

February Newsletter

Top Stories This Month



Nominate a Student: 2025 Provost Scholar Award

Nominations are now open for the [Provost Scholar Award](#). This award is given to outstanding undergraduate students who exemplify student engagement. Each year, one award of \$500 are given per Faculty. Submit your nominations by Feb. 21.



Build Students' Digital Literacy and AI Skills with FUSION

[FUSION](#) is piloting a new digital literacy module this term that teaches students how to identify accurate and reliable information, have appropriate netiquette, properly manage their digital presence, and more. If you know any students who would be interested in participating in the pilot, please direct them to the [registration form](#). This module will be available to the broader university community in the spring.

FUSION has also launched an AI literacy module designed to equip students with the skills necessary to evaluate their interactions with AI, ensuring they use generative AI responsibly in all aspects of their learning and lives. If you would like to integrate this or any of the FUSION modules into your course, complete the [consultation form](#) or contact tls@carleton.ca.



Book an Ad Hoc Class Visit to Our Virtual Reality Studios

Are you curious about using VR in your course but unsure where to begin? Start with a visit to our VR Studios in the [Experiential Learning Hub](#)! You will see how easy it is to captivate your students with immersive learning to help them grasp abstract concepts, access diverse learning environments, and develop skills in new media. Students can fly through the solar system from a spaceship cockpit to see planetary features up close, explore the inside of a plant cell, or even travel through the human body. They can take a virtual tour inside the Palace of Versailles or experience life from another's perspective, such as living with vision loss or mental health issues. We've seen firsthand how engaged students become in our studios. It all begins with a [conversation with us](#). Reach out for more information.



Educational Technology News & Updates

Introducing the Grade Import Validation Tool

Save time and reduce errors with the new grade import validation tool in Brightspace. This feature allows you to check your gradebook imports for errors before submission, ensuring a smooth upload process.

- To access the tool, navigate to the import grades page in your Brightspace course.
- To use it, simply upload your grade file as usual—if errors are detected, the tool will provide specific feedback to help you make corrections quickly.
- Save time and reduce frustration by ensuring your grade imports are error-free on the first attempt!

Have You Thought About Collecting Mid-Semester Feedback Yet?

This is a great time to gather feedback from your students with ed tech tools! Consider using:

- [Wooclap](#): Engage students with live polls and interactive activities during class.
- [Brightspace Surveys](#): Create quick, anonymous surveys to understand how your students are experiencing the course so far.

Both tools are easy to set up and can provide valuable insights to refine your teaching mid-semester. If you need help getting started or would like feedback on your approach, please [submit a consultation request](#).

Keeping Carleton's Zoom Updated

A mandatory minimum update for Zoom is scheduled for the winter break. To maintain the latest features and security enhancements, all Carleton Zoom users will need to update their desktop client and mobile apps on Feb. 19.

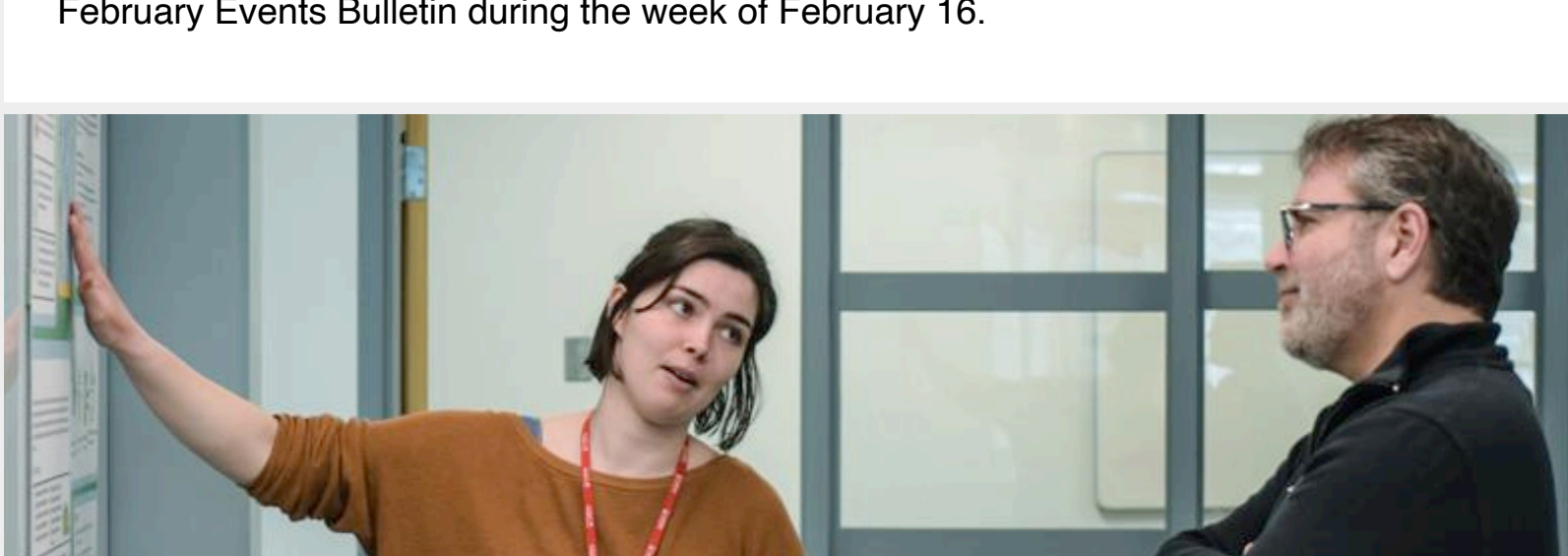
- Classroom computers will update automatically, but if they've been powered off, expect a brief delay when launching Zoom.
- Other devices may require a manual update.
- Log in early before your next class to ensure a smooth experience.

