

**CS 697 - Graduate Research Skills Seminar, Fall 2025**  
**Prof. Richard Trefler**

**Time and Place: Friday at 11:30 / In DC. (check Quest)**

Credit based on attendance, participation. Note that CS697 cannot be used to satisfy the course requirements of either the Masters or PhD degree.

The purpose of the course is to introduce graduate students to a number of challenges and skills that are relevant to graduate studies in computer science at the University of Waterloo. A majority of the classes include guest speakers. The schedule below is tentative.

There are no required materials, books, etc. needed for this course.

September 5, 11:30 am – Introductory meeting

September 12, 11:30 am – The Grad Unhandbook: Panel of Faculty and Grads

September 19th, 11:30am – Library Skills: Rebecca Hutchinson

September 26th — Cheriton Symposium

Possible future topics include:

- Mental Health at UW
- How to finish that thesis
- Time management
- Academic writing
- Academic speaking
- How to create useful posters