

# Experience Grad

## Socio-Legal Studies

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# Introduction

# SLST Program Office- Get to know us better

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- Zoom Meeting ID: 917 1837 6144 Passcode: 880204
- Zoom Link in Email Signature

# Faculty of Graduate Studies

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is a body of Senate, with an embedded centre of excellence that supports and coordinates graduate student support services across all Faculties. Known as FGS, we

- Facilitate the graduate student experience
- Govern institutional policies and procedures
- Provide advocacy and support

By the numbers.....



More than 6,000 students  
and postdoctoral fellows



Supporting 9 resource  
Faculties



\$45.5M Grad Support  
Budget on behalf of  
Faculties



Over 100 graduate  
diplomas & degrees



Coordinating more than  
\$32M awards portfolio

# Graduate Schools in York U

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Schulich School of Business

Faculty of Science

School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design

Lassonde School of Engineering

Glendon College

Faculty of Health

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change

Osgoode Hall Law School

# Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA& PS)

LA & PS Offers more than 35 graduate degrees in 21 fields of study

## Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS)

Anthropology–Social  
Communication & Culture  
Development Studies  
Disaster & Emergency Management  
Economics  
English  
Financial Accountability  
Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies

Humanities  
Human Resources Management  
History  
Information Systems and Technology  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Linguistics & Applied Linguistics  
Management Practice

Philosophy  
Political Science  
Science & Technology Studies  
Public Policy, Administration & Law  
Social & Political Thought  
Social Work  
Sociology

# Department of Social Sciences

Faculty of Graduate Studies  
Department of Social Science

Socio-Legal  
Studies

Social &  
Political  
Thought

Development  
Studies

# Why Graduate School?

## CAREER ADVANTAGES

- Higher employment Rates
- Crucial development of in-demand skills that employers seek, such as: oral and written communication, teamwork, public speaking, time and project management, collaboration, community engagement and outreach, critical thinking, qualitative and quantitative analysis, and more

## PERSONAL ADVANTAGES

- The chance to learn from, grow with, and engage in a community that is as passionate about the field as you are
- Lifelong friendships and professional relationships
- The freedom that independent work and self-direction brings

## ACADEMIC ADVANTAGES

- The chance to contribute to the advancement of knowledge, and to effect positive change as a researcher
- The opportunity to work with the best in your field, and to become an expert Yourself
- The ability to focus on a research question that you've been dying to answer

## ACCESSIBLE TO YOU

- Many programs are 100% funded
- Tuition and fees are neutralized
- “Unique admissions” process for Nontraditional applicants

