

Canadian Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions Conference

August 7-9, 2008

University of Western Ontario

APPLICANT INFORMATION AND INFORMATION FOR LOCALS

WHAT IS THE CCGEU?

The Canadian Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions (“CCGEU”) is a voluntary coalition of Unions representing teaching and research assistants at universities across Canada. The CCGEU was founded in 2004. The central objective of the CCGEU is to network for purposes of facilitating: (1) the continued organizing of Graduate Teaching Assistants, Graduate Research Assistants and other Graduate Employees at universities across Canada and (2) the continued improvement of working conditions for graduate students at Canadian universities.

The CCGEU holds an annual conference with representatives from participating Unions including Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and other unions representing graduate employees. The 2007 conference held in Fredericton, New Brunswick was sponsored by the PSAC. Each year venue of this conference rotates across regions within the country.

The 2008 CCGEU conference will be hosted in London, Ontario by The Graduate Teaching Assistants at the University of Western Ontario (Public Service Alliance of Canada Local 610), representing 1,800 members. The GTA union represents 1,800 members under a current collective agreement with UWO (www.gtaunion.com)

WHAT IS THE 2008 CCGEU CONFERENCE?

The 2008 meeting of the Canadian Coalition of Graduate Employee Union Conference will be taking place on **August 7-9, 2008** at the University of Western Ontario. The Conference will promote peer to peer learning while developing stronger locals, unions and better practices.

2008 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Highlights of the conference include:

- Peer to peer panelists
- Roundtable discussions
- Best practices workshops
- Contract gains

If you are interested in co-facilitating a roundtable discussion, please indicate that on the registration form.

REGISTRATION

Registration desk will open on Thursday August 7th, 2008 at 8:30am in University College, Rm204. The session begins at 9:30am on Thursday morning after the registration.

Sessions timings are as follows:

Thursday, August 7th: 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Friday, August 8th: 9:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday, August 9th: 9:30 am-5:00 pm

NUMBER OF SEATS AVAILABLE

The Conference Planning Committee intends to receive up to a maximum of sixty five delegates for the CCGEU Conference. Teaching Assistants and/or Research Assistants belonging to PSAC, CUPE or any other union are welcome to attend the conference. This conference is also open to those graduate employees who are not yet represented by any union.

TRAVEL POLICY

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses and loss of salary where applicable. However, you should contact your Local union to determine whether there are funds available to assist you in attending this conference.

ACCOMODATIONS

All delegates are expected to book their own accommodations. They are available at Western's Bed and Breakfast. The economy rate (no breakfast or cleaning service included) for accommodations is \$39.75 per night while the full service rate (continental breakfast and daily cleaning service) is \$53.50. For information on booking accommodations, please visit Western Bed and Breakfast website at:

<http://www.has.uwo.ca/hospitality/bedandbreakfast/index.htm>

WHAT TO PACK

We ask all Locals to bring any materials that could stimulate discussion such as collective agreements, newsletters or innovative contract language.

DRESS CODE

There is no dress code; however, it is a **scant free** conference.

HOW TO APPLY

The registration fee is \$40. Cheques should be made payable to the Graduate Teaching Assistants' Union. **The deadline for the registration is July 31st, 2008. The cheques should be dated no later than July 31st, 2008.** Cheques are non-refundable. Please mail both the registration forms and cheques to the address listed below:

UWO-GTA Union, The University of Western Ontario
Somerville House, Room 1313
London, Ontario, Canada
N6A 3K7

Alternately, registration forms can be sent to ccgeu2008@gmail.com. If registration is made online, the cheques can be mailed to the above address no later than **July 31st, 2008**.

QUESTIONS

For any questions or inquiries Contact Jennifer Spinney (email: ccgeu2008@gmail.com) **any time**, through phone (519-661-2111 ext 80336) on Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, alternatively you can contact Anil Jhawar on Fridays 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. at (519-661-2111 ext 80336)

VENUE LOCATION

The sessions will be held in university college room 204 on Thursday, August 7th till 12:30pm all other sessions will be held in university college room 85. The university college is located in the campus of the University of Western Ontario.

The University of Western Ontario is located in London, Ontario. Highway directions to reach the campus are as follows:

Driving from Toronto:

401 West

Take the Highbury Ave. exit, EXIT 189, toward ST. THOMAS.

Take the Highbury Ave. North/ Highbury Ave. Nord exit.

Turn LEFT onto Florence St/ Provincial Route 2. Continue to follow Provincial Route 2.

Turn RIGHT onto Clarence St/ Provincial Route 4

Turn LEFT onto Kent St/ Provincial Route 4.

Turn RIGHT onto Richmond St/ Provincial Route 4.

Driving from Windsor:

Take 401 East

Take the Wellington Road exit, EXIT 186.

Turn LEFT onto Wellington Rd S.

Turn LEFT onto York St/ Provincial Route 2.

Turn RIGHT onto Clarence St/ Provincial Route 4.

Turn LEFT onto Kent St/ Provincial Route 4.

Turn RIGHT onto Richmond St/ Provincial Route 4.

Driving from London International Airport:

Start out going NORTH on Crumlin SDRD toward Terminal Circle Rd.

Turn LEFT onto Oxford St E.

Turn RIGHT onto Richmond St/ Provincial Route 4.



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Name: _____

Post-Secondary Institution: _____

Union/Organization: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Contact Address: _____

Are you interested in co-facilitating a roundtable discussion? Yes No
Please indicate the topic.

Do you need French Translators? Yes No

Accommodation:

http://www.has.uwo.ca/hospitality/bedandbreakfast/reservations_service_rates.htm

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