect with someone!

You can join the sessions on Zoom using the same **link** each time: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/608580548>.

The schedule of sessions may be subject to change, and we recommend checking the most up-to-date [schedule on Google docs](#) throughout the month. At this time, the following sessions are scheduled for January:

January 5	4pm-8pm	Yotam
January 12	4pm-8pm	Yotam
January 15	3pm-7pm	Vanessa
January 20	4pm-8pm	Yotam
January 22	3pm-7pm	Vanessa
January 27	4pm-8pm	Yotam
January 29	3pm-7pm	Vanessa

## Contact Us

If you have any issues you would like brought forward, feel free to speak to a student representative (see

<https://blogs.ubc.ca/edstgaa/student-representatives/>), or to contact the GAAs via:

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