



Zoology Graduate Student Association Fall Handout 2023



Welcome new graduate students and returning graduate students to the Zoology program at University of British Columbia! We are so excited to have you join us in this great department full of wonderful staff and students. We know this year could be full of obstacles unlike anyone (graduate student or not) has experienced before, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us for help.

The Zoology Graduate Student Association (ZGSA) has created this document to provide current graduate students updated information on this year's ZGSA members and upcoming events.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming school year! Big celebrations for the 100th year anniversary of the zoology department are in store!

Sincerely,

Your ZGSA

Aaron, César Claudie, Maggie and Michelle

What we do:

The role of the ZGSA is to support and represent graduate students within the Department of Zoology. The ZGSA provides an opportunity to be the communication link between graduate students and faculty members by attending faculty meetings, organizing town hall events and communicating with the department head. Additionally we organize a number of fun social events throughout the calendar year that directly benefit graduate students and build upon our strong graduate student community!

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Major events: Fall\Winter term calendar 2023-2024

New Grad Orientation (September 5th, 2023)

Are you curious about what we do in the Zoology Department? Professors, fellow Zoology Grads, and Staff members will catch you up.

Pumpkin 🍂 Carving Contest (October 27th, 2023)

Let your imagination fly and team up with your labmates for a fabulous price.

HUTS 🎄 Historical Ultimate Theatrical Spectacula (December 1st, 2023)

Night of farcical comedy to embarrass our faculty at the end of the year.

100th Year Spring Symposium 🌸 (Exact dates TBD in April/May, 2024)

End of the (school) year symposium to highlight research in the department.

Zoology 100th Anniversary Apparel (t-shirts) Fundraiser: Winter 2024!

A once in a 100 year opportunity to highlight the Dept of Zoology and buy some awesome clothing!

Zoology 3-Minute-Thesis Competition: Spring 2024!

Opportunity to compete at the UBC wide competition and beyond!

Plus MORE events hosted by the ZGSA and collaborations with the Department of Zoology, BGSA and Wellness Initiative! Zoology Graduate Students Association Members 2023/2024:

ZGSA President 2023-2024:

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