Week of September 5-9, 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 Student Council wants to hear about students' accomplishments

The Graduate Student Council Awards and Recognition Committee would like to recognize all graduate students who have had notable scholarly achievements from Spring 2016 semester to Fall 2016 semester (March 15, 2016 - October 15, 2016), such as awards at conferences, research forums, teaching awards, etc., or who have made exceptional contributions to the research knowledge-base or other scholarly contributions to their discipline. Faculty or department contacts are encouraged to submit the accomplishments by October 24. To submit accomplishments visit this website.

Graduate Program Directors and Contact Staff

Department recommendations due for international applications

September 1 was the deadline for recommendations to be made for Spring 2017 out of country international applications. Please make your recommendations as soon as possible - we want to ensure that all international students that are recommended are reviewed and admitted in a timely manner and can send their visa as soon as possible. Please be sure that all international applications are complete with necessary items by reviewing this checklist.
**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.

**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.

**CIRTL opportunities for graduate students and post-docs to develop teaching skills**

Graduate students and post-docs who have teaching responsibilities or are preparing for a career in teaching are invited to utilize online courses, workshops, MOOCs (massive open online courses), and other resources from CIRTL (the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning). Registration for fall courses is open through September 20, but students are encouraged to register by September 2. Registration deadlines for fall workshops vary throughout the semester.

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Session**

On September 15 at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center's Purple Pride room, the Graduate School, the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarships, and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs are hosting a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) information session. The NSF GRFP seeks outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing a research-based Master’s or doctorate degree. Registration is required.

**ETDR and Word walk-in clinic 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13**

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.