CUE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

New Convocation Dates!

Concordia University of Edmonton was advised by Alberta Health Services that our planned drive-in convocation ceremonies (scheduled to take place May 2021) could not proceed as planned. We were able to reschedule the events to:

August 20 – Celebrating the Class of 2020 August 21 – Celebrating the Class of 2021

Watch for updated information at: <u>https://concordia.ab.ca/student-services/registrar/</u> graduation/convocation/

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National Indigenous Peoples Day-June 21st





Canada

This June 21, 2021 is the national 25th anniversary of celebrating the heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples!



Get involved, become a CUE STUDENT AMBASSADOR!

The Program

The Student Ambassador program is a volunteer program that focuses on providing support for events on and off campus, providing campus tours, and allowing non- Concordia students the opportunity to shadow and see the school from your point of view. At Concordia University of Edmonton, we focus on bridging the gap between the students, the faculty, and the community.

Our Focus

As a volunteer team we encourage connections between the community and the university. Each Student Ambassador has an array of choices each term to pick from that allows them to tailor their experience of the program. Under the recruitment office, the Ambassador program focuses on the promotion of the University within its events. Student Ambassadors have become an integral part of CUE by assisting with both our recruitment and marketing events. Ambassadors are key representatives of the university and provide a vital service in promoting post-secondary education.

The Perks

- Volunteer hours
- Community experience
- Team building
- Public speaking
- University Engagement

The Requirements

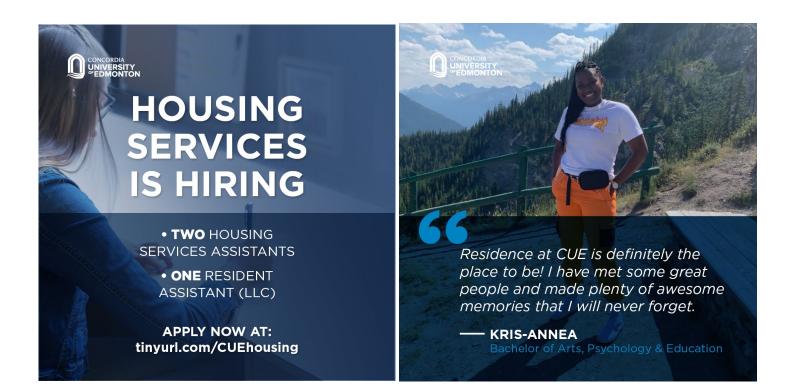
- 2nd year standing
- Interview
- Positive outlook of the school

- Off-Campus Exposure
- Free Lunches
- School Swag
- Training opportunities
- Letters of Reference
- Communication skills
- Mandatory training session in August

Questions?

Email studentambassador@concordia.ab.ca for more information!

Sign up here



We are currently recruiting for two Housing Services Assistants who do not have to live in residence and provide support with administration and special projects. We are also hiring for one Resident Assistant (LLC) which is a live-in position. Full information about each and the applications can be located at <u>tinyurl.com/CUEHousing</u>.



CUE's Mihalcheon School of Management is proud to host a golf tournament in honour of Concordia University of Edmonton's 100th anniversary.





English Conversation Club : https://concordia.ab.ca/english-conversation-club/



Indigenous History Month

This list highlights Indigenous authored experiences, which address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Two Spirit, Residential Schools, and resiliency. This list was created on behalf of the IKRC for their virtual event, *Tipi Teachings with Elder Philip Campiou*, taking place on June 23, 2021.

Thank you to Danielle Powder, CUE's Indigenous Knowledge and Research Centre Manager, for help in selecting and highlighting these resources.

Indigenous History Month Booklist: https://concordia.on.worldcat.org/list/17858403

Financial Aid and Awards



The 2021-2022 AB Student Loan

application is now open!

Go to www.studentaid.alberta.ca to apply.

Students can now access the following student aid <u>applications</u>: 2021-22 Full-time & Part-time applications

Whether this is your first time applying, or you are looking for some extra support to complete your student loan application, **booking an online Student Loan appointment with one of our Financial Aid Advisors** can help ensure that your application is submitted without errors. Visit financialaid.concordia.ab.ca to book your online appointment.

