

Welcome to the Department of Biological Sciences

Essentials Only Orientation

BGSA Fall 2020

Student Groups

BGSA - Biology Graduate Students' Association

President, Gulnara Tagirdzhanova

bgsa@ualberta.ca

GSA - Graduate Students' Association

ISA - International Students' Association

UABSA - Black Students' Association

Faculty Org Chart

Faculty of Science (FoS)

Dean

Matina Kalcounis-Rueppell

Departments

Chemistry

Other Sciences

Biology

Chair, Biological Sciences

Dave Coltman

Associate Chair, **Research**

Lisa Stein

Associate Chair, **Graduate**

James Stafford

Grad Program Oversight

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR)

**Thesis
Requirements**

TA Requirement

**Dept of Biology
Liaison to FGSR**

Committee

Supervisor

Assoc Chairs

James Stafford
Lisa Stein

Admin

Mark Wolansky
Shelley Scott

**Individual
Development
Plan (IDP)**

8 hrs Professional Development

Biology Support Staff

Mark Wolansky, Graduate Program Coordinator
Class enrolment, keys, office space, PD approval,
candidacy, leave of absence, TA assignments

biograd@ualberta.ca

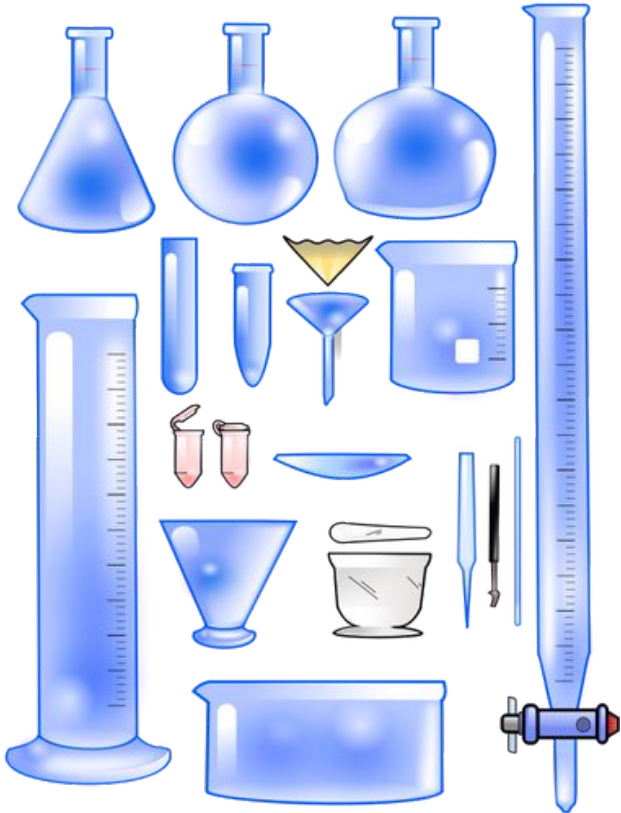
Shelley Scott, Payroll Coordinator
Finance, scholarships, awards, employment

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Tom Hantos, Safety Officer
(780) 492-2399, tom.hantos@ualberta.ca



Biology Dept Resources



Biology Subject Librarian
Lauren Stieglitz, stieglitz@ualberta.ca

[Stores - Storeroom](#)

[MF - Microscopy Facility](#)

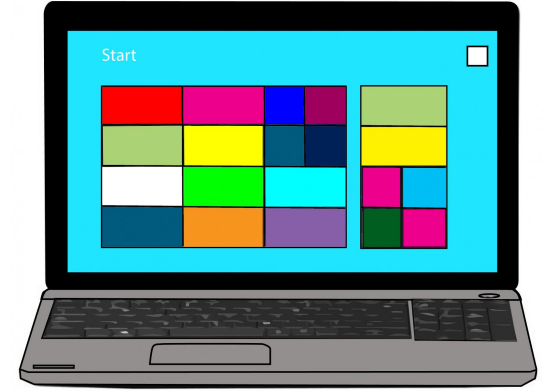
[Fab-Lab - Fabrication Lab](#)

