



Nutritional Sciences UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Graduate Student Seminar Policy NFS1204Y/1304Y

A. SCHEDULE

1. **Introductory Lectures, followed by staff and student seminar (required attendance).**

The first student seminar will be scheduled on Thursday, September 11, 2025. All student seminars will be held in the Medical Sciences Building, Room #3153 from 4-5pm each week.

B. STUDENT SEMINARS

1. **Format**

Each session will consist of presentations by 3 MSc students, or 2 PhD students. MSc students have a 15 minute presentation and 5 minute discussion, and PhD students have a 20 minute presentation and 10 minute discussion. The students' supervisors will often act as Facilitators for their presentations.

2. **Submission of your abstract before seminar**

You must submit an abstract of your seminar by email to the Graduate Program Assistant at grad.nutrisci@utoronto.ca by the Tuesday before your seminar, after the approval of your supervisor(s). The abstract should be not more than 250 words long. Your abstract will be forwarded to all students and staff with detailed presentation information.

3. **Presentation Requirements**

Full-time Students: to present every academic year

MSc Students: present every academic year for 2yrs

PhD Students: present every academic year for 4yrs

4. **Attendance Requirements (attendance record is based on seminar evaluations handed in)**

- a) Full-time students: at least 70% of seminars per academic year**
- b) Graduate Faculty: will be expected to attend, particularly Advisory Committee Members of students presenting

Attendance Requirements apply to full-time MSc students in the first two years of their program, and PhD students in the first four years of their program. Only under exceptional circumstances will these requirements be waived.

Students who fail to achieve the minimum expected level of seminar attendance in any given year will be required to write a critical review of one seminar topic, selected from the list of seminars given in the year excluding seminars given by members of their supervisor's research group. The review paper should be 4,000 words in length, excluding tables, figures, and references. Papers are due on September 1 of the following academic year and should be submitted to the Associate Chair, Graduate Education. Students who fail to submit a satisfactory paper will be denied credit for this course.