Hi all!

Welcome (or welcome back) to the Graduate Seminar & Invited Academic Speaker Series 2021-2022. During this course you will have the opportunity to learn about the research projects conducted by your fellow BME graduate students in the Graduate Seminar Series. Additionally, the department invites Principal Investigators from other institutions to present their work in the Invited Academic Speaker Series. Students must enroll in their respective course [BME1010 (MASc) / BME1011 (PhD)] on ACORN and if there is any issue enrolling, please contact the BME Graduate Office (at grad.bme@utoronto.ca). Please note that there is also no platform for this course on Quercus – students just need to register on ACORN.

**Course requirements**
In order to fulfill course requirements for BME1010/1011, students must:

**Attend**
- Six (6) student seminars per semester
- Four (4) 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)

**Seminar Zoom links**
This year all seminars will be held online via Zoom. The links for the sessions are provided below.

Invited Academic Speaker Series:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83703247484pwd=YmlCVUFpUEMyZFFtUm5JbkSTYVITQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83703247484pwd=YmlCVUFpUEMyZFFtUm5JbkSTYVITQT09)

Graduate Seminar Series:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89610372821pwd=azd4SCtYVWtreVovaGNPV1c2NGY2Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89610372821pwd=azd4SCtYVWtreVovaGNPV1c2NGY2Zz09)

**Attending the seminars**
The Invited Academic Speaker Series are held on the second Tuesday of every month (with the exception of the first seminar which will be on September 15th) from 12pm-1pm.
The Invited Academic Speaker schedule can be found at: [https://bme.utoronto.ca/events-community/invited-seminar-series/](https://bme.utoronto.ca/events-community/invited-seminar-series/)

The student seminar schedule can be found at: [https://bme.utoronto.ca/events-community/event-calendar/](https://bme.utoronto.ca/events-community/event-calendar/)
You can find the student seminar days and the corresponding research theme for that day in the table below. To fulfill the course requirements, you are free to attend seminars within or outside your own research theme.

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Attendance will be automatically taken at each session so when logging in to the seminar series, please ensure that your screen name is changed to your legal first and last name as it appears on ACORN. To have your attendance counted, please attend the entire seminar (regardless of whether there are one or two presentations scheduled).

**Presenting in the student seminars**

Sign up for presentation slots will be on a first come first serve basis, so please sign up as soon as possible! We will not be expanding the times beyond April 2022. If you have missed your chance to present in this academic year, you will be required to present in the following year.

The links to the sign-up pages on Calendly for each session are provided below.


Make sure to not use autofill when booking a slot as this might result in displaying personal information (phone number etc).

The graduate seminar series will be divided into three cohorts; each cohort dictated by the area of research. If unsure what session to present in, research disciplines can be found for core faculty listings at [https://bme.utoronto.ca/faculty-research/core-faculty/](https://bme.utoronto.ca/faculty-research/core-faculty/) or for cross appointed faculty listings at [https://bme.utoronto.ca/faculty-research/cross-appointed/](https://bme.utoronto.ca/faculty-research/cross-appointed/)

Please feel free to contact any of the TAs if you have questions!

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