



SOCIETY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
MIDDLESEX COLLEGE, ROOM 8
LONDON, ONTARIO, CANADA

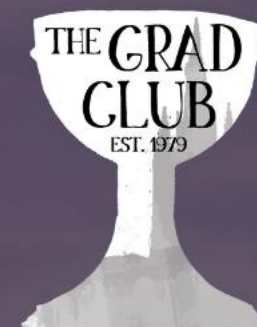
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Our office is
located in the
lower level of
Middlesex
College...



...down the hall from
the Grad Club
eatery and pub!



OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays–Fridays
10am–4pm

MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICES:

- BY **TELEPHONE**
 - 519-661-3394
- **EMAIL**
 - SOGS@UWO.CA
- DROP-IN, or
- BY APPOINTMENT

Contact us!

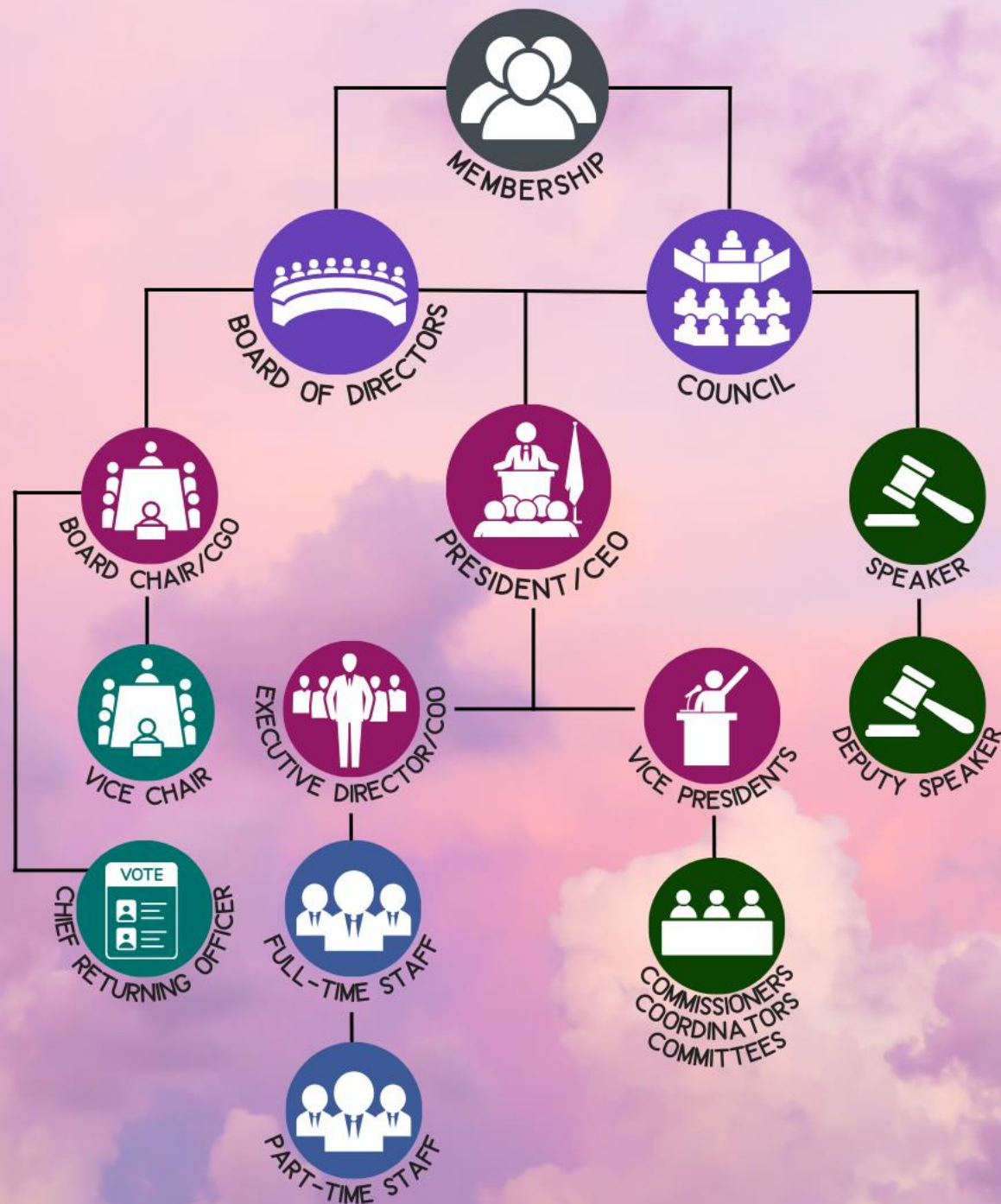


SOGS



The Society of Graduate Students is a:
STUDENT GOVERNMENT.
ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.
STUDENT UNION.





STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY

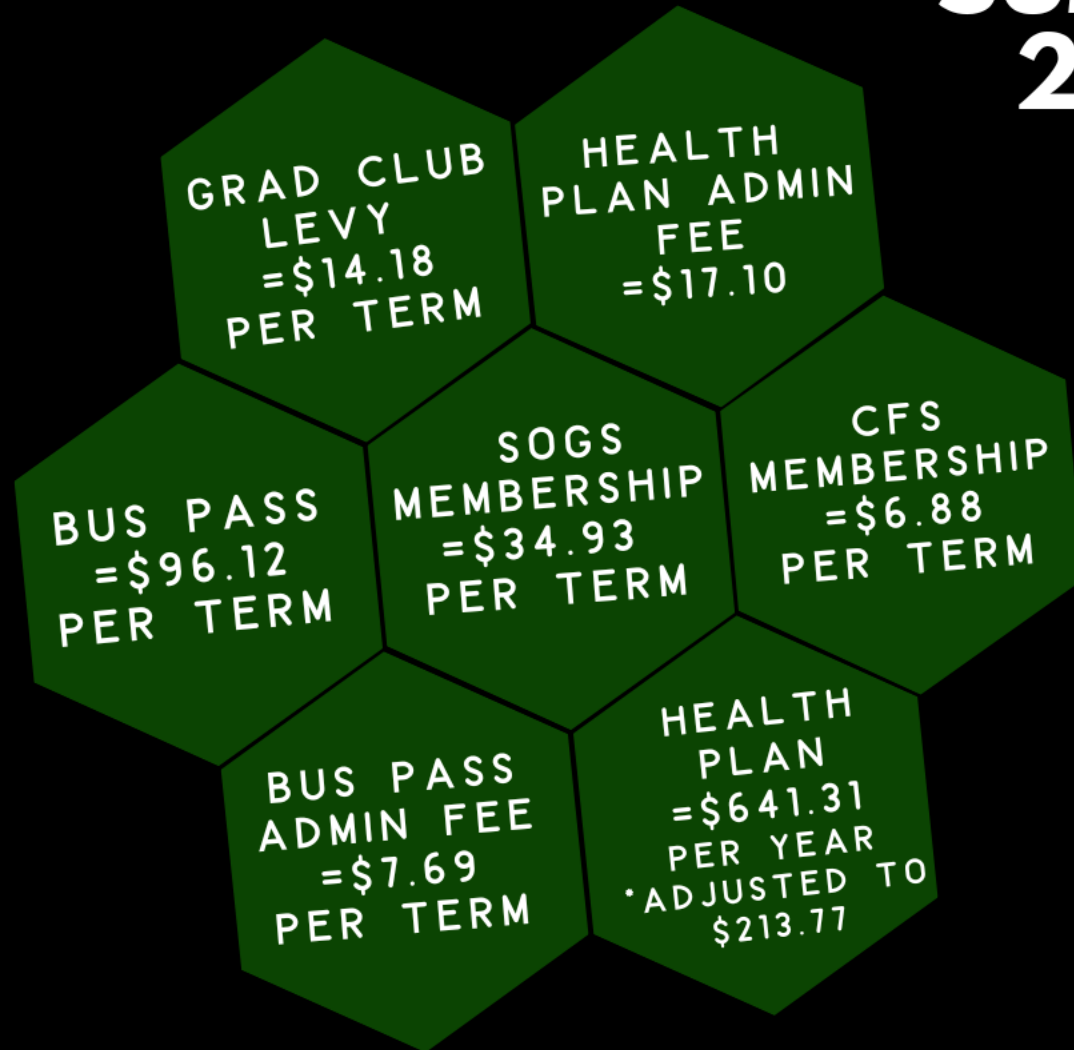
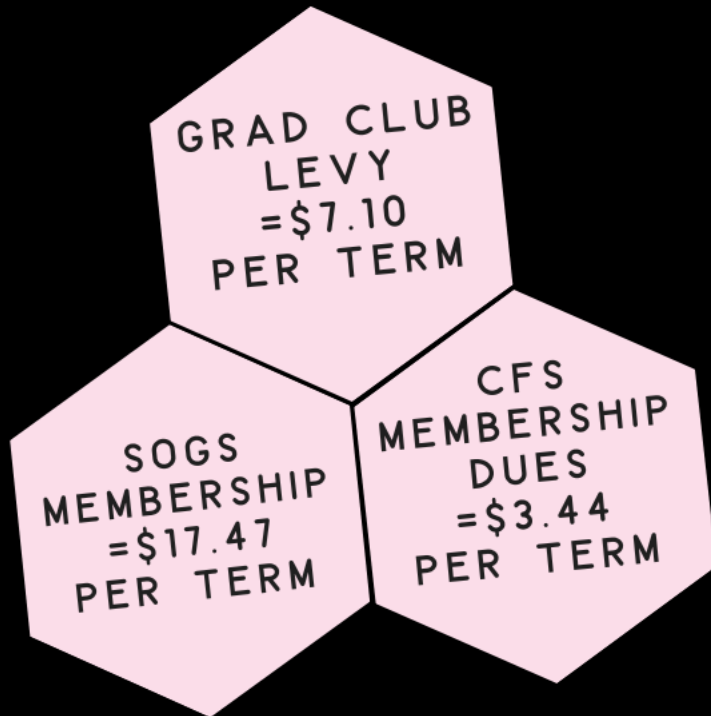
SOGS operates as a democratic student union with an elected Board of Directors and elected Council representatives from most graduate programs at Western University.

