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School of Public Health

PhD Orientation 2025

Graduate Department of
Public Health Sciences

Registration and Enrolment

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Land Acknowledgement

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to work on this land together.

Overview

- Obtain your TCard; Activate your UTORid Create your UTmail+ account; Login to ACORN

Registration

- Registration deadline is **Friday, September 12, 2025,** after which a late registration fee will apply
- (***Flex time students and those who have not processed a Tuition Fee Deferral***) Payment of remaining *Fall* fees to prevent service charges: **September 30, 2025** - *service charges on balance of Fall session fees will begin accruing on October 15th*

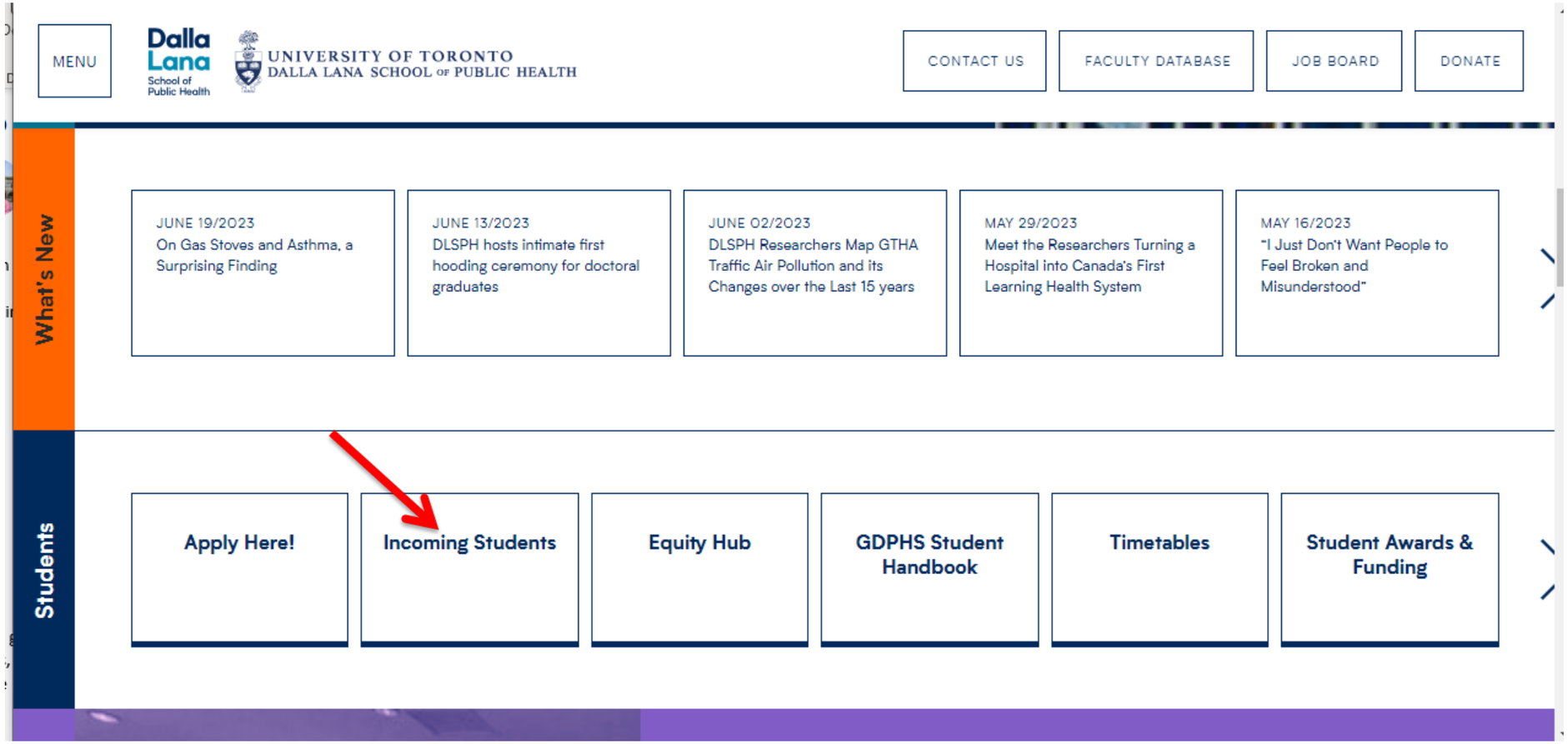
Enrolment

- Course enrolment opens for PHS courses: **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**
- Fall courses begin: **Monday, September 8, 2025**
