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

K-State GRAD Forum

The Graduate Student Council invites you to attend the K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (GRAD) Research Forum tomorrow, Wednesday March 30 from 8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Engineering Complex. Over 160 graduate students will participate in oral and poster presentations throughout the day. An abstract booklet and event schedule is available online.

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.

Graduate Commencement is right around the corner - register your attendance today!

The Graduate School commencement ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, May 13 in Bramlage Coliseum. Faculty, who want to participate in commencement, are required to complete the online registration form no later than May 6.

Golden Key recognizes GTAs and GRAs accomplishments

The Golden Key International Honour Society is sponsoring two awards recognizing both graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants for
Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year Award. Nominate a graduate assistant for the awards by completing the application by Friday, April 1.

**Graduate Program Directors**

**Students graduating this semester? Review this requirements and deadline checklist.**

For students who are planning to graduate this semester, review the appropriate Graduation and ETDR submission checklist to guarantee all necessary requirements are being met on time to officially graduate this semester. If graduate students wish to participate in commencement, they will need to complete the commencement registration form.

**Graduate Student Opportunities**

**Dissertation Writing Retreat - Deadline extended to April 8**

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 April 8.

**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.