Week of September 19-23, 2016

Events and Deadlines

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors and contact staff, and graduate faculty. Graduate students receive an email from the GSC on Mondays.

Graduate Faculty

Volunteer to be a Poster Judge at Research and the State!

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) invites K-State faculty members and post-docs to serve as judges at Research and the State on the afternoon of November 2. Please complete a brief online form to indicate your interest in serving as a judge and to provide your availability. Volunteers must be available at 12:45pm for least one hour, but ideally up to two and half hours. Register to volunteer here

Graduate Program Directors and Contact Staff

Mail to IRAN

Effective immediately (until further notice) express mail service (FedEx and DHL) and USPS priority mail service from the United States to Iran is not available. All mail sent to Iran will be shipped via regular overseas airmail. There is no tracking services available through airmail and it may take over eight weeks to reach the destination. Any questions regarding the shipment of mail to Iran should be directed to Central Mail Services on campus.

Call for graduate student teaching and thesis award nominations

Departments are encouraged to nominate outstanding graduate teaching assistants for the GSC/MAGS Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence. Each department may nominate one GTA for the teaching award. Nominations are due to College Deans by noon on September 23. Additionally, graduate programs are invited to nominate master’s students in social science and engineering/math/physical science fields for the MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award. Each graduate program may nominate one master’s student for the thesis award. Nominations are due to the Graduate
School by noon on September 23. Also be sure to check-out other graduate student award opportunities available throughout the year.

**GRFP will be host info session for fellows planning to apply for NSF programs**

Several informational webinar will help answer questions about the current professional development opportunities for NSF Fellows, the Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) NSF 16-012 program and Graduate Research Internship Program (GRIP) NSF 16-015. Webinar dates and applications instructions can be found [here](#).  

**Graduate Student Opportunities**

**Call for Graduate Student Abstracts: Research and the State**

Registration is now open for the 2016 Research and the State graduate student poster session. Graduate students from ALL disciplines are invited to submit an abstract for a poster presentation on their research or scholarly work. Abstracts and presentations must be prepared for a general audience, and students must discuss the implications of their work and why it is valuable in the state of Kansas.

**ETDR and Word walk-in clinic 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20**

Graduate students can receive quick assistance on using a Microsoft Word writing template for theses, dissertations, and reports. Drop by the weekly ETDR clinic 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday through Nov. 8, in 301A Hale Library.