

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

February 25, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

This newsletter is distributed to department heads, graduate program directors, graduate program contact staff, and graduate faculty.

Graduate Program Directors

Encourage Your Graduate Students to Consider a GSC Leadership Role

I am the current President-Elect for the Graduate Student Council (GSC). GSC is currently accepting nominations for president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. I hope you will encourage your graduate students to consider joining our executive leadership team and enhancing their leadership skills. I can speak from my experience serving as president-elect this year to the invaluable skills I have gained through my participation on the GSC leadership team.

The Graduate Student Council is a student organization representing graduate students from all academic disciplines at Kansas State University. Any organization with graduate student membership is invited to participate in the council, and council activities are open to all graduate students. The GSC advocates for graduate students as well as provides graduate students opportunities for professional development, networking, and leadership experience.

Graduate students, whether they enter industry or academia, need valuable skills that are not always taught directly in the classroom. These skills include team management, networking, presentation skills, leadership, and mentorship training. Being an active leader and participant in GSC is a great way to gain these skills. Additionally, our graduate student body at Kansas State University is very diverse, and our leadership should reflect that.

Applications are due Friday, February 28. More information regarding the job duties and application can be found on the [Graduate Student Council website](#). If you have any questions, please contact me (heshear@ksu.edu).

Thank you,
Hannah E. Shear

[Division of Student Life Graduate Assistant Campus Visit Day](#)

Please help promote the Division of Student Life Graduate Assistant Visit Day to current and incoming graduate students in need of an assistantship. During the Graduate Assistant Visit Day on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, prospective graduate students can visit K-State, interview with Student Life departments/offices that have openings for the 2019-2020 academic year, and meet faculty within their program of interest. If you have students who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to visit the Student

Life [Graduate Assistantship Opportunities](#) webpage. Students who wish to attend must [register](#) for the Campus Visit Day **no later than 5:00 pm on March 4, 2020.**

[University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award](#)

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award. Eligible graduate students must be admitted to candidacy at the time of application, in their last year of his or her doctoral degree program, be enrolled in the fall of the academic year of the award. The award is available to eligible students who meet the above criteria in any K-State college, department or program. Students may nominate themselves. K-State faculty may also submit nominations. [Application materials](#) should be submitted as one Word or PDF file to udp@k-state.edu by **April 1, 2020.**

Graduate Faculty

[Attend the Three Minute Thesis Competition](#)

All are invited to attend the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) final competition on February 27 at 5:30pm in the Alumni Center Banquet Room. The event will begin with a half-hour social period with light snacks and a cash bar. The formal program will begin at 6:00pm. Final competition participants are listed on the [Three Minute Thesis webpage](#). Judges will a first and second-place winner, and the audience will vote for a people's choice winner.

Volunteer to be a Judge at the K-State GRAD Forum

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual [K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery \(GRAD\) Forum](#), which will be held March 25 and 26, 2020. If interested in serving as a judge, please complete a [brief online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability for the day.

[Commerce Bank and WT Kempber Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award](#)

The Graduate School is accepting nominations for the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. The award honors current members of the graduate faculty who are recognized nationally and internationally for their leadership and contributions to graduate education at K-State and their outstanding scholarly achievements. Recipients of the award will receive an honorarium and will be recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. The materials noted below should be submitted as one Word or PDF file to dgf@k-state.edu by **May 1, 2020.**

Graduate Students

[Eisenhower Hall Graduate Student Space - Safety Notice](#)

The Graduate School would like to remind graduate students, faculty, and staff about the work spaces we have available specifically for graduate students on the third floor of Eisenhower Hall. These spaces are open for graduate students to use for study, group meetings, and GTA office hours.

Fire Code Safety Notice - Per Fire Marshall orders, use of extension cords is prohibited in the graduate student spaces. If students have questions or concerns about this policy or other aspects of the graduate student spaces, they should call (785-532-6191) or visit the Graduate School (113-119 Eisenhower Hall). |

[Beyond the Professoriate Webinar - Using myIDP to Plan and Launch Your Post-PhD Career](#)

February 26, 11:00am CST – MyIDP is a free tool designed to empower graduate students and postdocs in STEM to explore career options and leverage their training. In this special webinar, co-creator of MyIDP, Cynthia Fuhrmann, PhD (Assistant Dean, Career & Professional Development, UMass Medical School) will teach you how to use this interactive tool to explore, plan, and prepare for your career during graduate school and your postdoc so that you can be prepared for your post-PhD career. **[Advanced registration](#) is required.**

[Beyond the Professoriate Webinar - How to Navigate Academic Hiring](#)

February 28, 11:00am CST – Are you on the academic job market or planning to apply for jobs soon? In this webinar, Loleen Berdahl, PhD (Professor and Head, Political Studies, University of Saskatchewan) will give you insight into what hiring committees expect of applicants and how you can confidently navigate the hiring process. After attending the webinar you'll be able to identify hiring committee expectations; perform effective research to prepare for interviews; determine what is important to you during negotiations; and create a strategy to set yourself apart from other candidates. **[Advanced registration](#) is required.**

[Accepting Applications for Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship and Travel Awards](#)

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship and Travel Awards in Molecular Biology. The fellowship provides an award of \$17,000 to assist with the recipient's transition to the next stage of his or her career. Additionally, up to three Sarachek Scientific Travel Awards of \$1,000 each may be awarded annually. These awards are intended to recognize exceptional achievement in scholastics and research. Students must show evidence of effective communication of research results through publications in leading journals and presentations at national and international meetings. In order to be eligible, a student must have completed preliminary exams, been admitted to candidacy, and their research must rely significantly on one or more contemporary molecular biological techniques. Additional information and application instructions are available on the Graduate School's website. **Application deadline: March 1, 2019.**

[Graduate Student Council Travel Awards](#)

March 1 is the deadline for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards for travel to academic and professional events that begin anytime in May.

