Week of March 14-18, 2016   **Events and Deadlines**

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors and contact staff, and graduate faculty. All graduate students receive a weekly email from the GSC with information as it pertains to them.

**Graduate Faculty**

**Volunteer your time at K-State GRAD Forum**

The Graduate Student Council is searching for K-State faculty members to volunteer as judges for K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (GRAD) Forum on March 30, 2016. Oral and poster sessions will be held throughout the day. Faculty members who have students giving a presentation are still eligible to participate as a judge. If you are interested in serving as a judge, please complete the [Judge Volunteer Registration Form](#) to indicate your available hours on March 30.

**Nominate a graduate student for University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award**

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award. Eligible graduate students must be admitted to candidacy, entering the last year of his or her doctoral degree program, be enrolled in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 and plan to graduate in May or August 2017. Students may nominate themselves or by K-State faculty. Application deadline is April 1.

**Recognize your graduate students in Notable Achievements Newsletter**

The Graduate Student Council is accepting submissions from faculty to recognize their students’ outstanding achievements. Examples of an achievement include, but aren’t limited to: award, nomination, scholarship or grant. Deadline to nominate is March 21.

**Graduate Student Opportunities**
Dissertation Writing Retreat

The writing center is hosting its annual Dissertation Writing Retreat May 16-20. The retreat provides dissertators time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere and promotes effective writing practices. Application is open and we encourage interested students to apply by March 23.

Transboundary Animal Disease Fellowship Program

The Biosecurity Research Institute has reopened the application window to fill three fellowship positions for the Transboundary Animal Disease Fellowship Program.

Graduate student lunch with Dr. David Wright and "Getting to 'Yes' in the Job Interview" seminar

As part of the Department of Entomology’s seminar series, Dr. David Wright, K-State alumnus and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences at South Dakota State University, will be visiting campus on March 28. Graduate students in all disciplines are welcome to attend an informal lunch and discussion focused on career tips and professional experiences.

Publishing, Copyright and Open Access: Fundamentals for Graduate Students

This lecture will be March 29 at 11:30 a.m. It will provide graduate students with an introduction to copyright and open access, offer ways they can improve access to their work and increase its impact, and deliver a primer on understanding publishing agreements.