In 2025-2026, SOGS represents the interests of 7,000+ graduate students at Western University!

SOGS MEMBERSHIP FEES

**SUMMER
2026**

PART-TIME FEES



FULL-TIME FEES



**INTERESTED IN
GOVERNANCE?**

**WANT TO REPRESENT THE
INTEREST OF YOUR PEERS?**



**CONSIDER
NOMINATING
YOURSELF TO BE A
SOGS COUNCILLOR
FOR YOUR PROGRAM
IN SEPTEMBER 2026!**



**NOMINATION PERIOD:
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER
2026. COUNCIL
STARTS EACH YEAR
IN OCTOBER.**



**COUNCIL MEETINGS:
LAST THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH (EXCEPT
FOR DECEMBER).**



**COUNCIL IS HYBRID:
COME IN PERSON OR
ATTEND VIRTUALLY.**



**SNACKS ARE
SERVED!**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNANCE**

153 SEATS

100+ COUNCILLORS

**\$28,000+ IN COUNCIL GRANTS
AWARDED IN 2025!**

11 MEETINGS PER YEAR



[SOGS.CA/COUNCIL/](https://sogs.ca/council/)



STUDENT SERVICES

**\$96.12 + \$7.69
(SOGS BUS PASS
ADMIN FEE) =
\$103.81 PER TERM
= \$311.43
PER YEAR!**

**SAVINGS OF
\$1,032.57 PER
YEAR, BASED ON
THE LTC MONTHLY
PASS (\$112 PER
MONTH).**

TAP PASS

NEW UWO CARDS
ELECTRONICALLY
"TAP" ON THE BUS



PAPER PASS

UWO CARDS MADE
PRIOR TO FALL 2016
TERM



[SOGS.CA/BUS-PASS/](https://sogs.ca/bus-pass/)



STUDENT SERVICES

**ADJUSTED TO \$213.77
FOR SUMMER 2026**

(MAY-AUGUST, 2026)

COVERAGE INCLUDES:

