

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Tis the season to be jolly so come and join your fellow postdocs for **PAW's Holiday Breakfast Celebration** on Thursday **Dec 12th at 10am at the Grad Club** ! Tasty pastries and coffee will be served and we will play a small and fun gift exchange game (White Elephant gift exchange, see details below). Hope to see you all there !

Join us on November 28th at 6:30 pm at the Grad Club for our PAW social, right after [Western's Postdoctoral Research Forum](#)

November 7th 2013 - Monthly Social - Happy hour!

We're now back on our regular Happy Hour schedule (first Thursday of each month) so come share some free nachos with fellow postdoc on November 7th at 4pm at the Grad Club.

Are you ready to have some Halloween fun with fellow postdocs?

Come and join us at the Grad Club on October 30th from 5pm to 7pm to celebrate.

There will be pumpkin carving, Halloween candies and free pizza.

We also encourage Halloween enthusiasts to dress up for the occasion as there will be a prize for the best costume. Significant others and children are welcome.

If you want to attend this event, please RSVP by Oct 25th to Brigitte Cadieux:
bcadieux@uwo.ca

The Postdoctoral Association at Western is looking for a logo!

Are you a creative-type?
Always dreamed of having your work featured in nature*?

Submit your custom design (made using Adobe Illustrator or similar) to postdocs@uwo.ca by Sunday, December 1st. The winning design could earn you a \$200 cash prize!

* Featured in nature... you know... like a t-shirt worn by a postdoc while outdoors

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2013 Survey of Canadian Postdoctoral Scholars (Press Release)

The Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars / l'Association canadienne des stagiaires post-doctoraux (CAPS-ACSP) is pleased to release the report from the [2013 Survey of Canadian Postdoctoral Scholars](#), conducted in collaboration with [Mitacs](#), between March and April, 2013.

Postdoctoral scholars, or postdocs, are individuals who have recently completed a doctoral or equivalent degree and are in a temporary period (1 to 5 years) of mentored research or scholarly training. As early-career researchers, postdocs are extremely important to the development of Canada's knowledge-based economy.

The 2013 Survey report presents a comprehensive and up-to-date view of Canadian postdocs, capturing the experiences of 1830 individuals working at 130 universities, hospitals, government laboratories, and private companies across Canada and abroad. This impressive response amounts to roughly 20% of all Canadian postdocs!

[For more information click here.](#)

2013 Sondage sur les stagiaires post-doctoraux canadiens (Communiqué de presse)

L'Association canadienne des stagiaires post-doctoraux / the Canadian Association of Postdoctoral Scholars (l'ACSP-CAPS) est fière de publier le rapport du [sondage de 2013 des stagiaires post-doctoraux canadiens](#), mené en collaboration avec [Mitacs](#), entre mars et avril 2013.

Les stagiaires post-doctoraux, ou postdocs, sont des personnes ayant récemment obtenu un diplôme de doctorat, ou l'équivalent, et étant dans une période temporaire (entre 1 et 5 ans) de recherche encadrée ou de formation scientifique. En tant que chercheurs en début de carrière, les postdocs sont d'une importance capitale pour le développement de l'économie du savoir au Canada.

Le rapport du sondage 2013 présente une vue d'ensemble complète et à jour de la réalité des postdocs canadiens, compilant les expériences individuelles de 1830 personnes travaillant dans 130 universités, hôpitaux, laboratoires gouvernementaux et entreprises privées partout au Canada et à l'étranger. Cette réponse impressionnante correspond à environ 20% des postdocs canadiens!

[Pour plus d'informations cliquez ici.](#)

**Postdoc appreciation week - September
16 to 20th 2013**

The School of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies and PAW will offer a series of events during the week of September 16. Please check the [calendar of events](#), details and RSVP deadlines below.

ALL WEEK (September 16 to 20th)

ONE-TIME FREE ACCESS TO THE RECREATION CENTRE: Please show your Western ID card and mention that you are a postdoctoral fellow at the Recreation Centre reception desk to get one complimentary visit to the gym between Monday September 16th and Friday September 20th.

MONDAY 16th

POSTDOCTORAL ORIENTATION: All new postdocs are invited to attend this orientation in order to receive important information about being a postdoc at Western. Lunch will be provided.

Time: 12 to 1 pm

Location: Room 2130 -Second floor of the Western Student Services Building

If you want to attend this event, please register at: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events?id=105>

BOWLING: Half-price classic pizza followed by 1\$ games of bowling. Significant others welcome. If you want to attend this event, please RSVP before Thursday September 12th to Sophie Lalande at slaland@uwo.ca

Time: Dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a game of bowling

Location: Palasad, 777 Adelaide St N.

TUESDAY 17th

WORKSHOP FROM WIL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES: Workshop on employment opportunities for postdocs and their spouses in and around London. Lunch will be provided.