- Course enrolment deadline for Fall courses: **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

Funding and Funding Opportunities

Information for Incoming Students

http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/students/current-students/information-for-incoming-students/



Getting Started: TCard, UTORid, UTmail+

- Your TCard serves as your student photo ID and library card
- For complete information and instructions, visit: http://tcard.utoronto.ca/
- Confirm what documentation you need (to verify your status in Canada) using the **Documentation Tool**;
- Submit (upload) appropriate photo and documentation material online, and wait for approval;
- Using the *Secret Activation Key* provided in the *approval email*, activate your UTORid and create your UTmail+ account;
- Drop by the TCard Office to pick-up your TCard – you will need to bring the original documentation with you.

ACORN/ROSI

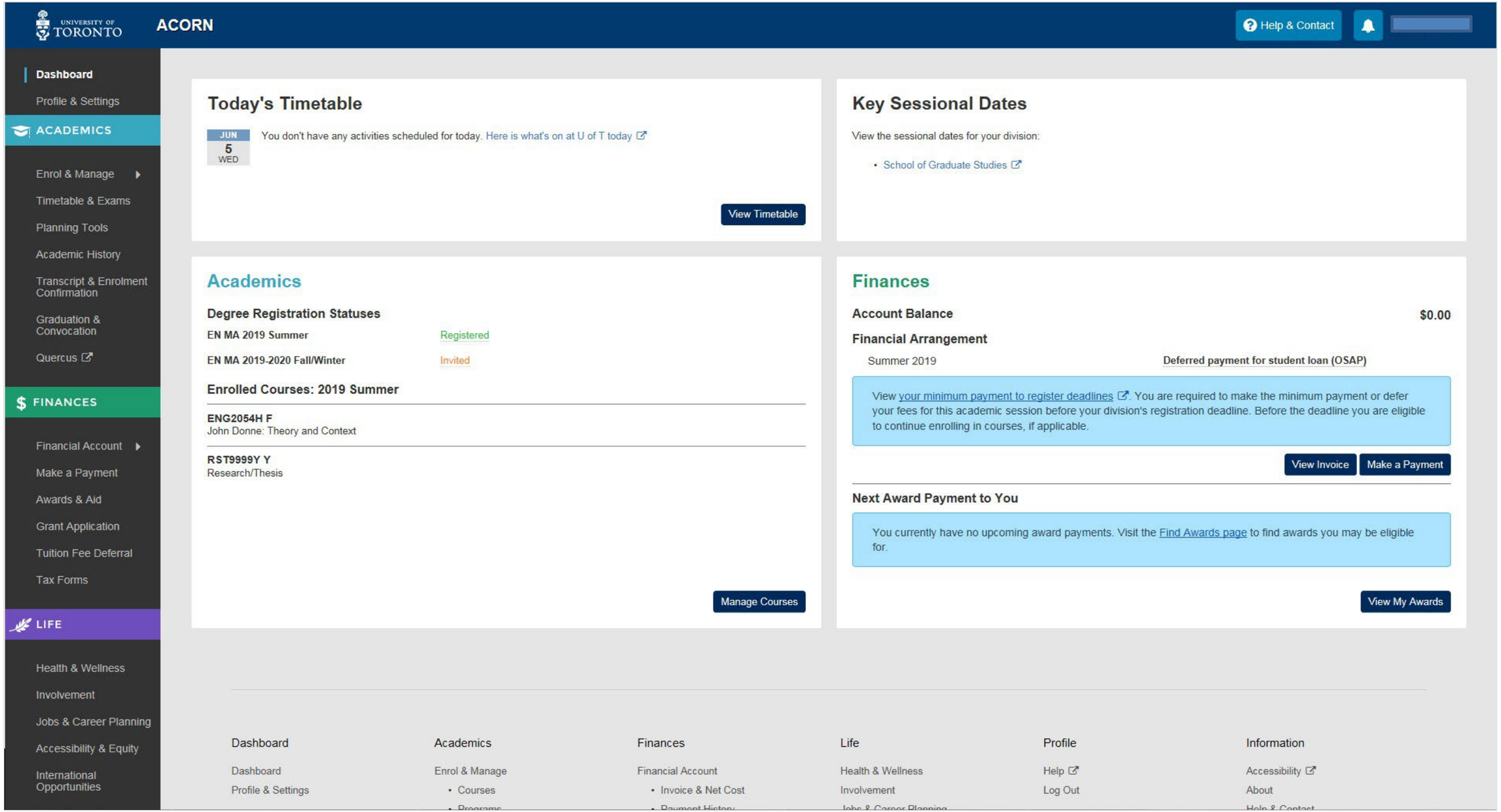
- **ROSI** = **R**epository **o**f **S**tudent **I**nformation
  - stores your personal and academic information

