What You Need to Know About Returning to Campus This September

To give you a warm welcome and keep you updated on how the Institute is responding to COVID-19, we have built the OISE Together Hub. Take a look at our welcome message, useful resources and access to ways to engage with the OISE community. Click here to access the hub.

For detailed building protocols effective September 7, 2021, please visit OISE’s COVID-19 Protocols & Precautions webpage.

For the latest COVID-19 information as it relates to building procedures and policies, please visit the Chief Administrative Officer’s community information page.

Upcoming Events

OISE Orientation, September 2021

Thursday, September 9, 2021
OISE Orientation is a great opportunity for new students to learn everything the University of Toronto, Faculty of OISE, your department, and your program can offer you. To ensure you have a successful start, we are planning a number of virtual orientation events. ORSS Orientation (comprised of Dean’s Welcome, International Students Orientation, and Information fair) is scheduled for Thursday Sept. 9th (9 AM – 4 PM, EST). If you have questions in regards to your department/program orientation, click here for contact info. For more information about Orientation, visit our webpage.

Register Here

**OISE Wellness Lunch & Learn**

**Jack Miller: Curious about Mindfulness?**
**Tuesday, September 21, 2021**

Jack will share beginner-friendly mindfulness meditation practices along with his experience in teaching this practice. He is an author and editor of 20 books including, *The Holistic Curriculum*, *The Contemplative Practitioner*, and *Love and Compassion: Exploring their Role in Education*. His writing has been translated into nine languages. Jack teaches courses in holistic education and contemplative education here at OISE.

Register Here

**Two-Part Online Workshop**

**Building Structures in Early Years: Inspiring STEM and Narrative Enrichment**
**Thursday, Sept. 16 to Thursday, Sept. 23**

Early years educator Carol Stephenson shares ways to support rich, narrative play that naturally arises as young kids build. In this two-day workshop for teachers, you will discover how to maximize your classroom space, budget and schedule to bring out the best in all your builders! $25 per workshop.

Registration Link

**Online Volunteer Tutoring Opportunity!**

Are you interested in doing something to support Toronto youth whose learning has been disrupted by the pandemic? Or keen to support newcomers to Canada? We are looking for OISE volunteers who can provide online academic support to Grade 9 and 10 Toronto District School Board students from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday for the first term of the school year.

Last year, OISE students worked with almost 100 TDSB students per week under the leadership of Professors Karen Mundy and Carly Manion and a group of teachers. This year, we hope to continue helping some of the students hit hardest by the pandemic. We
will be working at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute, a secondary school in the Thorncliffe Park neighborhood. Families in this neighborhood has been heavily affected by the pandemic. It is also home to many newcomers to Canada, including recent arrivals from Afghanistan.

Volunteers in this program gain valuable educational experience in working with youth. They also receive informal mentoring from teachers and administrators at Marc Garneau. Volunteers are also provided with a letter confirming their service upon request.

If you are interested in getting involved, please fill in this form. We will be in touch with more information.

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OISE Library Updates

Library Hours and Services for Fall 2021

For the latest information on OISE Library Updates, checkout the OISE Library webpage.

Opening Hours

The OISE Library Team is looking forward to welcoming you back into the Library starting September 7th. Opening hours will be limited for the Fall (Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Sept. 7th to Sept. 19th; Monday to Saturday, 11am-3pm from Sept. 20th to Oct. 11th) and will be adjusted throughout the semester based on public health and University guidelines.

Robarts and Gerstein, the two largest libraries on the St. George Campus, will offer longer hours for those seeking after-hours study space and wifi access. Non-medical masks or face coverings and COVID-19 health screening self-assessment (via UCheck or a paper-based self-assessment log) will be required by all U of T libraries.

In-Person Services

Members of the OISE Library team will be working on-site to assist with questions about the library space and materials, including course reserves, library accounts, borrowing / returning / renewing library materials, retrievals, interlibrary loans, and booking individual study rooms. In addition to the Library’s desktop computers, a limited number of laptop computers and battery chargers will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis during the Library’s opening hours.

Access to Collections

With the reopening of libraries and access to the book stacks on the St. George, U of T Mississauga, and U of T Scarborough campuses, the U of T Libraries’ Curbside Pickup Service has been discontinued. The last date to pick up curbside materials at the Robarts Library will be September 3rd. Access to digitized in-copyright books through the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service will end on
September 7th.

Online Research Support

OISE Librarians will continue to provide research support online during the fall semester, including support with strategic literature searches, citation management, and all your other literature search needs. Our research consultations form, drop-in Zoom reference hours, and contact information can be found on the Reference and Research Services page.

Online Library Research Skills Workshops and Tutorials

OISE Librarians will continue to work with instructors to develop course-embedded library research skills workshops and asynchronous learning materials. Customized library research modules, video tutorials, and research guides are available to help you develop advanced research skills. OISE students, staff, and faculty are also invited to participate in open registration workshops offered through the University of Toronto Libraries in a variety of additional topics including advanced literature searching, citation management, scholarly publishing, thesis formatting, and 3D printing.

