

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

March 24, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

BREAKING NEWS: Spring Graduation Deadlines Extended to May 8

Masters and doctoral students planning to graduate this semester should be familiar with graduation requirements and deadlines. The deadline to complete all requirements (**submission of final exam ballot, ETDR ballot, and ETDR**) for **spring 2020 graduation has been moved from April 17 to May 8**. Students should refer to the appropriate [Deadlines for Graduation and ETDR Submission Checklist](#) for instructions on completing all graduation requirements.

Any graduate student not meeting the May 8th deadline will be required to enroll in the summer if they plan to graduate in August.

TOEFL iBT and GRE Testing at Home

ETS is proud to introduce a solution for students who have been impacted by the coronavirus to take the *TOEFL iBT*® test and the *GRE*® General Test at home until test centers can reopen. *TOEFL*® testing is scheduled to begin on March 26, and *GRE* testing will begin on **March 27**.

Testing will be conducted through the use of live remote proctoring serviced by ProctorU®. This high-touch, real-time human monitoring of test sessions limits the number of seats available. Students can register beginning today in the following countries:

- United States
- Canada
- Colombia
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Spain

- Hong Kong (China)
- Macau (China)

ETS is working diligently to provide this at home option in other affected areas and will share additional details as available.

ETS is taking every precaution to ensure that the tests students will take from home meet high standards for validity, reliability and security. ETS is employing multiple best-in-class security measures that use both real-time human monitoring and artificial intelligence technology:

- **Live proctors** will ensure constant vigilance, including confirming the test taker's identity and scanning their home environment before testing begins, flagging any suspicious activity and intervening if necessary.
- **Artificial Intelligence technology** — such as facial recognition, gaze tracking and video recording of the entire session — will guard against malicious activity. Examples of test taker activities that AI will flag as possible cheating incidents include attempts to open a new browser, run unpermitted software and use unpermitted objects such as a cell phone.

Find more details about security measures and answers to other questions you may have on the [TOEFL](#) and [GRE](#) web pages dedicated to this purpose.

ETS recognizes the intense pressure that many institutions are under to ensure that prospective students are able to complete their applications on time. Questions may be directed to TOEFLnews@ets.org or GREtests@ets.org.

Urgent Notification: Document Submission

Since the Graduate School is physically closed and the team members are working remotely, it is imperative that all documents are submitted electronically, preferably using the electronic forms available on the [Graduate School website](#). Ballots and other documents that cannot be submitted using electronic forms should be sent via email as PDF document(s) to the designated degree analyst or to grad@ksu.edu for processing. View a list of [Graduate School contact information](#) for various tasks and activities.

Note: Approval forms cannot be processed without having an approved Program of Study in place with the Graduate School.

Use of Zoom to Schedule Defenses and Processing of Ballots

The Graduate School team is supportive of graduate students continuing their scheduled defenses during this modified class schedule so they can meet graduation deadline. Major professors should work with their graduate students, members of their supervisory committees, and outside chair for doctoral students to conduct the defenses via Zoom. The video conference form will not be required

during the modified class delivery time period. Major professors should contact their designated degree specialist to notify them of their defense plans. Please note that Request for Final Examination should be submitted electronically during this time.

Ballots will continue to be sent to outside chairs for doctoral students and major professors for masters. The ETDR ballot will be sent electronically to major professors.

Emails with votes for final examination of committee members can be sent to outside chair for doctoral students and to major professors for masters. These ballots can be sent as PDF document to the assigned degree analyst. Votes for ETDR ballots should be sent to the major professors. These should be submitted as PDF documents to the designated degree specialist.

For programs that normally require other students to attend the public component of defenses (seminar), the Zoom session can be recorded and the link shared with the students to view at a later date. If the public presentation is recorded, it is strongly recommended to schedule two Zoom sessions: one for seminar/public presentation and one for the committee meeting.

Graduate Program Directors

[The Global Postgraduate Diversity Resource](#)

The Council of Graduate Schools, with support from Educational Testing Service (ETS), has created [The Global Postgraduate Diversity Resource](#). This online tool is designed to help universities improve their diversity programming by looking at resources written by university leaders, researchers, government officials, and journalists. The website currently includes over ninety resources from universities across the globe as well as essays on pressing issues in global higher education diversity from university leaders. The website aims to help faculty, postgraduate students, and administrators develop a common language for improving diversity and inclusion at postgraduate institutions around the world. This resource will be updated with new essays and resources throughout the year. If you would like to request the addition of a resource or resources, please use [this online form](#) or email [Matthew Linton](#).

[2020-2021 University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award](#)

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 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 2020 semester. 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**.

[Pre-arrival Online Graduate English Support Courses](#)

Due to test postponements as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, online versions of DAS 176 (Reading), DAS 177 (Writing), and DAS 178 (Listening) will be offered April 6-May 29, 2020 for students eligible for admission to graduate programs for Fall 2020 who have iBT TOEFL or IELTS scores that are close to those needed to meet the English Proficiency requirement. These courses allow students the opportunity to improve their English and demonstrate proficiency by earning grades of B or above in these courses prior to their arrival on campus. Registration requirements can be found [here](#).