[MBSU - Molecular Biology Facility](#)

[BASL - Biogeochemical Analytical Service Lab](#)

[IST - Information Services & Technology](#)

U of A Portals

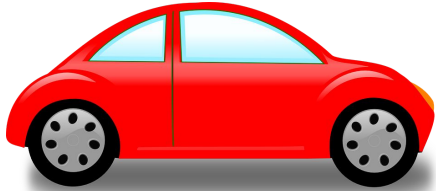


BearTracks - Admin & Enrolment

eClass - Taking & Teaching Classes

BearsDen - Student Groups & Events

CampusBridge - Alumni & Careers



Bureaucracy

ONEcard - Student ID

SIN - Social Insurance Number
Service Canada Office

Drivers License - Provincial ID
Registry Agent



Health & Insurance

[GSA Health & Dental Insurance](#)

[StudentCare - Supplemental](#)

prescriptions, dentist, eye-care, vaccinations, physiotherapist, chiropractor, ambulance, etc.

[AHCIP - Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan](#)

doctor visits, lab costs, hospital costs, etc.

[University Health Centre](#) on-campus doctors

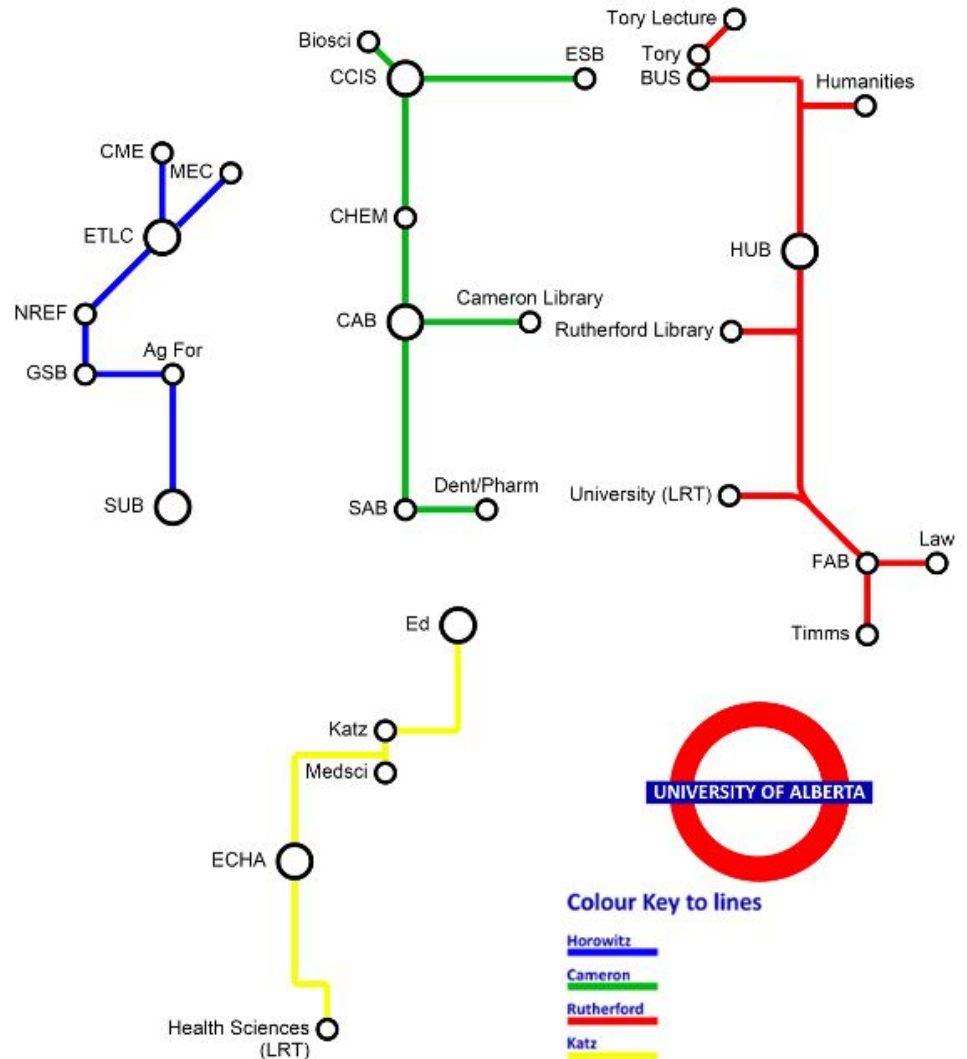
[HealthLink 811](#) health advice by phone