Time: 12 to 1 pm

Location: University Community Centre, Room 147B

If you want to attend this event, please register at: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=106>

HAPPY HOUR AND FREE MOVIE AT WESTERN FILM: Come share free nachos with fellow postdocs at the Grad Club. Look for PAW's reserved tables. We will be giving away 100 tickets to attend a movie at Western film during the evening. Tickets are first come, first served. Film to be announced at: <http://www.usc.uwo.ca/wfilm/>

Happy hour: Time: 5 to 7 pm Location: Grad Club, Middlesex College

Movie: Time: 7 pm Location: Second floor of the University Community Centre (UCC)

WEDNESDAY 18th

MITACS WORKSHOP: Workshop on effective networking – **currently FULL** but you can put your name on the wait list !

Time: 1 to 4 pm. Location: University Community Centre, Room 147B Website to register: step.mitacs.ca/workshop/2013/09/effective-networking-london-september-18-2013

THURSDAY 19th

SOCCER: Come join fellow postdocs for a soccer match.

Time: 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Location: Huron Flats West Field (next to TD Stadium)

If you want to attend this event, please register at: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=108>

DINNER: Come join other postdocs for a dinner in town. Significant others welcome. If you want to attend this event, please RSVP before Thursday September 12th to Catherine Martel: cmartel6@uwo.ca

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Aroma, 717 Richmond Street

Website: <http://fginternationalcorp.com/>

FRIDAY 20th

FREE LUNCH AT THE GRAD CLUB: Come join other postdocs for the Indian Buffet. Look for PAW's reserved tables.

Time: 12 to 1 pm

Location: Grad Club, Middlesex College

If you want to attend this event, please register at: <http://grad.uwo.ca/events/?id=107>

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: Bring your kids to this London's museum. **Free admission on Friday evenings.** If you want to attend this event, please RSVP before Thursday September 12th to Tim Burkhardt at tburkhar@uwo.ca

Time: 5 pm

Location: London's Children Museum, 21 Wharncliffe Road South

Website: <http://www.londonchildrensmuseum.ca/>

PUB CRAWL: Come join us on this tour of the local pubs. Look for a sign for PAW at the Morrissey House. If you want to join the group later in the evening, please let Catherine Martel (cmartel6@uwo.ca) know before the pub crawl begins and she will provide a phone number for you to be able to find the group.

Time and locations:

8 pm: The Morrissey House: 361 Dundas Street

9 pm: Milo's Craft Beer Emporium: 420 Talbot Street

10 pm: Chaucer's Pub: 122 Carling Street

11 pm: The Black Shire Pub: 511 Talbot Street

Midnight: Molly Bloom's Irish Pub: 700 Richmond Street

SATURDAY 21st

PICNIC/POTLUCK: Come join other postdocs for an outside lunch. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. Look for the sign for PAW. Significant others and children are welcome and we will have access to a barbecue. This event will be cancelled if there is rain.

Time: 1 pm

Location: Gibbons Park (pavilion near Victoria Street).

SUNDAY 22nd

VISIT THE ELDON HOUSE: Join us for a guided tour of London's oldest residence, containing family heirlooms, furnishings and treasures of the Harris family as well as a beautiful 19th-century style garden. Admission by donation. Significant others and children are welcome. If you want to attend this event, please RSVP before Thursday September 12th to Agya Frimpong at afrimpon@uwo.ca

Time: Tour starts at 1 pm Location: 481 Ridout Street North Website: <http://www.eldonhouse.ca/>

The Terry FOX Run - Sunday September 15th - Join PAW's team

Mark your calendars! The Terry Fox Run is happening right here on campus on **Sunday September 15th**. This event helps support one of the organizations that provides funding to research labs across Canada to help fight cancer. With an impressive 84 cents of every dollar raised going toward research this is certainly a great cause.

PAW has formed a team for this event with the hope that many of you will be able to participate and raise some money! Please follow the link below and click the "join team" button to take part and start raising money today. There are two possible start times, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, and you can elect to run either 5K or 10K depending on your preference.

Can't participate? Please consider a small donation to the team to help in our fundraising efforts. Let's show the campus and community the power of the postdocs!

To sign up or donate:

<http://my.e2rm.com/TeamPage.aspx?langPref=en-CA&TSID=414146>

For an overview of how the Terry Fox Foundation supports research: <http://www.terryfox.org/Research/index.html>

Hope to see many of you there! Blake, PAW president

August Off-campus Social: Weekend at the Bruce Peninsula -

August 17th-18th 2013

The [Bruce Peninsula](#) is a beautiful area of Ontario offering lots of outdoors activities such as camping, hiking, swimming, kayaking and scuba diving. Since it takes about 4.5h to drive there, this will be a 2-day excursion with overnight stay in tents or rustic cabins. Tentative date for the trip: **Saturday August 17 to Sunday August 18**. The area is very popular and places to sleep are very limited so for this trip to be a success we need to know quickly how many people are seriously interested in coming so reservations can be made. Please

email [Catherine](mailto:cmartel6@uwo.ca) (cmartel6@uwo.ca) ASAP if you would like to join, we will figure out the details later (carpooling, activities).

What: 2day excursion to [Bruce Peninsula](#) (Tobermory) **When:** Weekend August 17-18
Who: Adults, kids, friends....

Cheers,

Your PAW exec