



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

Contact us!



MEMBER SUPPORT SERVICES:

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

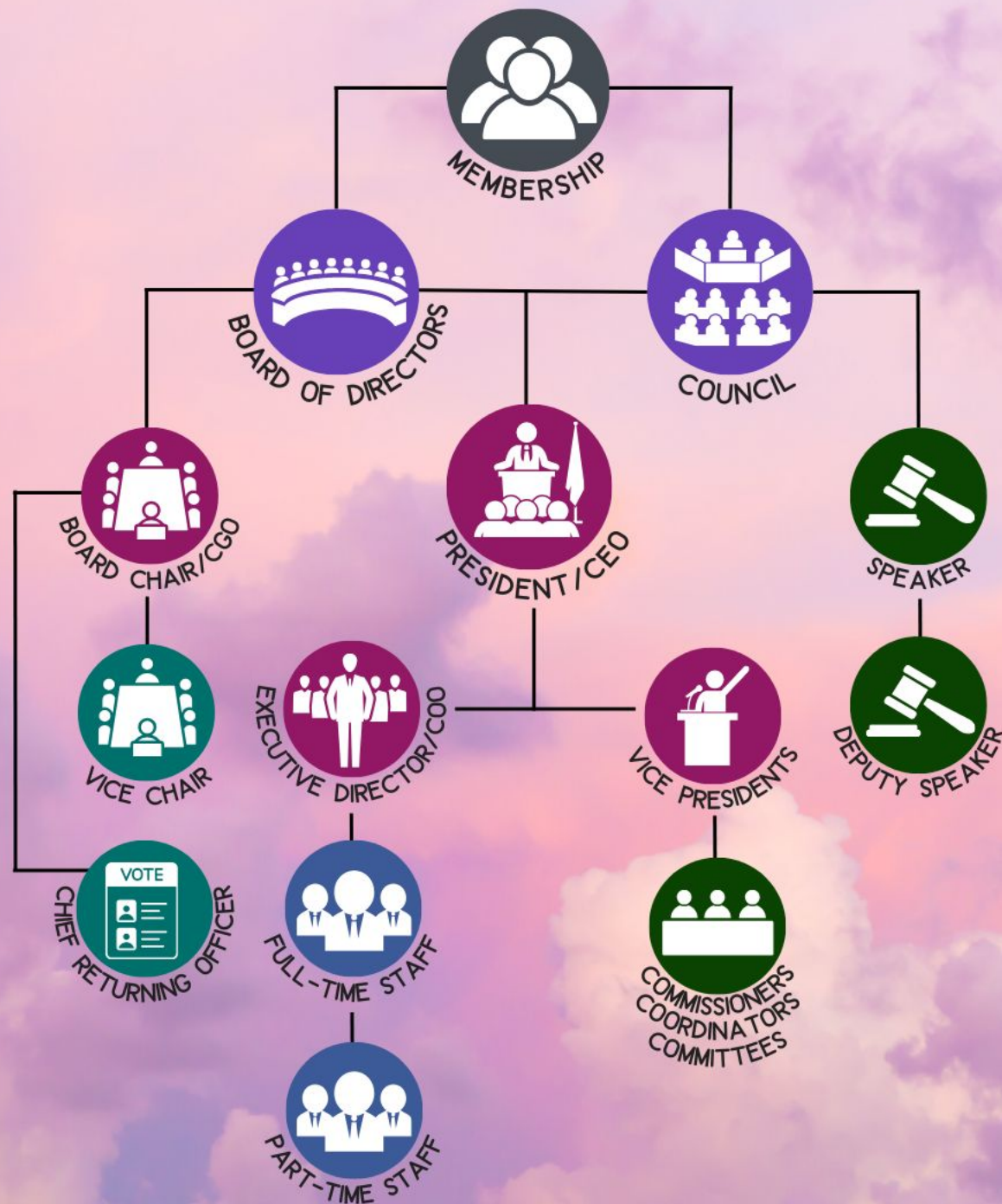


SOGS



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





STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIETY

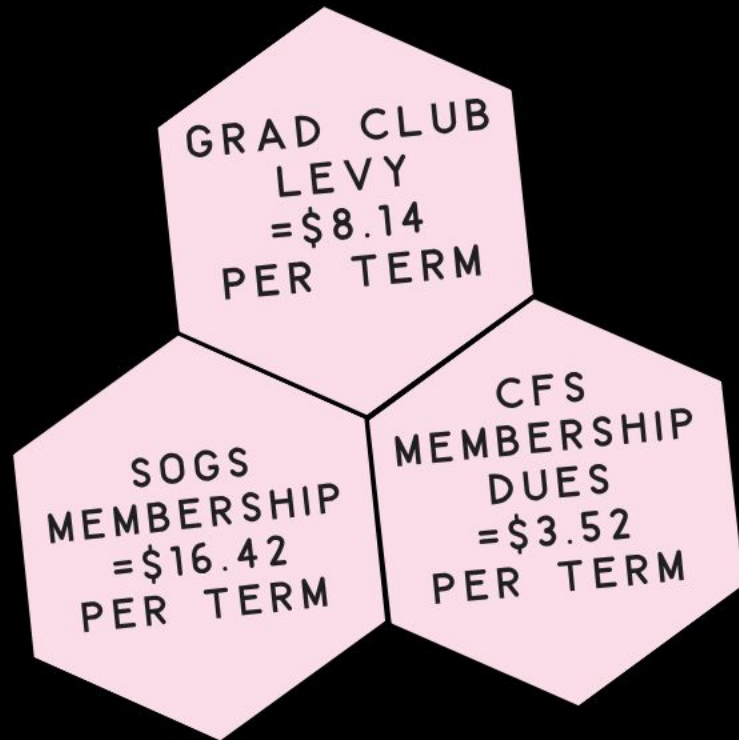
SOGS operates as a democratic student union with an elected Board of Directors and elected Council representatives from most graduate programs at Western University.

