



# CONNECT 4 SUCCESS

## The pursuit of new knowledge involves travel and connections.

Archival research, conference participation, field work, and internships provide irreplaceable and necessary opportunities for graduate students who are working to improve our world through their advanced studies.

While online platforms provide access to masses of information and people, it is still the personal interactions and primary research that makes the difference in graduate education. When masters and doctoral students travel to conferences or research sites, they develop new skills, connect with diverse academics, and form professional relationships that will inspire future successes.

### **BUT TRAVEL REQUIRES MONEY**

High costs prevent many brilliant students from pursuing the off-campus activities that are so vital to their education and professional development. But you can help.



*“Developing research is a rewarding practice of both intellectual creativity and vulnerability. **I look forward to being able to share my ideas with respected academics and gleaning from their own experiences to create stronger results.**”*

**JULIE FUNK**

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## With your support, graduate students can take their learning on the road.

Expenses for conference and research travel can range from a few hundred dollars for domestic activities to thousands of dollars for international opportunities. But a little financial help can make a world of difference. Through the Connect 4 Success Fund, you will enable the best and brightest graduate students to reach their destinations and their academic potential.



*“My internship with the Ontario Government’s Independent Facilitation Demonstration Project is a perfect fit with my thesis. Although it is an unpaid position, it gives me access to some of the top experts in my field. I’m learning things I could never learn on my own.*

*I hope to use this experience to help shape government policies regarding adults with developmental disabilities.”*

**CATHERINE KLAUSEN**  
Philosophy MA '15

## Your gift will connect more students to opportunities for success that will one-day benefit us all.

**To learn more about supporting graduate students, please contact the Faculty of Arts, Advancement team:**

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## Connect great students to off-campus learning

### ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Only a few archives are digitized. To conduct research on a specialized topic, a graduate student may need to travel to archives in another city or country.

### CONFERENCES

Conferences provide graduate students with the best opportunities to develop their presentation skills, share their ideas, hone their research and expand their networks.

### FIELD WORK

An anthropology MA student may participate in an archeological dig. A philosophy PhD candidate studying medical ethics may conduct interviews at a hospital.

### INTERNSHIPS AND WORK PLACEMENTS

Unpaid employment with not-for-profits or NGOs provide opportunities for practical work experience that are unavailable elsewhere.