Week of April 24-28, 2017  **Events and Deadlines**

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

**Graduate Faculty**

**Call for nominations: Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award**

The Commerce Bank and WT Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award honors current members of the graduate faculty who are recognized nationally and internationally for their outstanding scholarly achievements and for their contributions to graduate education at the university. Recipients of the award will receive an honorarium, are recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. Nomination deadline is May 1, 2017.

**Call for nominations: Distinguished Thesis and Distinguished Dissertation Awards**

The Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award and the CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. This year’s award categories are 1) Biological and Life Sciences and 2) Humanities and Fine Arts. Each graduate program may submit one nomination for the thesis award and one nomination for the dissertation award. Please visit the award webpages for more information. Nominations must be submitted to the Graduate School, 119 Eisenhower Hall, or via email to Megan Miller (mmmiller@ksu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017.

**Location changed for Newly Appointed Graduate Faculty Members Workshop**

Location has changed for the New Graduate Faculty Workshop that is scheduled for Tuesday April 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday April 27 from 9-11 a.m. Both workshops will take place in Eisenhower Hall, room 119.

**Eat at Panda Express on Thursday, April 27 and money will support graduate students**
The Graduate Student Council will host its final fundraiser for the academic year at Panda Express in the K-State Student Union on Thursday, April 27. Eat at Panda from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and a percentage of proceeds will go to the GSC. You must present the flyer for percentage of proceeds to go to the GSC.

**Graduate School Commencement is right around the corner, faculty register your attendance today**

The Graduate School Commencement ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday May 12 in Bramlage Coliseum. Faculty who want to participate in commencement are required to complete the online registration form no later than May 5.

**Graduate Student Opportunities**

**Applications are being accepted for the Sunset Zoo's Science Communication Fellowship Program**

Sunset Zoo's Science Communication Fellowship is a growing network of certified researchers, professionals, graduate students and post-graduate students working together to connect the Manhattan community to science and elevate the understanding of science-related work taking place in the region. Through a series of professional development workshops, fellows will learn how to enhance their science communication skills. The program runs June 2017-February 2018. Application deadline is May 5 at 5 p.m.

**Grad Bash at Alumni Center**

The K-State Alumni Association invites students graduating in May and August 2017 to say farewell to their last days as students and hello to life as K-State alumni at Grad Bash on Thursday, May 4. Grad Bash will take place from 4-6 p.m. on the Johnson Terrace of the Alumni Center and will feature free food, drinks and live music.

**Call for Applications: Journey Through Science Day**

PepsiCo is partnering with the New York Academy of Sciences to host the Journey Through Science Day. They invite 50 top graduate student STEM talents (MS, Ph.D., postdoc) from around the world to join them for a one-day workshop to learn more about careers at PepsiCo and network with PepsiCo's leadership and associates. The event is September 18 in Manhattan, NY. Application deadline is May 26.

**Call for Applications: Women's Congressional Policy Institute**

The Women's Congressional Policy Institute is accepting applications for their 2018 Class of Fellows. The fellowship is designed to train potential leaders in public policy formation to examine issues from the perspective, experiences and needs of women. Located in Washington, DC from January-July 2018. Application materials must be submitted by Thursday, June 1, 2017.