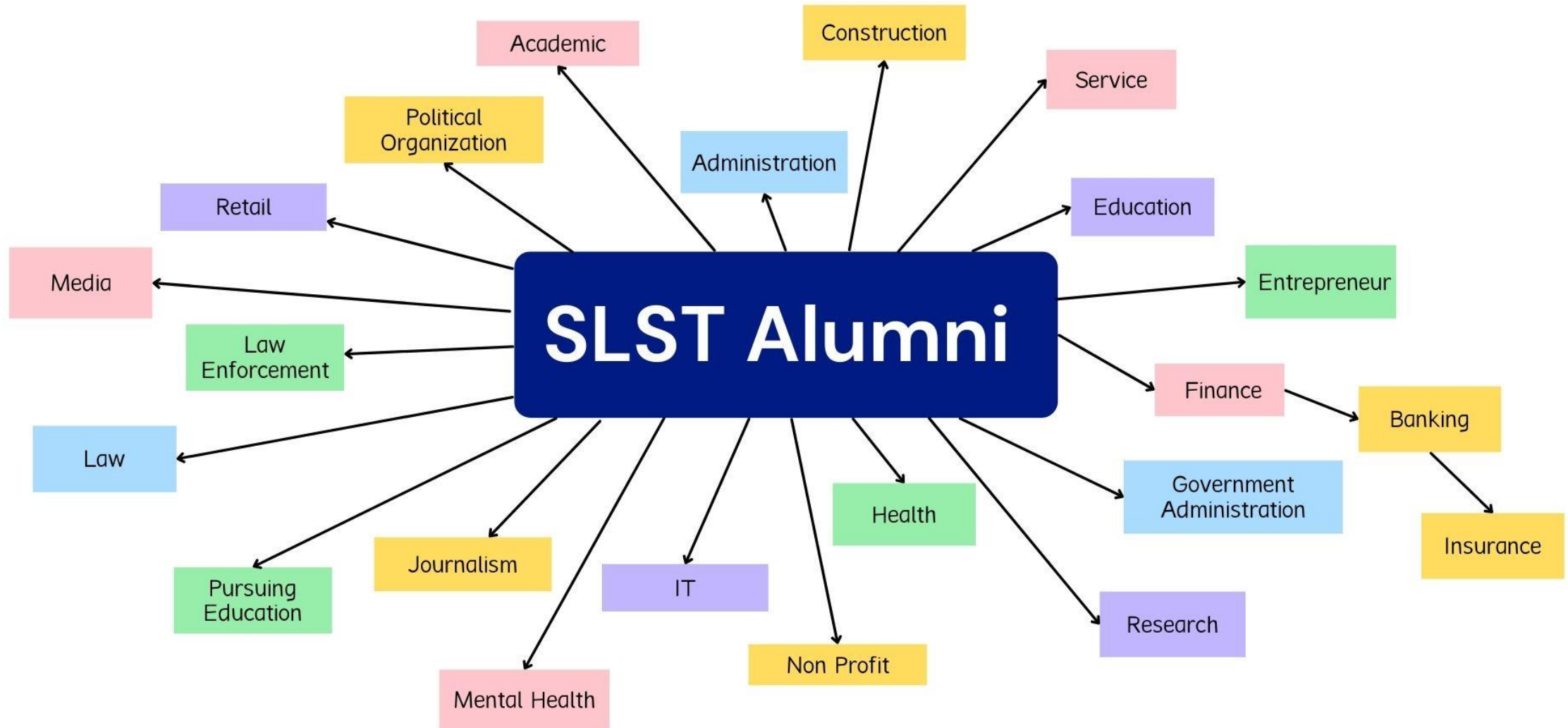


# Why the SLST Program?

## Program Highlights

- Supportive environment with small cohorts
- Accessible faculty engaged in diverse research
- Guaranteed funding for MA and PhD students to cover tuition and living expenses
- Strong preparation for law school and PhD programs
- Emphasis on peer collaboration
- Fully Funded Program & many opportunities for additional bursaries, scholarships and awards
- Stepping- stone for careers in
  - Academia
  - Government
  - Law
  - Non-profits
  - Policy-making
  - Research

# SLST Alumni



# Programs in SLST

# Programs in Socio-Legal Studies

Socio-Legal Studies  
Graduate Programs

Master's

PhD

# Degree Requirements- MA

# Master's Degree

## What is the Master's Degree entail?

- The MA is a research degree that emphasizes the attainment of a basic capacity for critical research, analysis, academic writing and effective communication skills

## Duration of the Program?

- Full Time, 3 term, or 12-month, program
- September- August

## Eligibility

- Usually applicants must hold a **four-year honor's undergraduate degree**, or the equivalent
- Minimum GPA of B+ or above
- However, we consider extenuating circumstances, and relevant personal and professional experiences throughout the admissions process

# MA Degree Requirements

## Summary of MA Degree Requirements

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/current-students/degree-requirements/#ma>

### Required courses

- Law and Social Theory (6000 3.0): 3 credits
- Socio-Legal Methods (6005 3.0): 3 credits
- MRP Seminar (6100 3.0): 3 credits includes MRP Proposal Draft
- MRP Final

### Electives Courses

- (3 courses with a 3.0 credit designation): 9 credits total
- At least 1 from SLST, and maximum 2 from outside SLST courses

### Speaker Series

- 12 required- They take place throughout the year

# Degree Requirements- PhD



# PhD Degree

## What is the PhD entail?

- A PhD/doctoral degree is an advanced research degree. It is the highest available academic degree granted by the University.

## Duration of the Program?

- Full Time, 5 year Program (3 terms each year)

## Eligibility

- Applicants must hold a master's degree
- PhD programs look for a GPA of a B+ or above.
- However, we consider extenuating circumstances, and relevant personal and professional experiences throughout the admissions process

# Ph.D. Degree Requirements

## Summary of Ph.D. Degree Requirements

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/current-students/degree-requirements/#phd>

Coursework: 18 credits- Six 3.0 credit courses

## Required Courses

- Socio-Legal Studies 6000 3.0: Law and Social Theory
- Socio-Legal Studies 6005 3.0: Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods
- Socio-Legal Studies 7100 3.0: Dissertation Proposal Seminar

## Elective Courses

- Three elective 3.0 credit courses
  - At least one of these courses has to be an SLST Elective course

## Speaker Series

- 12 required- They take place throughout the year
- Complete before the year of Term 6 (year 2)

# PhD Degree Requirements

- **Comprehensive Exams**

- Comprehensive Examination #1- Theory
- Comprehensive Examination #2- Substantive (area of specialization that is related to the dissertation)

- **PhD Proposal**

Topic approved by the student's supervisor and supervisory committee, and shall include submission and approval of a dissertation proposal, including appropriate ethics review (if applicable), and approval

- **PhD Dissertation**

The doctoral dissertation must embody original work conducted while in program and must constitute a significant contribution to knowledge. It should contain evidence of a critical understanding of the relevant literature. The material embodied in the dissertation should merit publication.

