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**Inclusive Excellence in
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and Mentorship**

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Victoria, British Columbia

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**L'excellence inclusive dans
l'encadrement et le mentorat
aux cycles supérieurs**

Du 7 au 10 novembre 2023
Victoria, Colombie-Britannique

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Tuesday, 7 November

9:00 – 11:00 AM

Workshop Registration and Check-In

Arbutus Ballroom

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Opening Remarks – Cultural Change and Answerability: Deaning in the 21st Century

Arbutus Ballroom

Dr. Jeff Derksen, Professor, Department of English, Simon Fraser University

Cultural change shapes the university as a force from the outside as well as an inevitable process internal to the institution. At this moment, following the shifts unsteadily enacted by the pandemic and in the wake of new social movements, universities are being asked to think of students in a manner informed by support, respect, and accountability. At the graduate level, processes and regulations put in place previously cut across how students understand themselves and their role at the university, as well as how they live their lives. How can an understanding of cultural change – inside and outside the university – lead to better processes to reform graduate studies for students, faculty, staff and the institution? Social movements of the last decade have globally asked for new forms of leadership and answerability. What is answerability in the university and where does it dwell? For deans, answerability can come from a number of competing or even conflicting directions. As deans, we are answerable to the president's office and to the provost, yet we are also held to answer in other more social ways, to faculty members, programs and students. The negotiation of what should be a dialogic relationship of answerability is key, as answerability can fundamentally shape the role, influence and effect of a dean of graduate studies in this moment of cultural change.



12:00 – 1:00 PM

Lunch Buffet

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1:00 – 2:30 PM

Panel Discussion I: Thriving as a Graduate Dean, Associate Dean, or Director

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Moderated by Fahim Quadir, Vice President and President-Elect of CAGS | Vice-Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University

- Shawn Fraser, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Athabasca University | Vice President, Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies (WCDGS)
- Robin Hicks, Dean of Graduate Studies, University of Victoria
- Marie-José Nollet, Dean of Graduate Studies, École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS)
- Amy Warren, Interim Associate Vice-President and Dean, School of Graduate Studies, Memorial University

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Coffee & Tea Break

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2:45 – 4:00 PM

Panel Discussion II: Making Graduate Education Relevant: The Evolving Role of Graduate Deans, Associate Deans, and Directors

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Moderated by Fahim Quadir, Vice President and President-Elect of CAGS | Vice-Provost and Dean, School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, Queen's University

- Jeff Casello, Associate Vice President, Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs, University of Waterloo | Chair, Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS)
- Valerie Chappe, Associate Dean (Students & Postdocs), Faculty of Graduate Studies, Dalhousie University
- Annie Pilote, Dean, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Université Laval
- Peter J. Simpson, Associate Provost (Academic Affairs and Strategy) and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, University of British Columbia Okanagan

4:00 – 5:00 PM

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Tri-Agency Update – SSHRC | NSERC | CIHR

- Olaf Ellefson, Manager, Research Training Portfolio, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- Matthew Vincelli, Deputy Director, Scholarships and Fellowships Division, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- François Zegers, Lead, Vanier-Banting Secretariat, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)



5:00 – 5:30 PM

Personal Time

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Networking Reception and CAGS Conference Opening Ceremony

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