

Hi all!

Welcome (or welcome back) to the Graduate Seminar & Invited Academic Speaker Series for 2025-2026 where you will have the opportunity to learn about the research projects conducted by your fellow BME graduate students in the Graduate Seminar Series as well as other researchers at other BME Institutions in the Invited Speakers Seminar.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE ENTIRITY OF THIS EMAIL TO ENSURE YOU ARE WELL INFORMED ABOUT THE SEMINARS. ALSO, AS PRESENTATION SPOTS ARE LIMITED, IF YOU **NEED** TO PRESENT, PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP TO ENSURE YOU SECURE A SPOT. WE WILL HAVE **4 ROUNDS OF SIGN UP**, 2 FOR FALL AND 2 FOR WINTER. SPOTS WILL BECOME AVAILABLE APPROX EVERY 2 MONTHS.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO INVITE THEIR SUPERVISORS BY ADDING A GUEST ON THE CALENDLY INVITE WHERE YOU WILL INPUT YOUR SUPERVISORS EMAIL.

Seminar Information and Schedule

Graduate student seminars will **only be held once a week**, every Friday. Each seminar day will host up to 4 student presentations with each presentation consisting of a 10-minute talk and 5 minutes for questions and answers. Invited Speaker seminars will continue to be held monthly (refer to the schedule here: <https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/category/bme-invited-academic-speaker-series/>)

Seminars will be held **in-person** and it is expected all students will attend in person. **Those who are outside the downtown core (i.e. at Holland Bloorview, Lyndhurst, Sunnybrook) can request virtual access for attending the graduate student seminars. Such requests will be reviewed and granted at the discretion of BME.** Please note that Invited Speaker Seminars will only be offered in person.

The dates and rooms for the seminars are provided below:

Event	Date	Room

Graduate Student Seminars	Friday 4:00pm-5:10pm	MSB2158
Invited Speaker Seminars	Generally, 2 nd Tuesday of every month but please double check the schedule for more information: https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/category/bme-invited-academic-speaker-series/	TRI-UC 2nd Floor Auditorium (550 University Ave)

If you would like to see the schedule for the Graduate student seminars and who is presenting please refer to: <https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/>. If you would like to see the Invited Academic Speaker schedule please refer to: <https://bme.utoronto.ca/events/category/bme-invited-academic-speaker-series/>.

Attendance

Attendance will be taken at each session via a sign-in sheet circulating the room. Please ensure you write your name (as it appears on ROSI) and student number clearly.

Program Requirements

To fulfill course requirements for BME1010/1011, students must:

Attend

- Six student seminars per semester
- Four 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)

Presentation Sign Up

Sign up will be on a **first come first serve basis**, so please sign up as soon as possible! If you have missed your chance to present in this academic year, you will be required to present in the following year.

The link to the sign-up pages for all streams is: <https://calendly.com/bme-uoft/graduate-seminar-series>

When signing up, **students must invite their supervisors by selecting “add guest” and entering their Supervisor’s email address**. This will send an invite directly to your supervisor. It is recommended you talk to your supervisor so that you can ensure your supervisor is able to attend however, please do not delay booking a date on this account as spaces are limited.

Make sure you do not use Autofill when booking a slot as this might result in displaying personal information (phone number, etc).

Contacts

The TAs for the seminars will be:

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the TAs.

If you require information regarding whether you have met the seminar requirements, please contact grad.bme@utoronto.ca.