Student Resources

OISE Scholarships & Bursaries

- Burstow Scholarship for Research into Antisemitism
- William G. Davis Golden Anniversary Leadership Scholarship
- Vernon Douglas McCaw Memorial Fellowship
- Mary O'Brien Graduate Student Fellowship
- Mary Smith Memorial Bursary

For further details on award descriptions, applications, and deadlines, please visit the OISE Internal Awards webpage.

The OISE Bursary Program provides financial assistance to full-time OISE students who demonstrate financial need. The bursary is non-repayable and intended to assist students to finance their education.

Full information on eligibility and program requirements are on the OISE Bursary Program webpage. The Fall term online application opens September 21, 2021.

Incoming Students with Conditional Admission

If you are a new incoming OISE student and you have registered for classes while having conditions of admission, you have until October 29, 2021 to clear these conditions. Please visit our Satisfy Your Conditions of Admission website to understand how to satisfy any requirements.

OISE Student Success Centre (OSSC)
The OISE Student Success Centre (OSSC) is an academic skills and support centre that offers OISE students the opportunity to book one-on-one appointments with an OSSC advisor (who themselves are OISE doctoral students) to improve their abilities in a wide-range of areas such as:

- Academic Writing
- French
- English Language Development
- Literature Review
- Presentation Skills
- Resume and Cover Letters
- Mock Interviews
- Teacher Skills Development

Appointments will start on September 20. Please visit our [website](#) for more information or to book an appointment.

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**ORSS COVID-19 Information**

The Office of the Registrar and Student Services posts regular updates on its COVID-19 website as information can rapidly change. For all of the latest information concerning registration, student services, financial support and admissions, please visit our [webpage](#).

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### OISE Education Commons

#### Education Commons Open House

Join us on **October 7, 2021** for our Virtual Open House. Meet the Education Commons team and learn more about what we do, and how we can help you with your digital and technical needs, plus a chance to win an OISE swag package. Choose the session that suits your schedule.

**Register for the morning:** From 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
**OR Register for the afternoon:** 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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**Community Resources**

We have new resources available to assist the OISE community with their technical needs. See our website for a full list of our Virtual Sessions, including weekly sessions and upcoming workshops.

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**Upcoming Workshops**

- **Understanding Quercus Quizzes and New Quizzes** – Sept. 7, 11 a.m.
- **Fast and Easy Quercus Outcomes and Rubrics** – Sept. 8, 11 a.m.
- **Designing a HyFlex Course with Quercus** – Oct. 6, 11:00 AM
- **MS Teams: Channels, Content, Collaboration (Details TBD)** – Sept. 29, 11:00 AM
- **RedCAP for Research Surveys** – TBD October

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**OISE Faculty & Staff News**
Education Commons Welcomes Three New Team Members!

Education Commons welcomed three new members to the team this summer.

Chandra Sai Praneeth Pabbisetty and Brian Whelan join us as Service Delivery Specialists, helping you with your service questions.

Victor Singh joins us as our new Solutions Architect, and will be involved in the further development of OISE Cloud computing infrastructure.

Images from left to right: Chandra Sai Praneeth Pabbisetty, Brian Whelan, Victor Singh

Tess Barclay joins CAO Team!

Tess Barclay joined OISE on July 28 as Executive Coordinator in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer. Prior to her current position, she served as Executive Assistant to the Provost & Vice-President Academic at York University for a number of years.

As Executive Coordinator, she is responsible for providing executive support to the CAO in the management of the administrative functions of OISE in the areas of Finance, Operations, Human Resources, Health and Safety, contract negotiations, risk management and general administration. Files currently on her desk include COVID process preparation, refreshing the CAO’s website, an enterprise-wide SharePoint project, and others.

Tess is a U of T alumna, and during her downtime, she enjoys trying new restaurants in the city and appreciating Toronto’s arts and culture scene. She’s also an at-home cocktail creator and enthusiast, and is always happy to chat about recipes or pairing recommendations.

Meet Brian Kalakula - new OISE Research Partnership Development Officer!

We are delighted to welcome Brian Kalakula to the Associate Dean, Research, International and Innovation team! Brian is our new Research Partnership Development Officer, a three-year position that began August 16th. In this role, Brian will support OISE faculty members with all aspects of partnership-focused research strategies.

Brian is a stakeholder engagement professional with over
six years of international and government relations experience. Prior to joining the OISE team, Brian worked at Mitacs: a national not-for-profit organization that supports research and innovation projects connecting academia and the private sector. At Mitacs, Brian managed a mixed portfolio of national and international partnerships to support and expand Mitacs’ engagement strategy with governments and academic institutions across Canada and in partner countries around the world.

Brian has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Arizona State University, and a Master of Arts in Political Economy for International Development from the University of Toronto. Prior to settling down in Canada, Brian lived abroad for most of his life and spent a considerable amount of time in the United States, Belgium, Italy, and Albania (his country of birth).

Have a story you would like featured *Inside OISE @ Home? Share it with us!*

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- Indigenous Education Network (IEN)
- OISE Wellness
- The Discovery- Education Commons Newsletter
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