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

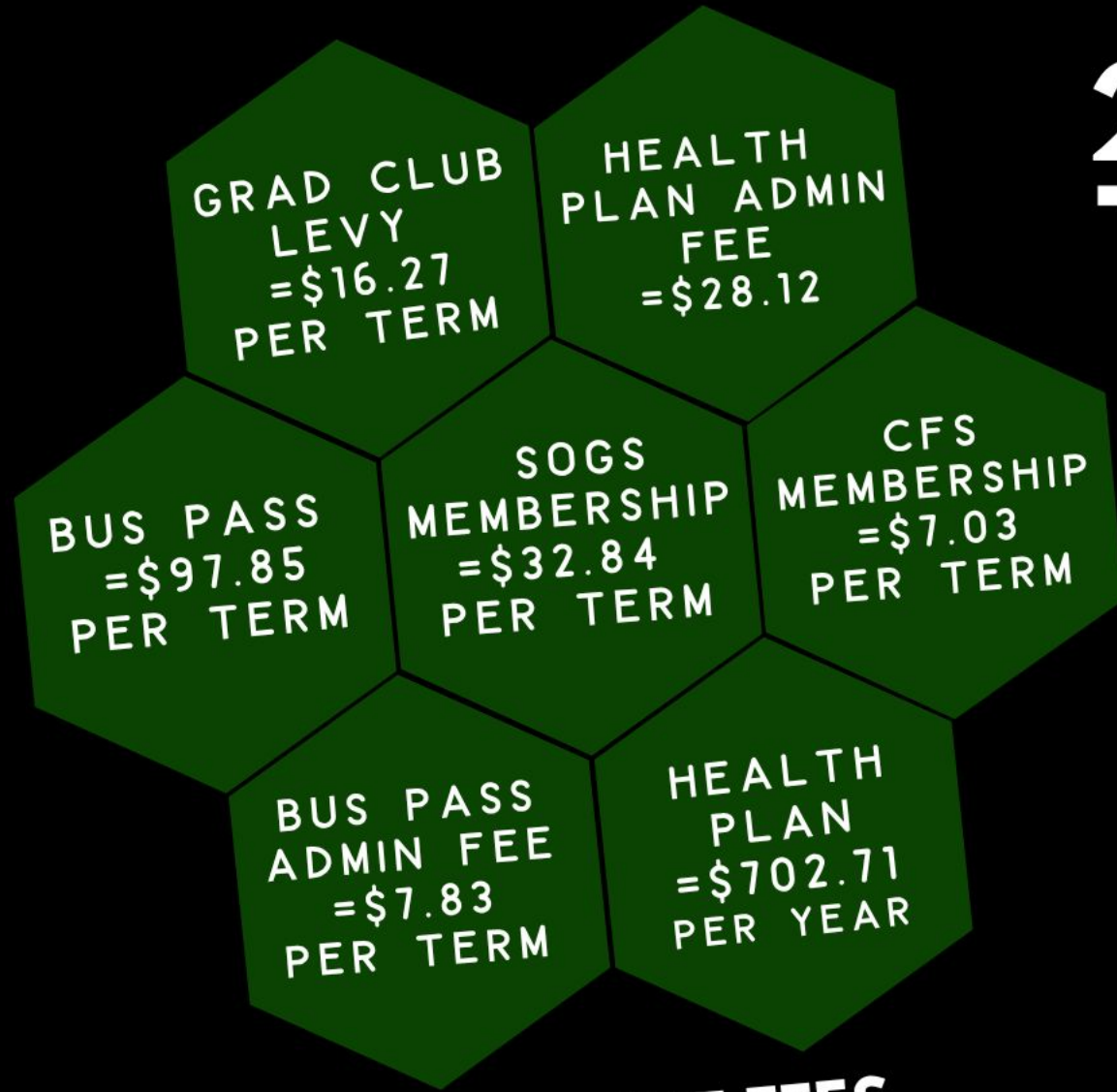


SOGS MEMBERSHIP FEES

FALL 2026 TERM



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

**\$97.85 + \$7.83
(SOGS BUS PASS
ADMIN FEE) =
\$105.68 PER TERM
= \$317.04
PER YEAR!**

**SAVINGS OF
\$1,026.96 PER
YEAR, BASED ON
THE LTC MONTHLY
PASS (\$112 PER
MONTH).**

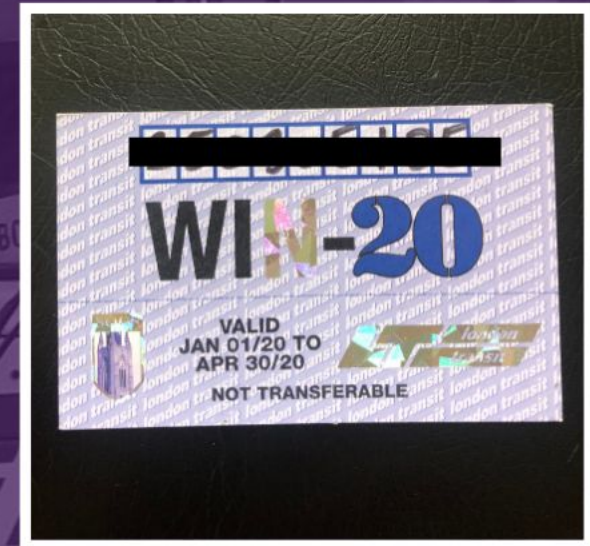
TAP PASS

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

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



**Fall 2026 Term Deadline:
October 1, 2026**

Visit
studentvip.ca/SOGS
to downgrade or opt-in/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

\$702.71/YEAR

**(SEPTEMBER 2026-
AUGUST 2027)**

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



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

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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.**



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

CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!



THE 40TH
ANNUAL

GRADUATE STUDENT
RESEARCH CONFERENCE



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!

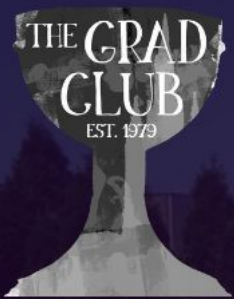


[SOGS.CA/WRF](https://sogs.ca/wrf)



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





The HEART of

GradLifeWesternU

**BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | DAILY
LUNCH 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:

MONDAYS	9AM - 8PM
TUESDAYS	9AM - 10PM
WEDNESDAYS	9AM - 10PM
THURSDAYS	9AM - 10PM
FRIDAYS	9AM - 10PM

**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)



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PRESIDENT@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC:
ACADEMIC@SOGS.CA

VICE PRESIDENT ADVOCACY:
ADVOCACY@SOGS.CA

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GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

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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.