Resources for Educators

Support Reflective Learning with [cuPortfolio](#): Looking for ways to address GenAI concerns in assessments? cuPortfolio provides a secure ePortfolio solution where students can showcase their work and reflect on their learning journey. It's a great tool for fostering academic integrity while supporting personalized student development.

Create Interactive Asynchronous Resources with [H5P](#): Enhance your students' learning experience with H5P! This tool allows you to create interactive content, such as quizzes, timelines and presentations, directly within Brightspace. It's perfect for engaging students with asynchronous resources.

Coming soon - Interested in **staying up to date with Generative AI** in education? - Soon you will be able to subscribe to a curated list of GenAI in HigherED Resources. Launching in mid-February, you will be able subscribe and to set up alerts to stay informed about new tools, best practices and updates. Look for more information in the TLS February Events Bulletin during the week of February 16.



Nominate a Teaching Assistant for a 2024-25 Outstanding TA Award

If you've worked with a great teaching assistant (TA) this year, nominate them for Teaching and Learning Services' [Outstanding TA Award](#). This award celebrates the support TAs give to the undergraduate and graduate programs in their disciplines, their roles in establishing a positive learning environment, and their work in implementing innovative teaching practices. Any TA who worked in the spring/summer 2024, fall 2024 and/or winter 2025 terms is eligible. The deadline for nominations is March 31.

More News

- **Winter Course Design Fundamentals Program:** We're offering another series of Course Design Fundamentals (CDF) workshops this month. Participants will explore principles of course design and delivery that translate into deeper, more effective teaching and learning experiences. [Enroll in the CDF program](#), which can be completed at a pace that suits your needs, or complete the workshops of your choice by registering on the [TLS events page](#).
- **Black History Month Celebration with President and Vice-Chancellor Wisdom Tettey:** [Register for this special Black History Month event](#) *Breaking Free from the Past and Advancing Black Flourishing in the Canadian Academy: Some Reflections* featuring President and Vice-Chancellor Wisdom Tettey, in conversation with Prof. Adrian Harewood (Journalism) Feb. 10, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in Richcraft Hall (Atrium and Conference Rooms).

Upcoming Events and Workshops

- [Winter Reading Group - A Mind Spread Out on the Ground](#), Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to noon
- [Course Design Fundamentals: Learning Outcomes as Blueprints for Design](#), Feb. 5, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- [Applying Inclusive Design Practices in Your Course](#), Feb. 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- [Course Design Fundamentals: Assessment Fundamentals](#), Feb. 10, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- [Grading Rubrics Retreat](#), Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- [Hands-On AI \(HOAI\) Series: Prompt Design](#), Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon
- [Course Design Fundamentals: Designing for Deep Learning: The Power of Visual and Verbal Integration](#), Feb. 12, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- [Foundations of Multiple-Choice Testing](#), Feb. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.
- [Course Design Fundamentals: Teaching with Your Mouth Shut: Incorporating Activities into Smaller Lecture Classes](#), Feb. 19, 1 to 3 p.m.
- [Podcasting and Audio Assignments as Authentic Assessment](#), Feb. 19, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- [Project-Based Learning: Empowering Students to Tackle Real-World Questions Through Guided Inquiry](#), Feb. 25, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- [Alternative Grading and Assessment](#), Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Don't forget we host [drop-in sessions](#) every Tuesday in the Future Learning Lab (room 483) from 10 to 11 a.m. to help you with your course needs. Bring your laptop and any teaching-related questions you have.

Missed an event? Watch recorded sessions on our [Mediaspace channel](#).

[View all events](#)

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