[K-State Alumni Association International Student Scholarship](#)

The international student scholarships are for current Kansas State University international students. Applicants must be degree-seeking graduate or undergraduate Kansas State University students enrolled at the Manhattan, Polytechnic, or Olathe campus. The applicants must have had leadership experience at K-State that has helped promote international involvement on campus. Students must complete the [KSN general scholarship application](#) by **March 1, 2020** for the 2020-2021 school year. More information is located here.

[Accepting Applications: ETS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program](#)

This program provides opportunities for early-career scholars to work with ETS researchers on a variety of cutting-edge topics, including foundational research as well as research embedded in real-world testing programs. Candidates must have received their doctorate within the past three years. This year, ETS is seeking applications in the following areas of expertise: measurement, psychometrics and statistics; process data modeling and analysis; and artificial intelligence. **Application Deadlines: March 1, 2020 (preliminary) and April 15, 2020 (final)**

[The Library and Your Research - Discover-Use-Manage: An Overview of Data and Its Lifecycle](#)

March 2, 12:30-1:30pm, 3121 College of Business Building -

We all have data, we all need data – whether its text, digital photos, or spreadsheets full of numbers. Learn how to identify, access, evaluate, and use data. This session is also available via Zoom.

[GSC Professional Development Seminar - Oral Presentations 101](#)

Planning to present your research or scholarly work this semester? Ms. Theresa Merrick, Writing Center Outreach Coordinator, will share information on how to effectively present your work in an oral format with PowerPoint. In this session, attendees will also learn how to present written, graphic, and oral content that can be easily understood and has an impact on diverse audiences. This session may be especially useful for graduate students who plan to give their first presentation this semester, but more experienced graduate students may also learn new strategies for improving their presentation skills. The seminar will be held **March 4, 2020, 2:30-3:30pm in the Wildcat Chamber**, K-State Student Union. Advance registration is requested.

Science Communication Conference Opportunities

[ComSciCon](#)

Applications are now open for [ComSciCon](#) 2020! The 8th annual Communicating Science workshop will be held in Boston, MA, on June 11-13, 2020. Graduate students at U.S. and Canadian institutions in all fields of science, technology, engineering, health, mathematics, and related fields are encouraged to apply. Fifty graduate students will be selected to attend. Attendance is free, and travel support and lodging will be provided to accepted applicants. Participants will build the communication skills that scientists and other technical professionals need to express complex ideas to the general public, experts in other fields, and their own peers. In addition to panel discussions (on topics such as Creative Storytelling, Science Journalism, and Diversity/Inclusivity), ample time will be allotted for networking with science communication experts and developing science outreach collaborations with fellow graduate students. **The application deadline is March 1, 2020.**

[SciComm 2020](#)

Registration is open for [SciComm](#), a professional conference on effective science communication. The conference will be March 27-29 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference attracts a nationwide pool of scientists, educators, professional communicators, students and artists, who aim to gain training in effective science communication techniques, forge connections, and get critical feedback to grow their skills. **Presentation submissions are due March 6. Conference registration closes March 23.**

[Graduate Student Writing Retreat](#)

The Writing Center and Graduate School are hosting the annual Graduate Student Writing Retreat May 19-22 and 26-27. The retreat provides graduate students time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere and promotes effective writing practices to boost the dissertation- and thesis-writing process. **Application deadline is March 18.**

[MD Anderson Cancer Center's TRIUMPH Translational Postdoctoral Fellowship](#)

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center is currently accepting applications for the CPRIT TRIUMPH Postdoctoral Fellowship in Translational Cancer Research. This three-year fellowship provides basic, translational, and clinical training and aims to further develop talented PhD or MD/PhDs into successful clinical/translational research scientists. Applications are reviewed quarterly with the next cycle due dates of March 31, 2020 and June 30, 2020. Additional information regarding eligibility, application process, and current trainees and program alumni profiles are found on the [CPRIT TRIUMPH website](#). Please contact Dr. Kari Brewer Savannah, Program Manager, with any questions at ksavannah@mdanderson.org.

[Accepting Applications - Science Communication Fellowship](#)

The Science Communication Fellowship is specifically designed for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers and is Sunset Zoo's flagship program of its Behind the Science initiative. Fellows will enhance their science communication skills through a dynamic, engaging, and participatory workshop series. They also will develop a hands-on educational activity to use in multiple settings at Sunset Zoo and beyond, as well as a personalized webpage to engage multiple audiences with their work on Sunset Zoos Behind the Science website. Application and more information available on the [Sunset Zoo website](#). **The application deadline is May 1 at 5:00 pm.**

[Graduate Research Opportunities at DOE National Laboratories](#)

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science is pleased to announce that the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program is now accepting applications for the 2020 Solicitation 1. The SCGSR program supports supplemental awards to outstanding U.S. graduate students to conduct part of their graduate thesis research at a DOE national laboratory/facility in collaboration with a DOE laboratory scientist for a period of 3 to 12 consecutive months—with the goal of preparing graduate students for scientific and technical careers critically important to the DOE Office of Science mission. The SCGSR program is open to current Ph.D. students in qualified graduate programs at accredited U.S. academic institutions, who are conducting their graduate thesis research in targeted areas of importance to the DOE Office of Science. Direct questions to the SCGSR Program Manager, Dr. Ping Ge, at sc.scgsr@science.doe.gov.

Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

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