Getting Around Campus

Pedways

covered walkways!



Housing

Be Careful of Housing Fraud

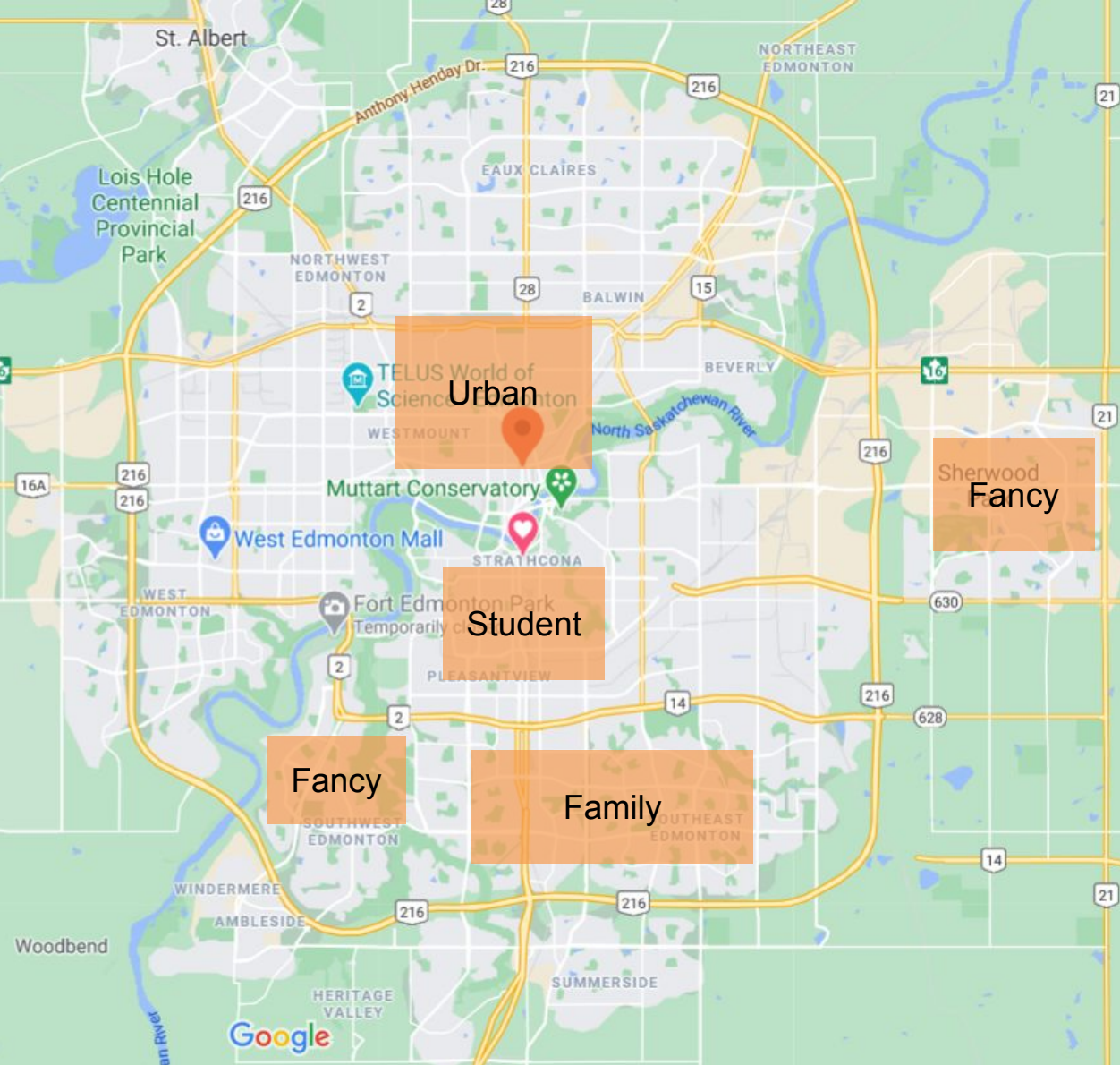
[SLS - Student Legal Services](#)

