



**Orientation 2015: Ph.D. in Educational Studies,
Faculty of Education**

August 10, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

The UPEI PhD Orientation offers 2 days for new and continuing PhD students, Faculty, and staff to get to know each other and confirm plans for the upcoming academic year. New PhD students will learn more about the doctoral journey at UPEI and gain more insight into the program requirements and opportunities. Continuing PhD students and faculty will have an opportunity to refresh or clarify the processes and expectations of the PhD program, particularly the timelines and activities associated with the PhD Comprehensive Portfolio, Proposal, and Thesis stages. New and continuing PhD student will hopefully use the opportunity to meet individually with their PhD supervisor to catch up in conversations about the student's individual program.

In addition to the new PhD students who will attend the full PhD Orientation, all continuing PhD students are expected to participate especially in the morning sessions as part of the PhD program, and to be present as 'tour guides' and mentors with the new PhD students as much as your schedules allow.

Faculty are all strongly encouraged to attend the morning sessions on both days!

*I especially draw your attention to the morning sessions on **Wednesday morning, August 26 and Thursday August 27 from 9 – Noon**. Start up and mid-morning coffee and treats will be provided both mornings!*

Please RSVP to Cathy Hennessey <cahennessey@upei.ca> to plan for seating and sufficient treats for all. Many thanks!

*Liz Townsend, PhD
Coordinator, Graduate Studies
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Wednesday, August 26, 2015

9:00 AM – Meet and Greet. Coffee and treats.

Location: Faculty Lounge (Main Building)

9:20 AM – Welcome introductions and Conversations:

Location: Faculty Lounge (Main Building)

Welcome to the 2015 Cohort (Amanda, Suha, and Brittany) by Continuing PhD Students, Faculty and the Coordinator, Graduate Studies

9:30 AM Welcome Panel: Faculty and Continuing PhD Students Sharing Our Stories

A panel of UPEI educators and continuing PhD students (15 minutes each) will share words of wisdom on the PhD journey with incoming students. A dialogue about making the most of this unique privilege will ensue.

Break

11:00 AM – What are your publication ideas?

Meet with Joan Sinclair, Island Studies Press (ISP), to consider how ISP might help with your publication ideas and plans. Thinking of ideas to publish your thesis? Faculty plans for articles, books, or digital materials?

12 noon -1:00PM – Lunch on own on campus

1:00 PM – The UPEI Research Context

Location: Kelley Building, Room 222

New PhD students will be guided by continuing PhD students and the Coordinator of Graduate Studies to meet Leslie Cudmore, Research Services and Graduate Education: Developing an understanding of UPEI's research culture

2:00 PM – The UPEI Qualitative Research Lab and Campus Tour

Location: Dalton Hall, 4th Floor (apologies for stairs only, no elevator), Room 409

New PhD students will visit the Qualitative Research Lab (QRL).

The visit to the QRL will be followed by a tour of UPEI campus if there is sufficient time. If not, the tour will be rescheduled for later.

3:00 PM – Meet with your Supervisors (and Committee if applicable)

Location: Individual PhD students and Supervisors confirm where to meet.

4:30 PM – Campus Tour and Socializing - New and Continuing PhD Students

Location: PhD Student choice, organized by continuing PhD students

Thursday, August 27, 2012

9:00 AM – **Meet and Greet.** Coffee and treats.

Location: Faculty Lounge (Main Building)

9:15AM – **Faculty of Education PhD Orientation Research Seminar:**

What educational research is being conducted at UPEI?

Location: Faculty Lounge (Main Building)

This is the first of four **Faculty of Education Research Seminars** over the academic year. Each continuing PhD student is invited to provide a 5-minute ‘elevator-style’ Research Profile (no powerpoint!) of PhD research plans, progress, and/or their PhD journey to date. These brief, informal introductions are intended to spark follow up discussions over the morning break and beyond.

Break (around 10:30)

Each faculty member is invited to share updates and plans for research in a 5-minute ‘elevator-style’ Research Profile (no powerpoint!). The aim in sharing faculty stories is to raise awareness of the scope and interests of the Faculty of Education Research Community.

12 noon -1:00PM – Lunch on own on campus

1:00 PM– Orientation Q & A (Until around 2:00 PM)

Location: Faculty Lounge (Main Building)

With Ron MacDonald, Dean of Education, and Liz Townsend Graduate Coordinator

2:00 PM – Meet with your Supervisors (and Committee if applicable)

Location: Individual PhD students and Supervisors confirm where to meet.

3:30 PM – Robertson Library Meet the Educational Specialist

Location: Robertson Library, Room 292 **(Reminder: Take your own laptops)**

Melissa Belvadi will orient new and continuing PhD students to deepen your understanding and fluency with a variety of digital resources and other research tools available through the UPEI library. The session will be designed to facilitate PhD students’ exploration of electronic databases in your own areas of interest, so please be prepared to do some searches on your topic. Please bring your laptop.