



BALSILLIE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Orientation

AGENDA

September 5, 2025

Room 1-42

Time	PhD	MIPP	MAGG	MDP
8:30-9:00	Registration and refreshments			
9:00-9:05	Welcome Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director			
9:05-9:30	Opening remarks and Q&A Jim Balsillie, BSIA Founder			
9:30-9:45	About CIGI Paul Samson, President, CIGI			
9:45-10:00	Break			
10:00-11:00	PhD and SSHRC Information Session David Welch Andrew Thompson (Room 132)	MIPP Information Session Alistair Edgar Maureen Ferraro Laura Bolton (Room 142)	Tour and photos (Lobby) Rachael Gergely	
11:00-12:00		Photos and tour (Lobby) Maureen Ferraro	MAGG Information Session David Welch Andrew Thompson (Room 143)	
12:00-13:00	Lunch			
13:00-13:15	Introductions and student opportunities at the BSIA Ann Fitz-Gerald, Director			
13:15-13:25	About the BSIA building Tiffany Bradley, Associate Director, Operations			
13:25-13:30	Sustainability Derek Hall, Global Climate Action Committee Chair			
13:30-14:00	Graduate Fellowship Information Session Andrew Thompson			
14:00-15:00	Photos and tour (Lobby)			Photos and tour (Lobby)

In addition to the Balsillie School orientation, students are encouraged to attend the orientation at their home institution:

[Laurier Grad Studies Orientation Day](#), Tuesday, September 2

[UW Grad Studies Orientation Day](#), Tuesday, September 2