



From the start of this November — with its bright days and rainy nights— it is just phenomenal! But prepare for heavier rains and check out our tips to survive *Raincover* in this newsletter. If you need a covered quiet place to get through this commonly intense time of the academic term, don't miss out on the Research and Learning Commons at Ponderosa Commons. It's located in the lower level of the building and is accessible to all EDST graduate students with your UBC card. And if you are at home or on-campus and need some support, companionship, and accountability, the GAAs have got your back! Join us for a co-working session.



Attention that Daylight Saving Time is coming to an end: set your clocks back by one hour at 2 am Sunday, November 7! Your digital devices will adopt the change effortlessly as smartphones and computers should automatically adjust. Daylight Saving Time has been observed in Canada for over a century, but support for its abolition has been growing in recent years. You might not need to do this again in the near future. Which side are you on?

- Announcements -

EDST locker availability

The Ponderosa Research and Learning Commons has a limited number of lockers available for EDST graduate students. Currently, **one locker has become available.**

The lockers require students to provide a \$20 **cash** deposit when they come to pick up their key. This allows the department to have a security deposit in case students don't return their keys. If students do return the key, they receive the \$20 deposit back.

If you are interested in the available locker space, please email edst.gaa@ubc.ca. Remember, it's first-come, first-served. We will notify students when the locker has been assigned.

- Events -

EDST Student Town Hall & Pizza Lunch



Date:

Tuesday, November 15

Time:

Pizza lunch: 1:00 – 1:30 pm

Town hall: 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Location: Multipurpose room 2012 in Ponderosa Commons and on Zoom

Description:

Save the date for an upcoming **town hall meeting** for all EDST students. We will have a **pizza lunch** beforehand, which will give us an opportunity to see each other, catch up, meet new people, and enjoy cozy food. Then at 1:30 we will have a **hybrid meeting** to discuss any topics students want to touch upon. In the past, town halls have been great spaces to talk about students' concerns

and questions about all things related to your studies and the university. It's an important moment to share and unpack the topics that matter to all of us, so we may take them to the different department committees and find solutions when possible. Our community is most likely to thrive when we allow ourselves spaces to engage in conversation and support each other through our different experiences.

Join us!

Sign up: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0plqGM2cx9AgZ5l

Research Proposal Info Session



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Wednesday, November 23, 12pm - 1pm
Hybrid event: Multipurpose Room (PCN 2012)/Zoom (sign up below for link)

 This workshop will focus on the construction of educational research. It is designed for doctoral and master students at EDST who are working on or planning to work on a research proposal.

By Dr. Hongxia Shan
Graduate Advisor
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Sign up here

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Date & Time: Wednesday, November 23, 12:00 pm- 1:00 pm PST

Where: Multipurpose Room (PCN 2012)/
Online (Sign up for zoom link)

Session facilitator: Dr. Hongxia Shan

Description:

This workshop will focus on the construction of educational research. It is designed for doctoral and master students at EDST who are working on or planning to work on a research proposal.

Note: This workshop is part of a series of GAA events initiated in close coordination with Prof. Any Metcalfe. The first event of this

series was 'comps and candidacy talks', offered last month.

Sign up here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ONknS0S1M9Wmmy

In-person and online co-working sessions



Dates:

In-person

Friday Nov 18 | 2:30 to 6:00 PM

Tuesday Nov 22 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Monday Nov 28 | 2:00 to 6:00 PM

Location: Multipurpose room 2012 in Ponderosa Commons - Oak House

Online

Thursday Nov 10 | 1:00 to 4:30 PM

On Zoom (link will be shared with registered participants prior to the session)

Description: Join fellow EDST students for in-person or online co-working sessions. We will work side-by-side, take coffee breaks, and support each other through our different goals. We will gather in the multipurpose room 2012 or on Zoom. Feel free to come and go at your convenience.

Link to registration: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_29NFJNJ5T9Lfshg

- Information -

Opportunities for Student (L)earning – More Details

An important aim of the EDST Innovation budget framework for 2022-2023 is to enhance the quality of EDST student experiences. Some of the opportunities in this regard are listed below for your information and action if you find some of these relevant for you/ your work with a faculty member.

