

Graduate Write-a-Thon



On Friday, April 15, SLS hosted our first ever Graduate Write-a-Thon. 28 graduate students enjoyed distraction-free space and refreshments during 8 hours of writing time. Also offered were individual workshops on topics from Research Ethics to Copyright Bootcamp,

and drop-in thesis writing support. Together, we wrote a total of twenty two thousand words or eighty pages, plus many students worked on revisions and were able to finish and submit grants and proposals. Overall, the event was a great success, and the student feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

RU Noted

[RU Noted](#) aims to meet the needs of students who experience accessibility-related barriers in the classroom.

In 2015/2016, our program facilitated over **1,245 peer note-taking requests** through a new module in Academic Accommodation Support Online Services. Our outreach efforts, which included both in-class and online announcements and a robust volunteer rewards system, garnered a large team of **864 note-takers**.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the instructors and note-takers who have helped make Ryerson a more accessible learning community.

Faculty Resources

- Request a [customized in-class academic skill-building presentation](#).
- Refer your students to our [Spring workshops](#).
- Include us in your syllabus, [download SLS program information](#).

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Academic Accommodation Support

This Summer, we are hosting three no-cost transition programs for students entering post-secondary studies: *Students Heading Into Full Time (SHIFT)*, on August 15 to 17; *Portage*, an urban outdoor-education program on August 18 and 19; and *Pre-SHIFT*, an orientation day for students who would benefit from additional supports to prepare for *SHIFT* and/or *Portage*, on August 12.



English Language Support

Spring/Summer programming begins May 16 and ends on August 19. Students can book appointments for 1-on-1 help with written assignments, oral presentations, pronunciation, and speaking & listening skills. ELS will also offer weekly English conversation group sessions.



Graduate Student Support

Graduate students can participate in two writing groups this summer. Our Thesis Support/MRP group takes place on Mondays, 4pm-6pm from May 9 to August 15; and the Coffee and Writing group on Tuesdays, 11am-2pm, from May 17 to July 26. Individual appointments start May 16.



Math Support

Spring/Summer drop-in tutoring is available from May 16 to July 9. The Math Hub will be open Monday to Friday from 2pm-5pm. We will offer an online Math Mini Course for incoming first-year Faculty of Science students from July 12 to July 26.



Study Skills and Transition Support

We had a 94% increase in our Peer Academic Coach appointments. Coaches help students build academic skills like time management, critical reading, effective note-taking and more. Our [Get Clear](#) program for students on probation will run this Spring/Summer semester, and is open to all undergraduate students who need extra support to get back into Clear academic standing.



Writing Support

For the Spring/Summer, drop-in is available for students from 1pm-6pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We're hosting a Reflective Writing group on Tuesdays, 3:30pm-5pm, starting May 16 to July 26.



Test Centre

In 2015/16, the Test Centre administered 19,266 make-up and accommodated tests and exams, this is a 15% increase over 2014/15. This semester, we will conduct a review its make-up system to improve efficiencies and processes for this upcoming Fall 2016.