- **ACORN = Accessible Campus Online Resource Network**
  - student web-based interface to your personal and academic information

- Logon to ACORN - http://www.acorn.utoronto.ca/
  - you will need your JOINid/UTORid and password
  - spend some time familiarizing yourself with ACORN

ACORN

- View/update **mailing address**, telephone number and email address
- View financial account information and print invoices
- Process **Tuition Fee Deferral** (Register without Payment)
- Enter bank information for **direct deposit** of award funds and refunds
- Add/Drop courses and view status of courses
- View academic history
- Order transcripts
- Print “Education Credit” tax forms (T2202A)
- And more…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Dashboard
Profile & Settings
ACADEMICS
Enrol & Manage
Timetable & Exams
Planning Tools
Academic History
Transcript & Enrolment Confirmation
Graduation & Convocation
Quercus
FINANCES
Financial Account
Make a Payment
Awards & Aid
Grant Application
Tuition Fee Deferral
Tax Forms
LIFE
Health & Wellness
Involvement
Jobs & Career Planning
Accessibility & Equity
International Opportunities
Today's Timetable
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View Timetable
Key Sessional Dates
View the sessional dates for your division:
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Academics
Degree Registration Statuses
EN MA 2019 Summer
Registered
EN MA 2019-2020 Fall/Winter
Invited
Enrolled Courses: 2019 Summer
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John Donne: Theory and Context
RST9999Y Y
Research/Thesis
Manage Courses
Finances
Account Balance
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Financial Arrangement
Summer 2019
Deferred payment for student loan (OSAP)
View your minimum payment to register deadlines. You are required to make the minimum payment or defer your fees for this academic session before your division's registration deadline. Before the deadline you are eligible to continue enrolling in courses, if applicable.
View Invoice
Make a Payment
Next Award Payment to You
You currently have no upcoming award payments. Visit the Find Awards page to find awards you may be eligible for.
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Registration