1. The Innovation budget supports instructors in their design of innovative courses and pedagogical approaches, by **increasing student participation in instructional design** and in research projects through paid work:
 - a) Alternative course and program delivery- for the development of online synchronous versions of courses, if in excess of the support offered by ETS. This budget line could be drawn on to, among other priorities, also enhance student work and engagement with course design and development.
 - b) EDAL on-campus research component (EDST 501/553A): Payment for assistance to students to develop BREB applications and other aspects of this research requirement.
 - c) EDST Research Infrastructure Fund (Faculty Seed Grants): Available to faculty members to hire a GRA to support research work up to 50 hours. See policy: <https://edst-educ.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2019/09/Research-Infrastructure-Fund-Faculty-Seed-Grant-Revised-2019-09-19.pdf>
2. It also opens up new opportunities that **enhance student experiences in academic publishing**: Funds provided to support journals based in our department either by being part of the advisory board or for sponsoring students for internships to work for the journal.
3. **It continues to support students' travel and presentation of their work in academic conferences and venues**: Provides travel support up to \$2,000 per student per the duration of their degree program. Students must first present proof that they have applied for the G+PS Graduate Student Travel Fund and the Faculty of Education, Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, if eligible.(See policy: <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/resources/policies/edst-graduate-student-travel-and-research-presentation-funding-policy/>)
4. The Innovation Budget introduced **two new excellence and community engagement awards for graduate students**:
 - a) MA Academic Excellence Award: The MA Admissions Committee will award the MA Academic Excellence Awards to up to two incoming MA students who have confirmed their acceptance of the admission offer. The amount of each MA Academic Excellence Award is \$2,500. In case of an incoming student's deferral, the Award will not be granted.
 - b) Community Engagement & Leadership Award: Award up to two Leadership awards per year, open to ongoing students in all EDST programs, to be adjudicated by the Scholarships & Awards Committee
5. The student emergency funding offered by EDST complements UBC support packages instituted by Enrolment Services: One-time emergency funding of up to \$750 per student per degree program. Given as a tuition award. See policy: <https://edst.educ.ubc.ca/current-students/funding/>

Source: Excerpts from EDST Innovation Budget Notes (Draft 2022-03-03) on 'enhancing the quality of teaching-learning research', with some edits.

- Reminders -

Survival Guide in Raincover*

If you are going to be spending your fall/winter splashing around in the rain, here are some tips to help keep you as safe and happy as possible!

1. **Invest in some waterproof rain gear.** The Norwegians have a saying, “there is no bad weather, only bad clothing”. If you can afford it, waterproof rain gear in a city with wet weather is a great investment. However, it can be quite expensive. We suggest visiting your nearest thrift shop for some affordable options and check out [Sports Junkies](#) for some amazing deals on new and used clothes. Keep an eye out for anything that says Gortex on it. These items are often built to last. In the meantime, an extra pair of dry socks can go a long way. Pair this with under layers of wool and fleece to keep you warm but stay away from cotton which traps moisture against your skin.
2. **Stay visible.** It can be really hard for drivers to see in the rain, especially when it gets dark. To stay safe, make sure you’re wearing bright colours with reflectors and lights in case it gets dark while you’re out.
3. **Stay active.** Rainy winters can also be really cold. Make sure you stay warm by coming up with activities that will keep you moving (see examples below).
4. **Seek covered spaces.** While we encourage everyone to embrace the rain, it’s always nice to be able to take a little break while you grab a snack or adjust your rain gear. Here is a [running list](#) of undercover spaces in Vancouver. Consider making a list for your own neighbourhood!
5. **Reward yourself with some coziness.** Come up with something to look forward to when you get home. Maybe a hot bath, some hot chocolate, or plans to read by the window with a fuzzy blanket.

**Adapted from the blog article [Rain on me: A Vancouverite’s Survival Guide for Rain Days](#)*

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