



The biggest event that we have in store for you this year is *EDST Virtual Research Day* 2021, for which details are available below. Yes, it is going to be a virtual conference this year, but, together, we will find ways to make the most out of our intellectual and scholarly interactions during the day. We encourage you to start thinking and planning *now* about the research or other scholarly work that you would like to present and discuss with your peers. Research Day also provides a perfect venue to prepare for any major conferences that you are planning to attend this year.

At the same time, we are deeply saddened by the irreplaceable loss of *Dr. Michael Marker*. EDST and the wider academic community has, no doubt, lost a world-class Indigenous scholar. **We are dedicating this year's Research Day to the academic legacy of Dr. Marker.** There will be a special plenary session to discuss Dr. Marker's work and contribution. For those who have had the privilege to work with Dr. Marker or benefit from his ideas and insights, this will be a dedicated space for you to pay your tribute through reflecting on his work.

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 Prof. Amy Metcalfe, we have organized this workshop series to enrich students' understanding and skills in this important area.

The details of the second workshop of this series are offered below.

Workshop 2: 'Asking for letters: Between references and appraisals'

Facilitator: *Professor André Elias Mazawi*

Date and time: Wednesday February 10th, 12:30 - 1:30pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Description: In our second session for our series, join Prof. André Elias Mazawi to discuss one of the most sensitive, least discussed parts of a funding proposal - asking for references. In this session, we'll find out what is the difference between letters of appraisal and reference letters, learn great strategies on how to approach faculty members to ask for their support, and get a glimpse into how these letters are read and how they work alongside the other components of our research proposal. This workshop will include a presentation and a Q&A session, and participants are encouraged to prepare questions in advance.

Please **RSVP** here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8w6hZnOi6nPLq9o

MA Meet-Up

Date and time: Friday, February 19, 7:00-8:00pm PT

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

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

Please **RSVP** here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8w6hZnOi6nPLq9o

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 February:

February 3	4pm-8pm	Yotam
February 5	11am-2pm	Vanessa
February 10	4pm-8pm	Yotam
February 11	11am-3pm	Vanessa
February 17	4pm-8pm	Yotam
February 19	10am-2pm	Vanessa
February 24	4pm-8pm	Yotam
February 26	12pm-4pm	Vanessa

Annual Event

EDST Virtual Research Day 2021

Dedicated to the Academic Legacy of Dr Michael Marker

Theme: *Building resilient communities: reimagining the roles of education*

Date and time: Saturday April 17

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Submission deadline: February 28, 2021

Description: The program committee for EDST Virtual Research Day 2021 invites proposals for synchronous and asynchronous individual presentations, poster sessions, roundtable and panel sessions from students and faculty members. All students are welcome: Ph.D., Ed.D., M.A., and M.Ed. EDST!

EDST Research Day showcases the rich educational research, practice, and theory developed by the department's students and faculty. We welcome work in diverse subjects, and in all phases of development, including projects that come out of coursework, research conducted as Research Assistants or Principal Investigators, thesis sections, or papers in progress.

We invite proposals on the selected conference theme, which is reflective of the focus of some key conferences this year. Suggested topics can include (but are not limited to):

- Indigenous approaches to education
- Foundations of education
- Teacher education
- Leadership & Policy

Each session should include at least one EDST student, but we encourage collaborations with EDST faculty members and/or students from other departments.

If you want to present but are not sure how to prepare, we would love to sit with you for a session discussing your proposal ideas and helping you prepare. Feel very welcome to reach out.

We will be sending out a separate Call for Papers via email with specific details regarding submission requirements.

EDST Student Feedback Survey

We would like to hear from you! Your feedback is important for us to help us advocate for student needs this term.

Thank you to all those who have already taken the survey. Those who have not been able to do so, here's another opportunity.

The survey is short and anonymous. We hope you'll share any thoughts related to the department, your program, your student experience, or your life experience that might feel relevant. Comments will be viewed by the GAAs, and shared with EDST Student Representatives.

[Take the survey here!](#)

Of course, you're welcome to share thoughts and feedback with us directly any time using the contact details below.

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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