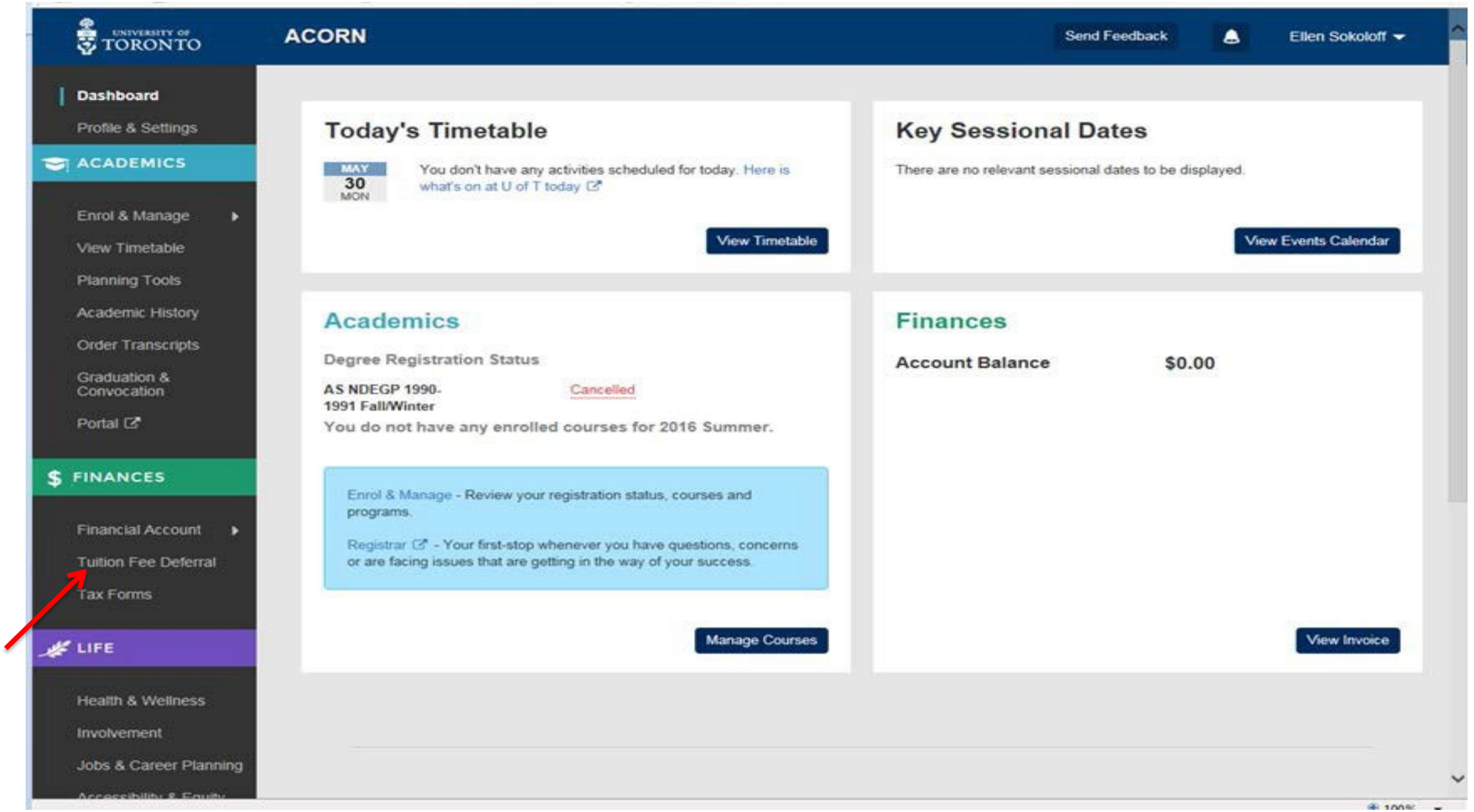
- Fees are assessed and billed to student accounts in mid-July.
  - Logon to ACORN to review and print your invoice – 'Financial Account'

- PhD students included in the Funding Policy should defer their fees in ACORN. This will allow you to become *Registered* without making a fee payment.

