Week of April 3-7, 2017  

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

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.

Nominate your GTA and GRAs for Golden Key International Honour Society awards

Golden Key International Honour Society is sponsoring two awards recognizing both graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants. They recognize that GTAs and GRAs dedicate countless hours to their field working with students, faculty, and/or in a lab. Golden Key would like to take the opportunity to recognize graduate students for their many accomplishments and award one Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year Award. To nominate a graduate assistant for the Golden Key GTA or GRA award, complete this form, and send in your nominee’s CV to anne12@ksu.edu by April 10.

Launch a Business

Kansas State University is seeking applications from Faculty and Grad Students to participate in its fourth annual K-State Launch a Business program, powered by KS State Bank. The program provides key resources including faculty-led workshops, hands-on student research teams and access to the world-class K-State alumni mentor network to assess the market potential of your idea. Each participant that successfully completes the program will receive $1,500 and is eligible to
participate in the culminating Launch Party, where a total of $80,000 in additional prizes will be awarded. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 14.

**Graduate Program Directors and Contact Staff**

**Council of Graduate Schools – Resolution regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees and Assistants**

Students that are offered a scholarship, fellowship, assistantship or are trainees are not obligated to respond to any offers for the Fall semester until April 15th. After April 15th the department can rescind the offer and offer to another applicant if they wish. A list of all universities involved in this resolution are listed in the attached document, along with further information. If you know of any violations of this resolution please e-mail Dean Carol Shanklin directly at shanklin@ksu.edu.

**Graduate Student Opportunities**

**Graduate Student Appreciation Week**

K-State's campus wide Graduate Student Appreciation Week kicks off April 4. Graduate Student Appreciation Week will feature events, activities and free food for graduate students in appreciation for their dedicated service and contributions to the teaching, research, scholarship and outreach for the academic year.

**Accepting the Job Offer: Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop**

Join the Graduate Student Council on Thursday, April 6 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room, K-State Student Union as they will host the last professional development workshop of the semester. The event prepares graduate students to negotiate the starting salary when offered first post-grad school position. Registration is required.

**Graduate Student Health Insurance**

Graduate Student Health Insurance for the Summer 2017 semester is open for enrollment starting May 1, 2017 and closes June 30, 2017. To be eligible for the reduced premium, the graduate student must be enrolled in 3 or more credit hours during the summer semester.

**Weekly walk-in help, spring 2017**

ETDR walk-in clinics are scheduled 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday from Feb. 1-April 12 in 301A Hale Library.