# Ph.D. Degree Timeline

## YEAR 1 (TERM 1,2,3- FALL, WINTER, SUMMER)

- Five 3.0 credits, including SLST 6000 (Law and Social Theory); SLST 6005 (Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods), unless waived.
- Take 7100 (PhD Seminar) offered once every two years.
- Start thinking about the PhD Proposal and open a file for it

## YEAR 2 (TERMS 4,5,6- FALL, WINTER, SUMMER)

- Finalize coursework.
- Have name of supervisor on file.
- Complete comprehensives.
- Complete Speakers' Series requirement.
- Take 7100 (PhD Seminar) offered once every two years

## YEAR 3 (TERMS 7,8,9- FALL, WINTER, SUMMER)

- Have full supervisory committee on file.
- Submit PhD proposal.
- Complete Ethics Review (if applicable).
- Begin research

## YEAR 4 (TERMS 10 – 15- FALL, WINTER, SUMMER)

- Conduct research and write Dissertation in consultation with Supervisory Committee.

# Courses & Timetable

# Past SLST Course Options

- **6000 Law & Social Theory Mandatory**
- **6005 Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods Mandatory**
- 6012 Criminological Theory and Global Illegalities
- 6013 Hate Crime & Hate Speech
- 6015 Law, Narrative, Responsibility
- 6018 Theories of Cosmopolitanism
- 6020 Legal Pluralism
- 6025 Regulatory Institutions in Theory and Practice
- 6028 Neoliberalism: Governmentality in Theory and Practice
- 6030 Politics of Security & Regulation
- 6035 Law and Governance
- 6040 Law, Crime and Exclusion
- 6045 Global Perspectives on Crime and Crime Control
- 6055 Gender and International Human Rights: Law, Citizenship and Borders
- 6060 Canadian Society Policy in Comar Perspective
- 6065 Colonialism, Race and the Law: Sociological Implications
- 6070 The Political Economy of Work and Welfare
- 6075 Low Law and petty justice: inferior courts and tribunals in Western societies
- 6080 Western Legal Histories
- 6085 Law, Politics and the Judiciary
- 6090 Social Dimensions of Legal Discourse
- 6095 Selected Topics in Social and Moral Regulation
- **6100 MRP Seminar Mandatory (MA ONLY)**
- **7100 Dissertation Proposal Seminar Mandatory (PHD ONLY)**

# Timetable FA 24- WI 25

COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	Required/ Elective	INSTRUCTOR	TERM	DAY/TIME	Time
GS SLST 6020	Legal Pluralism	Elective	David Szablowski	FA 24	Monday	2.30 PM- 5.30 PM
GS SLST 6005	Advanced Research Strategies in Socio-Legal Methods	Required	Marsha Ramperusad	FA 24	Tuesday	11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6100	Major Research Paper Seminar	Required	Amelie Barras (GPD)	FA 24	Thursday	11.30 AM- 2.30PM
GS SLST 6040	Law, Crime, and Exclusion	Elective	Jessica Braimoh	FA24	Thursday	8.30 AM- 11.30 AM
GS SLST 5900	Directed Reading	Elective		FA 24		
GS SLST 6013	Hate Crime & Hate Speech	Elective	Allyson Lunny	WI 25	Wednesday	11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6000	Law and Social Theory	Required	Nergis Canefe	WI 25	Tuesday	11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6065	Colonialism, Race and the Law	Elective	Jay Ramasubramanyam	WI 25	Thursday	11.30 AM- 2.30 PM
GS SLST 6070	The Political Economy of Work & Welfare	Elective	Leah Vosko	WI 25	Thursday	11.30 AM- 2.30 PM

## Speaker Series (Fall and Winter terms)

Monday- 12.30 PM- 2.00 PM

Thursday 2.30 PM- 4.00 PM

**How to apply**



# How to Apply & Required Documents

## How to apply

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students/how-to-apply/>
- <https://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate/steps-apply/>

## Required Documents

- Transcript(s) from all University level studies
  - Minimum B+ GPA
- Statement of interest (500 words)
- Resumé or CV
- Written work (maximum 5,000 words)
- Letters of Recommendation- 3 (2 academic and 1 additional/ employment)
- English Language Proficiency Test score (If applicable)
- Supplementary Information Form
  - Finding a Supervisor
  - Potential Research subject

# Funding, Fees & Scholarships

# Funding Packages

- A funding package is money given to you from the University, to help cover the costs of a graduate program
- Funding packages often fully neutralizes your tuition, and covers your health care costs
- All full-time students in eligible programs are automatically considered for a funding package
- Details of the funding package will be included in your offer letter.
- If you receive a funding package, you are welcome to apply for scholarships & bursaries as well, but those are separate from a funding package