DENTAL

UP TO 70% COVERAGE,
\$500 PER YEAR

PRESCRIPTIONS

UP TO 80% COVERED,
\$3500 PER YEAR

VISION

\$200 OVER 24 MONTHS

HEALTH

PRACTITIONERS

\$500 PER CATEGORY,
\$4500 PER YEAR

TRAVEL

120 DAYS PER TRIP,
\$5,000,000 IN LIFETIME
COVERAGE

**health plan
opt-in/opt-out**



**Summer 2026 Term
Deadline: May 31, 2026**



Visit
STUDENTCARE.ca
to downgrade or opt-out



I.M. WELL

SOGS HEALTH
PLAN USERS
CAN ACCESS
**TRAINED
COUNSELLORS**
BY TELEPHONE
AND CHAT VIA
I.M. WELL, A
MENTAL HEALTH
AND WELLNESS
SUPPORT
PROGRAM
POWERED BY
STUDENTVIP.



INSURANCE BROKER: **STUDENT VIP**

INSURANCE COMPANY: **SIMPLY BENEFITS**

POLICY NUMBER: **62250**

DOWNLOAD THE APP TO MAKE CLAIMS!



STUDENTVIP.CA/SOGS

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

ADJUDICATED
VIA WESTERN
UNIVERSITY!

**GRAD
BURSARY**

FOR STUDENTS
IN A PART-
TIME PROGRAM!

**Peggy
Collins
Memorial
Award**

FOR STUDENTS
WHO PAY MORE IN
TUITION THAN
THEY ARE
FUNDED.

**125th
SCHOLARSHIP**

**FOOD BANK
FOR NON-TA'S**

RECEIVE \$150 GIFT
CARD TO COMBAT
FOOD INSECURITY

**academic
joint fund**



**wellness
joint fund**



**social
fund**



HELPS COVER COSTS
RELATED TO ACADEMIC
CONFERENCES, WELLNESS
INITIATIVES, AND SOCIAL
EVENTS IN YOUR DEPT!



[SOGS.CA/FINANCIAL-SUPPORT/](https://sogs.ca/financial-support/)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial Support Subsidy Program



[SOGS.CA/SUBSIDIES](https://sogs.ca/subsidies)

SUBSIDY PROGRAM



Offsets the financial burden of academic & personal needs.



Online application!



Receive up to a maximum of \$500 per subsidy.



Deadlines:
December 31,
April 30, August 31 at 11:59 pm

TYPES OF EXPENSES CONSIDERED:



academic travel



research equipment



professional placement



bereavement travel



childcare expenses



emergency circumstances



healthcare expenses



research completion



dental expenses



UHIP fees

ACADEMIC SUPPORT



[SOGS.CA/
PEER-ADVISOR/](https://sogs.ca/peer-advisor/)



Don't let a prickly situation get you down.



Peer Advisor *for* Academic Matters Program

- FREE & CONFIDENTIAL ONE-ON-ONE PEER SUPPORT FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS
- RESOURCES TO NAVIGATE ACADEMIC ISSUES



STUDENT ADVOCACY



SOGS IS LOCAL #47
OF THE CANADIAN
FEDERATION OF
STUDENTS



[SOGS.CA/ISIC-CARD](https://sogs.ca/isic-card)



GET YOUR FREE
DIGITAL ISIC
DISCOUNT CARD!

STUDENT ADVOCACY



ACCESSIBILITY
COMMISSIONER



GENDER EQUITY
COMMISSIONER



*INDIGENOUS
COMMISSIONER/
SAGE
COORDINATOR



INTERNATIONAL
COMMISSIONER



PRIDE
COMMISSIONER



RACIAL EQUITY &
INCLUSIVITY
COMMISSIONER

 **HIRING TAKES PLACE EACH WINTER TERM (APRIL - MAY).**
 **COMMISSIONERS EARN AN HONORARIUM OF \$500 PER TERM.**

 ***THE INDIGENOUS COMMISSIONER IS ALSO THE SAGE
COORDINATOR, HIRED BY INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES EACH AUGUST.**



[SOGS.CA/COMMISSIONERS/](https://sogs.ca/commissioners/)



