

Hi all!

Welcome (or welcome back) to the Graduate Seminar & Invited Academic Speaker Series 2024-25, where you will have the opportunity to learn about the research projects conducted by your fellow BME graduate students in the Graduate Seminar Series as well as other researchers at other BME Institutions in the Invited Speakers Seminar.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE ENTIRITY OF THIS EMAIL AS THE GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINARS HAVE CHANGED. ALSO, AS SPOTS ARE LIMITED, IF YOU **NEED** TO PRESENT, PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP TO ENSURE YOU SECURE A SPOT. WE WILL HAVE 4 ROUNDS OF SIGN-UP, TWO FOR FALL AND TWO FOR WINTER.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO INVITE THEIR SUPERVISORS BY ADDING A GUEST ON THE CALENDLY INVITE, WHERE YOU WILL INPUT YOUR SUPERVISORS EMAIL.

Seminar Information and Schedule

Graduate student seminars will **only be held once a week**, every Monday. Each seminar day will host up to 4 student presentations with each presentation consisting of a 10-minute talk and 5 minutes for questions and answers. Invited Speaker seminars will continue to be held monthly on Tuesdays.

Seminars will be held **in-person** and it is expected all students will attend in person. **Those who are outside the downtown core (i.e. at Holland Bloorview, Lyndhurst, Sunnybrook, North York General Hospital)** can request virtual access for attending the graduate student seminars. Such requests will be reviewed and granted at the discretion of BME. Invited Speakers will only be offered in-person unless otherwise stated.

The dates and rooms for the seminars are provided below:

Event	Date	Room
Graduate Student Seminars	Mondays, 5pm –6:10pm Starting September 9, 2024	HS610 (campus map)
Invited Speaker Seminars	Generally, 2nd Tuesday of every month https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/category/bme-invited-academic-speaker-series/	Location varies, please refer to the BME website for locations

If you would like to see the schedule for the Graduate student seminars and who is presenting, please refer to: <https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/>. If you would like to see the Invited Academic Speaker schedule, please refer to: <https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/category/bme-invited-academic-speaker-series/>.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken at each session via [Wooclap](#) where you will be given a unique access code and asked to enter your name. You will need a device that has access to the internet to do this. Please enter your name as it appears on ROSI so that you are properly counted for attendance. The attendance survey will be prompted at the BEGINNING, prior to the start of the presentations, therefore please make sure you are on time in order to be counted for attendance.

Program Requirements

To fulfill course requirements for BME1010/1011, students must:

Attend

- Six student seminars per semester (12 per academic year)
- Four Invited Academic Speaker series per year

Present

- in the 12-24 month and 36-48 month range of their studies
 - Masters (12 – 24 months)
 - PhD (12 – 24 months and 36 – 48 months)

Presentation Sign Up

Sign-up will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so please sign up as soon as possible! If you miss your chance to present this academic year, you will be required to present in the following year.

The link to the sign-up pages for all streams is: <https://calendly.com/bme-uoft/graduate-seminar-series>

When signing up, **students must invite their supervisors by selecting “add guest” and entering their Supervisor’s email address.** This will send an invite directly to your supervisor. It is recommended you talk to your supervisor so that you can ensure your supervisor is able to attend however, please do not delay booking a date on this account as spaces are limited.

Make sure you do not use Autofill when booking a slot as this might result in displaying personal information (phone number, etc).

Contacts

The TAs for the seminars will be:

[TA #1 Soheila Shokrollahzade, Soheila.Shokrollahzade@mail.utoronto.ca, who will mainly cover the Fall Term]

[TA #2 Aleksandra Fomina, aleksandra.fomina@mail.utoronto.ca, who will mainly cover the Winter Term]

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the TAs.