# Fees, Funding & Scholarships- <https://sfs.yorku.ca/>

## Fees

- <https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/fees/courses/2024-2025/fall-winter/graduate-studies/masters>
- <https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/fees/courses/2024-2025/fall-winter/graduate-studies/phd>

## Funding

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/graduate-funding/funding-at-york/york-graduate-fellowship/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAQVBr1qWpo>

## Awards & Scholarships

- <https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/awards-and-scholarships>

## Financial Advising

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/current-students/graduate-funding/graduate-funding-appointment/>

# Funding Breakdown- MA

## Master's, Domestic no TA

Funding Sources	Value
Master's Fellowship	10,000
FGS Healthcare Bursary	1,000
Funding through Student Account Deposits	11,000

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees (net of ancillary fees)	4,307
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
York University Graduate Student Health Plan	410
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	5,653
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	5,347

\* Total before taxes deducted

## Master's, International no TA

Funding Sources	Value
Master's Fellowship	19,256
FGS Healthcare Bursary	1,000
UHIP	756
Funding through Student Account Deposits	21,012

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees	18,825
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
York University Graduate Student Health Plan	410
UHIP	756
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	20,927
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	85

\* Total before taxes deducted

# Funding Breakdown- PhD

## PhD, Domestic TA

### Domestic PhD

Term 1-6 with TA (Years 1 and 2)

Funding Sources	Value
Teaching Assistantship (1.0 Tutor 1) (will vary based contract job classification)	13,876
Vacation Pay (will vary based contract job classification)	555
Funding through Payroll	14,431
PhD Fellowship	5,403
Supplementary Graduate Assistance (Grant-in-Aid) (will vary based contract job classification)	4,582
Graduate Financial Assistance	2,532
Funding through Student Account Deposits	12,517
Total Funding (Payroll plus Student Account)	26,948

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees (net of ancillary fees)	4,307
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	5,243
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	21,705

### Domestic PhD

Terms 7-15 with TA (Years 3-5)

Funding Sources	Value
Teaching Assistantship (1.0 Tutor 1) (will vary based contract job classification)	13,876
Vacation Pay (will vary based contract job classification)	555
Funding through Payroll	14,431
PhD Fellowship	5,403
Supplementary Graduate Assistance (Grant-in-Aid) (will vary based contract job classification)	4,582
Graduate Financial Assistance Priority Pool 2	3,171
Funding through Student Account Deposits	13,156
Total Funding (Payroll plus Student Account)	27,587

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees (net of ancillary fees)	4,307
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	5,243
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	22,344

## PhD, International TA

### International PhD

Term 1-6 with TA (Years 1 and 2)

Funding Sources	Value
Teaching Assistantship (1.0 Tutor 1) (will vary based contract job classification)	13,876
Vacation Pay (will vary based contract job classification)	555
Funding through Payroll	14,431
PhD Fellowship	8,467
Supplementary Graduate Assistance (Grant-in-Aid) (will vary based contract job classification)	4,582
UHIP Fund	756
Graduate Financial Assistance Priority Pool 1	4,227
ITO	6,709
Funding through Student Account Deposits	24,741
Total Funding (Payroll plus Student Account)	39,172

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees	18,000
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
UHIP	756
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	19,692
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	19,480

### International PhD

Terms 7-15 with TA (Years 3-5)

Funding Sources	Value
Teaching Assistantship (1.0 Tutor 1) (will vary based contract job classification)	13,876
Vacation Pay (will vary based contract job classification)	555
Funding through Payroll	14,431
PhD Fellowship	7,837
Supplementary Graduate Assistance (Grant-in-Aid) (will vary based contract job classification)	4,582
UHIP Fund	756
Graduate Financial Assistance Priority Pool 2	5,040
ITO	6,709
Funding through Student Account Deposits	24,924
Total Funding (Payroll plus Student Account)	39,355

Program and Registration Fees	Value
Tuition Fees	18,000
Supplementary Fees (subject to change)	891
UHIP	756
Registration Fees	45
Total Fees posted to student account	19,692
Student Receives (Funding less Fees)	19,663

# Program & Faculty

# Program & Faculty Links

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies>
- <https://futurestudents.yorku.ca/graduate>
- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/students/future-students/how-to-apply/>

## Program- Introduction to Socio-Legal Studies

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/>

## Faculty

- <https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/slst/about-us/our-faculty/>
- <https://profiles.laps.yorku.ca/>



# Look forward to...

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SLST Orientation

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FGS Orientation

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SLST Social

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SLST Speaker Series- Mondays & Thursdays

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Meet the Prof

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PhD Cafe

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Mentor Mentee Sessions

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SLST Symposium- Late Winter/ Early Spring

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GPA Drop-in Sessions- Monday & Thursdays

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GPD Office Hours

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SLST Lounge

**Your Questions?**

**Thank You!**