ACADEMIC
Committee



ACCESSIBILITY
Commission



APPEALS
REVIEW
Commission



FINANCE
Committee



GENDER
EQUITY
Commission



GRADCAST
Editorial
Board



GRAD CLUB
Committee



HEALTH
PLAN
Committee



GRADUATE
PEER
SUPPORT
Committee



INTERNATIONAL
Commission



INDIGENOUS
Commission



ORIENTATION
& SOCIAL
Committee



POLICY
Committee



PRIDE
Commission



RACIAL
EQUITY &
INCLUSIVITY
Commission



SUBSIDIES
Committee



SUSTAINABILITY
Committee



35+
STUDENT
NEEDS
Committee

GET INVOLVED: COMMITTEES

**SOGS HAS 11 STANDING
COMMITTEES AND 8
COMMISSIONS!**

**CONTACT THE COMMITTEE
CHAIR TO NOMINATE
YOURSELF.**

**EARN A \$5 GRAD CLUB GIFT
CERTIFICATE FOR ATTENDANCE
AT EACH MEETING!**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS EARN A
\$900 HONORARIUM UPON
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES &
VOTED BY COMMITTEE
MEMBERS.**



#GradLifeWesternU



[SOGS.CA/EVENTS](https://sogs.ca/events)

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!

THE 40TH
ANNUAL

GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCH CONFERENCE

WESTERN RESEARCH FORUM

Research on the Edge of Change

MARCH 6TH, 2026
8:30AM - 4PM
SCHOLARS LAB
D.B. WELDON LIBRARY

/ 3 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
/ ORAL PRESENTATIONS
/ POSTER PRESENTATIONS
/ WORKSHOPS AND MORE!



**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**
ALL WESTERN GRADUATE
STUDENTS ELIGIBLE

DUE DEC 31
[SOGS.CA/WRF](https://sogs.ca/wrf)



OFFICIAL
RADIO SHOW
OF SOGS - A
SHOW FOR
GRADS. BY
GRADS.
CELEBRATING
GRADS AT
WESTERNU!



[SOGS.CA/WRF](https://sogs.ca/wrf)



[GRADCAST.CA](https://gradcast.ca)



The HEART of

GradLifeWesternU

**BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | DAILY
FOOD SPECIALS | VEGAN OPTIONS |
WEEKLY TRIVIA | EVENTS | CATERING |
KARAOKE NIGHTS | OUTDOOR PATIO |
CRAFT BEER | 10% MEMBER DISCOUNT |
WESTERN MEAL PLAN | LIVE MUSIC |
& more!**



UWOGRADCLUB.CA

Hours of Operation: (May 4 - July 6)

MONDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
TUESDAYS	9 AM - 10 PM
WEDNESDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
THURSDAYS	9 AM - 7 PM
FRIDAYS	9 AM - 10 PM

**TAKE-OUT, DINE-IN,
PATIO**

contact:
GRADCLUB@UWO.CA
(519) 661-3082

Middlesex College, Room 19



Congratulations

TO OUR MEMBERS!



CHECK OUT
OUR
ENGRAVED
PEWTER
GOBLET!

HEAD OVER TO THE GRAD
CLUB TO CLAIM YOUR FREE
DRINK FROM THE GOBLET OF
KNOWLEDGE!



[SOGS.CA/GOBLET](https://sogs.ca/goblet)



GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

PRESIDENT:

PRESIDENT@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC:

ACADEMIC@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT ADVOCACY:

ADVOCACY@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE:

FINANCE@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT SERVICES:

SERVICES@SOGS.CA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

SOGS.DIRECTOR@UWO.CA

SOGS FRONT OFFICE:

SOGS@UWO.CA

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GRAD LIFE CHECKLIST:



GET GRAD CLUB STICKER.



CHANGE HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE (OPT-IN, OPT-OUT, DOWNGRADE).



FOLLOW @WESTERNSOGS ON INSTAGRAM.



FOLLOW @UWOGRADCLUB ON INSTAGRAM.



REVIEW COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS TO SEE WHERE YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.



FIND OUT WHO YOUR SOGS PROGRAM COUNCILLOR IS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, CONSIDER NOMINATING YOURSELF.