

# K-State Graduate School

## Weekly Newsletter

### **June 30, 2020**   [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

### [Graduation and Commencement Deadlines](#)

The [Summer and Fall deadlines](#) published on the university site are correct at this time. The Fall commencement date is awaiting an update. Once updated, the Spring 2021 calendar will receive its update.

### **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.

### **CollegeNet Offline for Updates**

Please note that CollegeNET servers will be down for maintenance beginning 5:00 AM PST Saturday, July 18 and ending midnight PST Sunday, July 19. During this time, you will not have access to CollegeNET.

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### **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

### Self-quarantine for graduate students arriving from international locations or high-risk states

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) mandates self-quarantine for 14 days for individuals who have traveled from international locations or one of the identified high-risk areas. A current list of high-risk travel areas and mandate requirements is available at the [KDHE website](#).

KDHE and Riley County Health Department requires such graduate students to complete a 14-day self-quarantine at a Manhattan KS residence upon their arrival. The university has space set aside on campus for self-quarantine of both on and off campus student international travelers. For those who reside off campus, all reasonable efforts should be made to self-quarantine at their residence off campus. This allowance is made if there is strict adherence to the [self-quarantine guidance](#) provided by KDHE. If you have any questions about housing, please contact [housing@ksu.edu](mailto:housing@ksu.edu). In order to be able to meet the quarantine requirement and be able to complete the other required tasks, international students will have to be here by the latest arrival date of June 22nd.

Other information will be shared in the coming days as more details become available.

### [Sprintax](#) - Free Tax Preparation for International Students

International students & scholars are required to file tax forms with the IRS. There are 4 weeks to go now until the filing deadline of July 15th! Kansas State University has arranged free access to [Sprintax Tax Preparation](#) for you. Sprintax will guide you through the tax preparation process, arrange the necessary documents and check if you are due a tax refund. Failure to file can sometimes lead to complications when applying for US visas in the future.

All you need to do is:

1. [Register](#) with Sprintax
2. Complete the online questionnaire
3. Enter your unique code **SpTx2019KSU501F** in the box on the 'Review your order' page
4. Sprintax will prepare your tax return
5. Print, sign and mail your documents to the IRS

## **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.**

## **GRA/GTA/GA Student Employee Health Insurance for 2020-2021**

Information is available on the Human Capital Website at the following link: <https://www.k-state.edu/hcs/benefits/health/gradhealth.html>. GRA/GRA/GA health insurance information will also be available in the online Graduate School Orientation in Canvas. A brochure was sent to all Department Heads and graduate program contacts via the Listserv system.

GRA/GTA/GA on 0.5 FTE appointments are eligible to **enroll in the health plan beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Students must enroll online and can access the enrollment form on the link above.

Students must pay the cost of the premium at the time of enrollment. Human Capital Services must verify their eligibility, thus it is important that appointment forms be processed for fall semester as soon as your HCS Liaison has all information needed. A link to United Healthcare Insurance Company is provided in the link above, including deductible and other important information.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Graduate Assistant positions in Staley School of Leadership Studies**

- **K-State's Strengths Initiative and Co-Curricular Programs**

The graduate assistant will support the Strength's initiative to increase engagement and well-being for students across the university. This position assists the program director by executing programming, logistics, promotion, and communications for K-State's Strengths initiative. Learn more and [apply online](#).

- **Snyder Leadership Legacy Fellows and Co-Curricular Programs**

The graduate assistant supporting the Snyder Leadership Legacy Fellows program at the Staley School of Leadership Studies will assist the administrator of student programs with leadership development programming, logistics, promotion, and communications for the Snyder Fellows program. Learn more and [apply online](#).

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