Students can also use the following resources to help them complete the full-time post-secondary application for financial assistance:

<u>How to Apply</u> <u>Loans and Grants Funding Guide</u> <u>Full-time Application Worksheet 2021-2022</u>

Did you know? Students are able to apply for grants only (no student loans). Ask us how. *Some government grant amounts have increased temporarily due to the Covid-19 situation.*

\$\$ Alexander Rutherford Scholarship Application - The 2021-22 Alexander Rutherford High School Achievement Scholarship online application will be available in August. Go to <u>www.studentaid.alberta.ca</u> to apply. This scholarship is for students who graduated from High School in Alberta.

\$\$ The Young Money Scholarship Fund – Have you helped others achieve their goals? The Young Money Scholarship Fund has been established to help post secondary students achieve their goals by removing some of the financial strain from the equation. Scholarship awards start at \$250 per student. To learn more and to apply, <u>click here</u>.

Deadline to apply: June 30, 2021

This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of Edmonton.

Have questions about student loans, scholarships, or bursaries? Ask us!

<u>Click here</u> to book a Google Meet online advising appointment with a Concordia financial aid advisor. Our Financial Aid and Awards office is open throughout the spring and summer months.

> Financial Aid & Awards Office Email: finaid@concordia.ab.ca Website: financialaid.concordia.ab.ca

Financial Abuse

What is financial abuse?

Financial abuse occurs when someone tries to take or control what belongs to you for their own benefit, not yours. This can include your money, your property, or your personal information. Financial abuse is unethical, and in many cases, it is also illegal.

Financial abusers — who are they?

A financial abuser can be a trusted person in your life: a spouse, adult child, grandchild or other family member, caregiver, friend, or neighbour.

Signs of financial abuse:

A trusted person may be a financial abuser if they:

- put pressure on you to give or lend them money, or to give them access to your financial information,
- use a Power of Attorney for their own benefit,
- force or trick you into signing something, including a contract, Will, letter or guarantee,
- misuse your bank card or credit card, or have you take out a loan to help them,
- misuse joint bank accounts or pressure you to make your existing account a joint account,
- forge your signature on cheques, including pension cheques, or legal documents,
- refuse to return borrowed money or property.

Some warning signs

- A trusted person takes an undue interest or involvement in your financial matters.
- Your statements show account withdrawals or transfers you did not do.
- A trusted person suggests you have your bank statements sent to them (or you stop receiving your bank statements).
- You start failing to meet your financial obligations, when you've never had problems before.
- A trusted person suggests that you make changes to important contracts your Will, Power of Attorney, trusts, title to property, deeds or mortgages that you do not want to make or are not in your best interest.
- You feel afraid of, or pressured by, a trusted person.

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How can you prevent it?

• If you are able, do financial transactions yourself. Take advantage of telephone, online and mobile banking. Many financial institutions offer tutorials and help with setting up online banking.

• When planning for your possible inability to manage your finances yourself, allowing a trusted person (or persons) to assist with your financial affairs can be helpful, but you must select your trusted person carefully. More information about how to set up a Power of Attorney document - which allows a trusted person to act and make decisions for you – can be found on the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) website here: Powers of Attorney: What Consumers Need to Know.

- You can say "no" when someone pressures you for money or to buy something even family members.
- Make sure you understand every document you sign do not sign blank documents and do not give anyone your bank card or PIN.

• You can have pension cheques, or other sources of income, deposited directly into your bank account and have your bills debited directly out of your account or charged to your credit card.

The Canadian Bankers Association's (CBA) has more information financial abuse, including who to call for help here: cba.ca/financial-abuse-what-you-need-to-know-and-where-to-get-help.

As a consumer, you also have an important role to play. One of the best ways to protect yourself is to be aware of the different types of scams and fraud so you won't be victimized.



CUE LIBRARY IS OPEN IN-PERSON

Starting on Wednesday, June 16 the following in-person services will be provided: • Library study space

- the basement, 3rd fl, and bookable study rooms remain closed.
- In-person research & citation help
- Physical collection browsing
- In-person IT Helpdesk support
- Library computer & printer access

If you are planning on visiting the library in-person, help keep everyone safe by following CUE's Protocols for On-Campus Attendance.

- Do not come to campus if you are feeling ill
- Keep 2 metres apart from others
- Wear a mask at all times it is mandatory
- Wash/sanitize your hands regularly
- Follow all directional signage