- Your fees are due when billed. The deferral allows you to become registered and delays service charges to the end of the Winter term.
  - Fee payments should be made at your financial institution
  - Option to pay via ACORN using your credit card (service charges apply)
  - It is the student's responsibility to ensure all fees (tuition, incidentals, other charges) are paid before the end of the Winter session - **April 30**, after which service charges begin to accrue starting May 15th

https://www.registrar.utoronto.ca/fees-payments/

Tuition Fee Deferral



Course Enrolment

❖ Determine your program requirements

- Program-specific courses - information on website regarding program requirements
- talk to your Division Head/Program Director/Supervisor

❖ Review Timetable posted on the website: http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/page/timetables

❖ Logon to ACORN to add your courses

- PHS course enrolments (courses offered by GDPHS) made in ACORN are processed as *Approved,* while non-PHS courses are given *Requested* status and must be approved by the Graduate Office. Graduate Office staff receive notifications and are regularly approving course enrolment requests throughout the enrolment period (Aug 6-Sept 17) so there is no need for students to contact the Graduate Office to follow-up on course enrolments with *Requested* status. *Please be patient.*
- If you use the *Enrolment Cart* to select your courses, BE SURE to click on ENROL to request your courses when enrolment opens on August 6th.

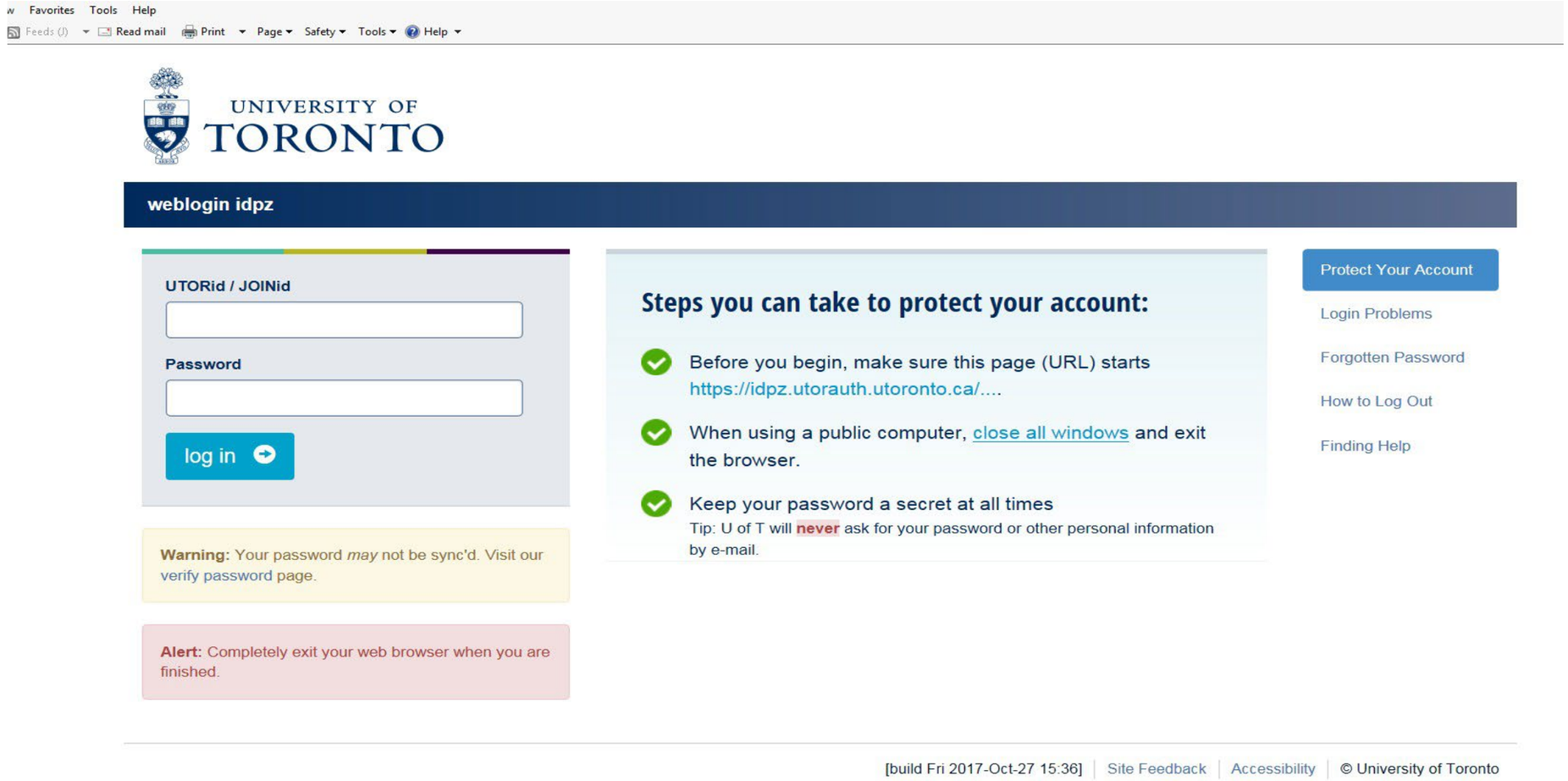
❖ To enrol in non-PHS courses

- Try to request the course in ACORN
- If you receive an error message, contact host department for instructions/permission; complete and submit Add/Drop form

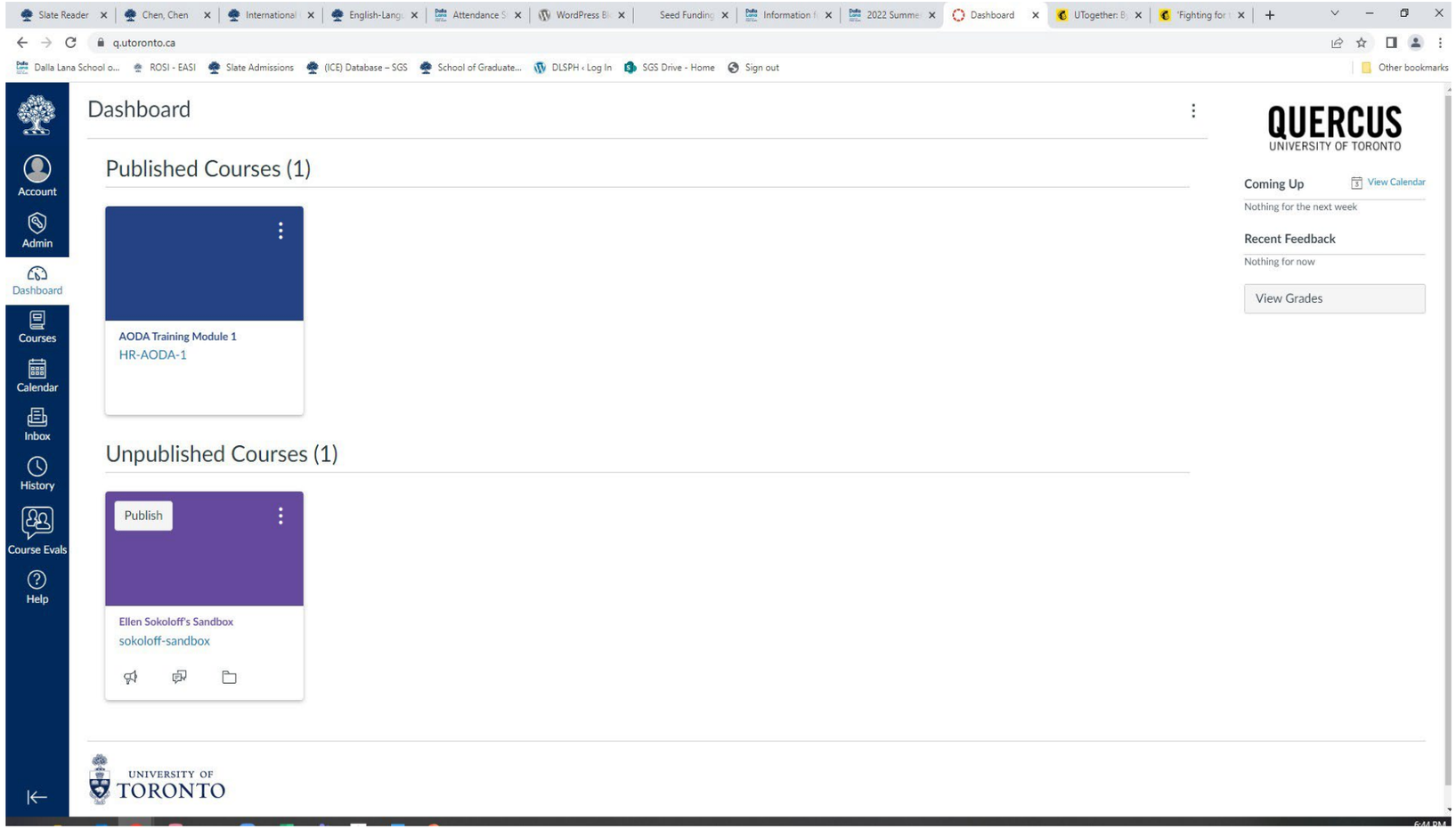
❖ Your courses will appear in Quercus (UofT Learning Management Engine) the day after *Approved* status is obtained.

