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## 2024 Graduate Student Research Conference



Greetings,

The Faculty of Graduate Studies at Athabasca University (AU) and the Athabasca University Graduate Students Association (AUGSA) are proud and excited to invite you to sponsor this year's [Graduate Student Research Conference \(GSRC\)](#), which will be held virtually and in person in Edmonton, Alta., on Oct. 25 to 27, 2024.

The GSRC is a multi-disciplinary academic research forum that brings together graduate students and alumni, staff, and faculty from all disciplines at AU. In addition to facilitating research links between graduate students and alumni, the GSRC offers the opportunity to showcase student research, and to develop and gain research presentation experience in a supportive peer environment. It is the ideal setting for thesis students to test themselves and prepare for their public thesis defense and high-profile national and international research conferences.

This year's conference theme, "Research with Impact", calls for research that not only advances knowledge in academia, but also transforms the world into a better place to live. It challenges graduate students to conduct groundbreaking research and communicate their solutions through various channels and modalities, while engaging and mobilizing all relevant stakeholders to contribute towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Conference speakers and sessions will focus on the concept of "expanding your research toolkit." Impactful research can always be expanded upon. No matter what stage or field a researcher is in, anyone can expand their toolkit in different ways—whether it be through mobilization, dissemination, multimedia, funding, or consultation.

This year's hybrid conference theme, "Research with Impact" seeks to provide ways to enable researchers and presenters to expand their research toolkit beyond what they thought possible.

Sponsorship of this conference will support our graduate students in developing and acquiring essential skills and abilities needed to navigate and contribute to our complex world. It is also a commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and diversity in graduate education in Canada. Many past and present graduate students have emphasized how much they have enjoyed this unique opportunity to showcase their research skills and discuss the impact of their research on their communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

