



Hi all!

It's September and the start of the new academic year! As GAAs we wanted to extend a warm welcome to all the students joining EDST this year! We are super excited to get to know you all and hope that you all settle into life at UBC and in Vancouver quickly and smoothly!

Announcements

Student Rep Recruitment

Want to get more involved with the EDST department? Want to make sure student voices are heard? If so, you should consider becoming a student representative! Currently, there are a number of vacancies on departmental committees for students reps. If you would like to join/find out more about the committees, send the GAA team an email to let us know!

Reminder: One to One GAA-Student Appointments Available!

We wanted to remind all students in EDST that they are welcome to book a one to one appointment with any member of the GAA team during office hours (9-5 during term time). We are a friendly bunch who are more than happy to try and offer advice and/or practical help on academic and/or personal matters that you might be struggling with. School can be tough, but we're here to offer a hand! If you want to chat to us, just send us an email to schedule a time!

New EDST Blog Post!



The EDST blog has a [new post](#)! In this blog post, editor Jessica Lussier welcomes back students and faculty to another year in EDST. The post highlights some [recent posts](#) from the EDST community and invites [submissions](#) to the blog. Check it out today!

<https://blogs.ubc.ca/edst/2023/08/25/edst-welcome-to-the-2023-24-year/>

Events

EDST Orientation and Ice Cream Social

Just a reminder that if you are a new student at EDST, the department orientation is taking place on **September 8th**! The GAAs will be around on the day too so feel free to approach us with any questions or concerns you might have, or just to chat!

EDST Campus Tour

Are you new to campus? Want to find out some of the highlights? Join an EDST campus tour on **September 11th** from **1-2pm**. Meet Jafar and Silas, two EDST GAAs in the **Ponderosa Commons lobby** across from the Harvest store. We will walk to a few favourite places, rain or shine!

RSVP here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fSkOnbiE2xL9jM



GAA Co-Working Sessions

The GAA co-working sessions are a fantastic opportunity for students in EDST to get their work done and support each other! Co-working sessions are offered by the GAA team four times a month and provide a space for students to accomplish their goals in a collaborative, community-centred environment. Each month, we will offer three in-person sessions and one online session for students to attend. For September, we will be offering three co-working sessions as follows:

Monday, September 18th 1-4pm PCOH 2012

Monday, September 25th 1-4pm PCOH 2012

Friday, September 29th 1-4pm PCOH 2012

Snacks and drinks will be provided at each session, just bring yourselves and some work you want to get done! RSVP here: https://ubc.ca/qualtrics.com/SV_dbySD84slaBUINE

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