- Review your lease
- Beware of application fees
- Check for an early release clause

Renter's Insurance

[TD Home & Auto](#) - GSA benefit





City Housing Trends

Shopping

Mail & Packages

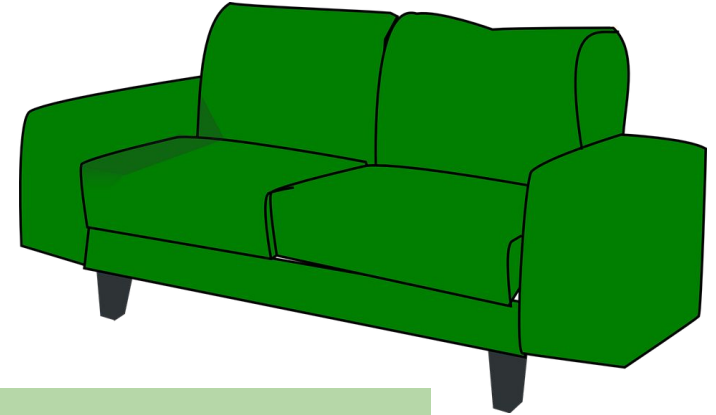
[Canada Post](#) & [Purolator](#)



Groceries

Campus Food Bank

- [WECAN savings club](#)
- [Free food hamper program](#)
- [Recommended stores](#)
- [Grocery MAP](#)



Home Goods

- [Winners](#) (new)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#) (used)
- [Value Village](#) (used)
- [IKEA](#) (new)

Surviving



Entertainment

[Whyte Ave](#)

Exercise & Wellness

- [Picnic](#)
- [River Valley Trails](#)

Conflict Resolution

[Student Ombudsperson](#)

Biograd Community Resources

Slack Workspace

BioSci Graduate Students

bioscigraduat-dgq1275.slack.com

BGSA Website

<http://grad.biology.ualberta.ca/bgsa/>

Email

bgsa@ualberta.ca



Collective Agreement Covering AEGS

(Academically-Employed Graduate Students)

- ❖ Covers Teaching and Research Assistantships (RAs funded from departmental operating funds and RAs funded from supervisors' research grants)
- ❖ Minimum stipend rates
- ❖ Graduate student leave (e.g. parental leave) and other benefits
- ❖ Assistantship Time Use Guideline Template
- ❖ Health and safety
- ❖ Dispute resolution

[GSA - Graduate Students' Association](#)

Workshop Portion - Pop Quiz

Who do you ask for help with...

...class enrolment?	Mark Wolansky
...paycheck?	Shelley Scott
...safety concerns?	Tom Hantos
...research problems?	Supervisor & Lisa Stein
...IDP help?	Supervisor & FGSR
...thesis requirements?	Supervisor & FGSR
...supervisor troubles?	Committee & James Stafford
...conflict resolution?	Ombudsperson & GSA