



Graduate Students' Association

University of Alberta

3 March 2022 - The Graduate Students' Association is horrified and appalled by the Russian government's military assault against the people of Ukraine. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian expatriates in our community, with Ukrainian people as they are endangered and otherwise impacted by this senseless violence, and with all the innocent people in the region whose lives and families are affected by the Russian government's invasion of Ukraine. We join countless other post-secondary organizations and institutions who urge the Canadian government to take action to protect innocent lives, and to prevent further loss.

At this critical time, we urge graduate students who require support to consider the following resources:

- The team of Registered Social Workers at the University's [Wellness Supports](#), who work with students to strengthen mental health and wellbeing, appropriately share resources, make relevant referrals, and engage in robust coordination with on- and off-campus services;
- The University's [Counselling and Clinical Services](#), which aims to provide accessible and compassionate psychological and psychiatric services;
- The [Graduate Student Assistance Program](#), which offers confidential counselling services to graduate students, their partners, and their dependents;
- The [GSA Emergency Bursary](#), the application process for which is facilitated through our partners at the Office of the Registrar. Other emergency funding and supplementary bursary opportunities are also made available through the [Office of the Registrar](#);
- Academic accommodations or program supports offered by the [Faculty of Graduate Students and Research](#). The office of Dr. Brooke Milne, Vice-Provost and Dean can be reached directly at graddean@ualberta.ca; and
- Other supports such as the specialized ones provided by the [Interfaith Chaplains' Association](#), and the information and fellowship offered by the [Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies](#) housed within the Faculty of Arts.

The GSA continues to engage in conversations with various University stakeholders, including the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, to discuss means of support that would best serve our community at this critical time. We encourage graduate students to contact us at gsa.frontdesk@ualberta.ca, or [visit us virtually or in-person](#) at our office in Triffo Hall as appropriate to help address any questions or concerns.