Week of May 1-5, 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.

**Graduate School Commencement is right around the corner, faculty register your attendance by Friday!**

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**

**Students feedback needed for potential residential building**

The K-State Foundation and Housing and Dining Services are seeking student input into a potential residential building just south of the K-State parking garage. Share your feedback through an online survey and be entered to win a $100 Cat Cash card. Your feedback and input will help guide administration to develop housing options specifically tailored to what students are looking for.
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.

Monsanto Graduate Student Scholarship

This scholarship is part of that company's broader focus on innovation and investment in agriculture. To meet the challenges the world faces in feeding nine billion people by 2050, investing in future leaders pursuing STEM careers in food and agriculture is key. The next generation of innovators will be the ones to ascend and meet the challenges of global food security. Grants range from $25k to $50k each depending on the degree (Masters or PhD) pursued.

Fulbright U.S. Student Grant

The Fulbright U.S. Student Grant can fully fund a year of research abroad for graduate students. U.S. citizens from all disciplines are eligible to apply, and grants are available to over 140 different countries. The campus deadline for submitting an application is September 1, 2017. Complete applications are due to Jim Hohenbary, Fulbright Program Adviser, in 215 Fairchild by that date. Research applicants are commonly required to have identified a host country affiliation as part of the application process. Therefore, interested students are encouraged to speak with Mr. Hohenbary before the end of the Spring 2017 semester to learn more about the application process and discuss the process of securing an appropriate letter of affiliation.