Log into Quercus

https://q.utoronto.ca



Quercus Dashboard



Funding

- Funding Package
  - 2025-26 minimum funding threshold is $40,000.

- Funding Policy for PhD Students in the Graduate Department of Public Health Sciences
  - Funded cohort: Full-time PhD students in years 1-4;
  - Funding is compiled from a variety of sources including:
    - External competitive awards and/or UofT or PHS competitive awards
    - Research or training stipends from supervisors/committee members
    - Income from research and teaching assistantships
    - Departmental support (up to the annual tuition + fees)

- Depending on the funding source(s) and amounts, funds are paid directly to students, or are directed to their Student Account to cover tuition and incidental fees.

- Details will be available on the Award Payment Schedule

Funding Opportunities: Major External Awards

Award	Announcement Date	Normal Deadline Date
Federal Tri-Council Awards (CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC) Doctoral and Vanier CGS	Early September	September/October
Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships	September	Fall Term
Ontario Women's Health Scholar's Award	October	November/early December
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)	October	Winter Term

- List of common awards, dates and deadlines can be found on the *Student Awards and Funding Opportunities* page: http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/students/current-students/student-awards-funding-opportunities/

Funding Opportunities

- Award announcements are communicated to students via email (listserv) and the DLSPH website

- Review announcements **CAREFULLY** for:
  - eligibility criteria
  - application materials, deadlines and submission instructions

- PHS Student Awards & Funding Opportunities:
  - http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/page/student-award-and-funding-opportunities

- SGS Scholarships & Awards:
  - http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Scholarships-and-Awards.aspx
    (External, Government-funded, International Students, Travel & Conference)

- Research Assistantships:
  - http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/faculty/professional-opportunities/

- Teaching Assistantships:
  - http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/students/current-students/ta-opportunities/

Public Health Student Association (PHSA)

- The representative body of the students registered in the Graduate Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Toronto: http://www.dlsph.utoronto.ca/students/current-students/phsa/

- Watch for PHSA orientation events in September and throughout the year.

Resources

- Visit/review the UofT and SGS information available online:
  - https://www.utoronto.ca/utogether
  - https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/

International Students

- https://internationalexperience.utoronto.ca/
- https://internationalexperience.utoronto.ca/international-student-services/immigration/

Information for Students with Accessibility Needs

❖University of Toronto Accessibility Services
Assists in navigating disability-related barriers to academic success

❖Information Sessions & Orientation Events – a series of events for new, incoming students

❖Students seeking academic accommodations to be put in place for the start of the Fall 2025 term must submit a complete Student Intake Package which includes the Student Intake Form and supporting disability documentation before 5 p.m. on **July 14, 2025**.

Contact Us

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Emailing the Graduate Office

All correspondence should come from your *university-issued email address* (your.name@mail.utoronto.ca)

Policy of Official Correspondence with Students

In order for the Graduate Office staff to assist you in an efficient and timely manner, please include the following information in all email correspondence:

- Full name
- Student number
- Degree program and Field of study (ex. PhD Epidemiology)
- Nature of your inquiry

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Questions