



## What we do

The role of the ZGSA is to support and represent graduate students within the Department of Zoology. The ZGSA provides an opportunity to be the communication link between graduate students and faculty members by attending faculty meetings, organizing town hall events and communicating with the department head. Additionally, we organize several fun social events throughout the calendar year that directly benefit graduate students and build upon our strong graduate student community!

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## Zoology Graduate Student Association Members 2024/2025

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## Fall/Winter 2024-2025 Major Events



### **Cluster Competition**

- Get points for your cluster when you participate in major events over the year.
- Get bonus points and help your cluster get the lead when you win ZGSA events.
- The winning cluster will get a trophy, pizza party, and, of course, bragging rights!

### **2024 Zoology Faculty Symposium and Back to School BBQ (September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**

- Get to know the exciting research being done by professors from each cluster.
- Come join the entire department for good food and fun games in the BRC courtyard.



### **Lunch with CUPE (September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - BRC 224)**

- **FREE** lunch where union reps. will be available to ask questions and voice concerns.



### **Pumpkin Carving Contest (October 2024)**

- Team up with your lab mates and let your imagination fly at the ZGSA annual pumpkin carving contest for some great prizes.



### **Halloween Party (October 2024)**

- Dress in your most creative costume and come join us for a spooktacular party.

### **Bingo (November 2024)**

- Come take a break and relax with friends.



### **HUTS Historical Ultimate Theatrical Spectacular (December 2024)**

- Night of farcical comedy to embarrass our faculty at the end of the year. Don't be shy to volunteer as it is a great way to make friends in the department!



### **Bake a Cake for Darwin (February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

- Let's celebrate Darwin's birthday and decorate a cake for prizes and bragging rights.



### **Spring Symposium (April/May 2025)**

- End of the (school) year symposium to highlight research in the department.



### **Zoology 3-Minute-Thesis Competition (Spring 2025)**

- Opportunity to compete at the UBC wide competition and beyond!

**Plus MORE events hosted by the ZGSA and collaborations with the Department of Zoology, BGSA and Botany and Zoology Wellness Initiative!**

## **Seminar Series**

**Biodiversity Research Seminar Series** - Wed 12:00pm - Beaty Biodiversity Museum

**Wednesday Evening Comparative Physiology Seminar** - Wed 4:00pm - Biosci 4223

A casual seminar series often referred to as the BEER seminar that normally includes comparative physiology graduate students and postdocs as speakers.

**Biodiversity Legendary Internal Seminar Series (BLISS)** - Fri 3:00pm - BRC 224

Speakers can include graduate students, postdocs, and visiting scholars.

**Comparative Physiology Invited Speaker Seminar** - Fri 12:00pm - BBM

Speakers include visiting scholars, and also special seminars such as the William S. Hoar Memorial Lecture.

## **Discussion Groups**

- Vancouver Evolution Group (VEG)
- Evolution Discussion Group (EDG)
- League of Extraordinary Theoreticians (LETS)
- Biodiversity Discussion Group (BDG)