

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

June 17, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

Interim Use of TOEFL ITP® Test Scores for Admissions Purposes

ETS has launched the "TOEFL ITP® Plus for China" solution for mainland China, which combines the TOEFL ITP test and a Vericant® video speaking interview. The TOEFL ITP test is provided as a suitable choice for evaluating applicants for admission purposes from China while the TOEFL iBT test is not available. All the relevant information you need about the TOEFL ITP test, including how to quickly set cut score requirements, can be found in [ETS Guidance for TOEFL ITP Plus for China Score Users \(PDF\)](#).

Graduate School Orientation Modules

The Graduate School is developing Canvas modules to provide new graduate students the information that is normally shared at our in-person orientation sessions at the start of the fall and spring semesters. We will inform graduate programs and directly notify students when the modules are accessible.

Graduate Faculty

[New Rural/Regional U.S. Scholar Award through the Australian-American Fulbright Commission](#)

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce a new U.S. Scholar award focusing on rural and regional issues that would be of particular interest to Kansas State University. **Applications are open until September 15, 2020.** For more information, [visit the Fulbright Scholar Award website](#).

Graduate Students

Career Opportunities and Trends in Biotechnology

The Graduate School wants to share a great upcoming opportunity for students to participate in [BIO Digital](#), one of the largest biotechnology conferences, at no cost. Students who [apply to the student pass](#) will have free access to hundreds of on-demand sessions when the conference kicks off in June. This is one of the best career/industry exploration tools since they will have full access to the industry conference, listen to company presentations, startup pitches, and educational sessions on new technologies and regulatory policy topics. There will also be a number of talks on innovation in therapeutics for COVID-19. Students in other disciplines who are interested in learning more about the biotechnology industry are also welcome to register.

BioKansas is also partnering with BIO to provide professional development programming before, during, and after the conference. They will have a pre-webinar session about the innovation pipeline and an on-demand session about how to successfully transition to a post-academic career that will be available to students who register. For more information, please contact Dr. Alex Arwin at Alex@biokansas.org

[Important Information Regarding GTA/GRA/GA Summer 2020 Health Insurance](#)

- Summer health insurance will cover the period June 1, 2020 to July 31, 2020
- Students must complete the [online enrollment form](#) **no later than June 30, 2020**.
- After completing online enrollment, K-State Division of Human Capital Services (HCS) must approve the student's eligibility for the GRA/GRA/GA insurance.
- Upon receiving approval from HCS, United Healthcare will send the student a payment link. **This link is active for only 5 days.**

[Beyond the Professoriate Webinar: What to do if you're going on the academic job market](#)

June 19, 11:00am Central Time

Join Caleb McKinney, PhD (Assistant Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Training and Development for Biomedical Graduate Education at Georgetown University Medical Center), Robert Pearson, PhD (Assistant Dean, Professional Development and Career Planning at Emory University), and L. Maren Wood, PhD (Founder, Beyond the Professoriate) in this conversation on what to do if you're considering going on the academic job market. After attending the webinar, participants will be able to identify areas where they can prepare for going on the academic job

market, develop strategies of mindfulness and self-compassion when confronting situations of uncertainty, and develop strategies for maintaining an active scholarly profile during this economic downturn. Advanced [registration](#) is required.

[Graduate Student Council Travel Awards](#)

The GSC is continuing to accept travel award applications, and applications must be submitted by the appropriate deadline. However, per the [announcement made on March 14](#), all university-affiliated or sponsored travel is banned until further notice, and students should not make travel arrangements until the ban is lifted. At this time, GSC travel awards may be used to reimburse registration fees associated with conferences being held in a virtual format. July 1 is the deadline for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards for travel to academic and professional events that begin anytime in September.

[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 date of **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.

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