

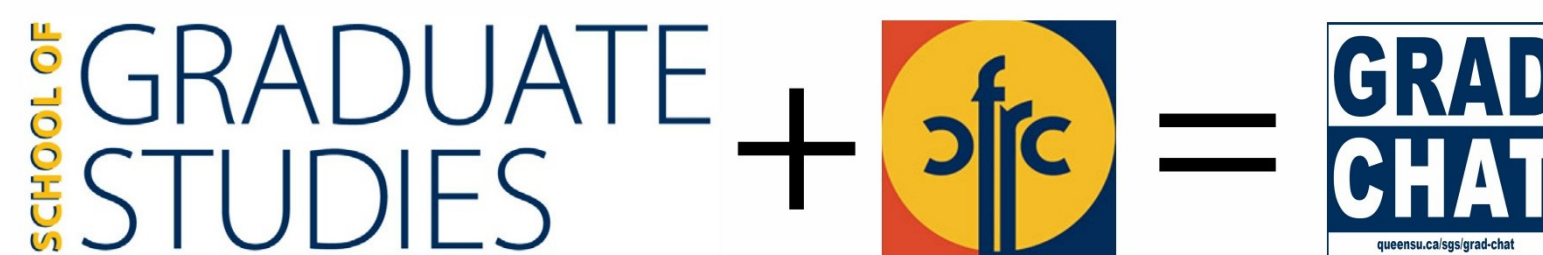
# GRAD CHAT

## INTRODUCTION

- A collaboration between CFRC and the School of Graduate Studies, Grad Chat aims to showcase graduate research to both the Queen's and Kingston community
- Grad Chat started during the Winter 2016 term and **is planned to continue as a regular program**
- CFRC, our campus radio station, provides the **media-avenue to promote graduate research**, as well as **volunteer student technicians** to help record each session
- **Colette Steer**, from the School of Graduate Studies, hosts the show, scripts the questions, and edits each show prior to airing
- The School of Graduate Studies **posts each show as a podcast** after airing, allowing those outside of CFRC's broadcast range to download and listen to shows

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Grad Chat has heightened people's **awareness of the range and caliber of work** currently being produced by **Queen's graduate students**



- Grad Chat is also helping students **hone their presentation skills** and explain often complex and detailed research in a way that is accessible to listeners outside of their field
- General consensus from all involved with this initiative—and from Grad Chat listeners—is that **this was long overdue!**

## FUTURE PLANS

- Provide further skill development through a **media workshop** where grad students learn all sides of producing a show
- Bring **graduate alumni** onto the show, to talk about the research they did and where it led them in their career and life



Susan Belyea  
Kinesiology & Health Studies

## ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

- It would be great if alumni could **listen to the podcasts**, learn about the great research that Queen's students are doing, and then **spread the word about Grad Chat**



Evelyn Popiel  
Biology

## OBJECTIVES

- To provide an avenue for graduate students to **showcase their research to a wider audience**
- To give graduate students the **opportunity to practice speaking to different audiences**
- To show Queen's and the Kingston community the amazing research Queen's graduate students are doing, as well as the **impact of graduate research on the world**

## PARTNERS IN PLANNING

- **QUAA Board** and other **alumni volunteer partners**
- **Alumni Relations & Annual Giving staff**
- **Advancement staff** (Faculties and Technology Services)
- **Graduate Students**
- **CFRC**

## GET IN TOUCH!

- Website: [queensu.ca/sgs/grad-chat](http://queensu.ca/sgs/grad-chat)
- Subscribe to Grad Chat podcast: [bit.ly/gradchat-podcast](http://bit.ly/gradchat-podcast)
- Listen live on **CFRC 101.9FM** on **Mondays at 4:00pm EST!**

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