



We're well into the summer at this point, and many of you are probably looking forward to the coming Winter 1 term. There's a lot of change coming, as we gear up to a new hybrid form of online and in-person classes. We'll also be welcoming new students to the department, and many of us will be seeing each other in person for the first time in a while – or the first time! We'll even have change in the GAA team, as Vanessa and Neil end their terms. The GAA team is here to support all students through this change, and we encourage you to attend this month's events or reach out to us directly at any time.

Announcements

EDST GAA Team Changes

Two current members of the GAA team will be ending their terms on August 31st, 2021. We want to thank them for their work – mainly during the COVID-19 pandemic – in supporting and advocating students. Farewell to Neil Bassan and Vanessa Lawrence.

On September 1st new members will join the EDST GAA team, and will work with Yotam Ronen in the coming term. Your GAA team for Winter 1 2021 will be:

- Yotam Ronen, Peer Advisor
- Julia Burnham, Peer Advisor
- Roshni Kumari, Academic Research & Publication Assistant
- Catalina Bobadilla, Academic Research & Publication Assistant

Some of the incoming GAAs may join in for the "Meet Your GAAs" events, listed below!

Monthly Events

Meet Your GAAs



Date and Time: Wednesday Aug 25th at 9:00am PDT
Thursday Aug 26th at 6:00pm PDT

Location: Online (Zoom) - RSVP to receive the link

Description: Join us for this orientation event to meet your [GAA Academic Peer Advisors and Academic Research & Publication Assistants](#), and ask any questions you might have about UBC, EDST, student life, etc. This event is open to current and incoming students. The two events will be identical, so choose whichever time works best for you.

RSVP: [RSVP Here](#)

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Physically Distanced EDST Picnic



Date and Time: Saturday August 28th, 1:00pm – 3:00pm PDT

Location: To be announced – vote on the RSVP

Description: In our first face to face event in over a year, the GAAs invite you to a physically distanced bring-your-own picnic in Vancouver. This is an opportunity to see and catch up with EDST colleagues before the busyness of the term, and maybe see some new faces. At this time, we are considering two possible locations – near the Reconciliation Pole on UBC campus or Douglas Park. Vote for your preference when you complete the RSVP form. We'll look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP: [RSVP Here](#)

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Virtual Co-Working Sessions



Online co-working sessions include a group check-in, focused working blocks, and short breaks. Sessions offer some company and accountability to help you be productive. There's no need to RSVP for these sessions. We encourage you to join in for the whole session or drop-in anytime during!

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 August:

- August 4, 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- August 9, 4pm-8pm, Vanessa
- August 11, 4pm-8pm, Yotam
- August 16, 4pm-8pm, Vanessa
- August 18, 4pm-8pm, Yotam

August 23, 4pm-8pm, Vanessa
August 25, 4pm-8pm, Yotam
August 30, 4pm-8pm, Vanessa

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