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) Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering and 2) Social Sciences**. These awards serve to recognize theses and dissertations that make an unusually significant contribution to their field. Each graduate program may submit one nomination for the thesis award and one nomination for the dissertation award. Please visit the award web pages for more information. Nominations must be submitted to the Graduate School, 113-119 Eisenhower Hall, or via email to Megan Miller (mmmiller@ksu.edu) **no later than 5:00 pm on May 1, 2020**.

Graduate Faculty

[Commerce Bank and WT Kemper 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

Virtual Brown Bag

Graduate students are invited to join Dean Shanklin, Associate Dean Dissanayake, and Dr. Miller for a virtual brown bag lunch on **Wednesday, March 25th at noon**. This is an opportunity for graduate students to ask questions and stay connected. [Join the discussion via zoom](#).

GSC Zoom Coffee Hour

The GSC executive team will hold a Zoom coffee hour on Fridays for graduate students to check in, say hello, ask questions, voice concerns, etc. Zoom coffee hour begins this Friday, March 27, from 1-2pm. [Join via Zoom](#).

Mental Health Support

Our world is dealing a major public health concern, and we all are learning how to navigate new approaches to school, work, and other major facets of life. As a result, students may experience heightened levels of stress, anxiety, or other emotions. The following resources are available to students in need of mental health support.

- K-State Counseling Services – available for phone consultations, 785-532-6927
- [National Grad Crisis-Line](#) – 877-472-3457

Enrollment for Summer and Fall 2020

In an effort to allow the university community time to adjust to remote teaching, learning and advising, administration has decided to delay the start of enrollment for the summer 2020 and fall 2020 semesters by one week. The early enrollment period for returning students will now begin on Monday, March 30 and end on Friday, April 24. Students may find newly scheduled enrollment time in [KSIS](#) in [Student Center > Enrollment Dates](#). Questions or concerns should be directed to the Office of the Registrar, registrar@ksu.edu.

[Academic Achievement Center Online Resources](#)

K-State's Academic Achievement Center is offering the following academic success resources online and available to support all K-State students as they complete coursework and other academic activities remotely for the remainder of the semester.

- [Academic Coaching](#) is available to **all** K-State students from 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. No appointments are necessary. Academic Coaches can help with, navigating online learning, connecting to campus resources, understanding course expectations, academic and time management challenges, and more!
- **Academic Success Tools:** The AAC has many [academic success tools](#) and resources online along with [guides and videos](#) to implement these tools.

Career Center Online Resources

The Career Center is committed to assisting students during this challenging time and has a variety of resources available:

- **Individualized appointments** with career advisors via Zoom, phone or email. Students may schedule through [Handshake](#).
- **Job/Internship listings** via Handshake: Employers are still adding opportunities, and they are updated daily. Please go to the main [Career Center](#) webpage and sign in with purple "Student Login" button.
- **Zoom presentations on career related topics**—for classes or clubs. Contact Andrew Kohls at andrewkohls@ksu.edu for more information.
- **Andrew's Advising Resources**—Resume/Interview Guide, Salary Negotiation Tips, Resources for Diverse/Multicultural students and more.

[Graduate Students invited to participate in Big 12 Virtual Career Fair](#)

March 25, 2020, 10 am – 5 pm

Students and alumni from Big 12 universities are invited to connect with employers through a free virtual career fair event. Visit with firms looking for interns and employees from all majors. Over 100 companies will participate, of which approximately 50 are looking for graduate student talent. A list of [participating companies](#) can be filtered to only include graduate-level degrees under "Select degrees..." Students should visit the [K-State Career Center](#) website to register and find more information about the fair, including a [tutorial](#) to show students how to register and learn more about the virtual fair will function.

Beyond the Professoriate Webinar – [Using Imagine PhD](#)

ImaginePhD is a free tool designed to empower graduate students and postdocs in the Humanities and Social Sciences to explore career options and leverage their training. In this special webinar, Annie Maxfield, MS (Director, Graduate Career & Professional Development, The University of Texas at Austin) 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. **Mar 25, 2020 12:00 PM in Eastern Time** (US and Canada).

[Advanced registration](#) is required.

Beyond the Professoriate Webinar – [Starting Tenure-track Positions](#)

In this webinar, Neelofer Qadir, PhD (Assistant Professor, Department of English, University of North Carolina at Greensboro) will give you insight into the transition from PhD grad to faculty, and what life on the tenure-track is like in the first year. **Mar 27, 2020 12:30 PM in Eastern Time** (US and Canada). After attending the webinar you will be able to:

- Be aware of transition timelines as you move into a faculty career;
- Successfully manage the transition into your new workplace;
- Create a strategy to navigate your new roles and responsibilities.

[Advanced registration](#) is required.

[The Library and Your Research Workshop: Starting Your Literature Review in Science](#)

Are you preparing a literature review for a paper, article, thesis, or dissertation? This workshop will help you! Learn why a literature review is important, how to use K-State Libraries' databases to select articles, how to evaluate the articles, and how to organize the review. For this session, article searching will be demonstrated using PubMed, Web of Science, and other science databases, however, the concepts will be applicable to all disciplines. **March 30 at 12:30 pm.** Join via [Zoom](#).

[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.

Graduate Student Council Travel Awards

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

CONFERENCES CANCEL IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19: The GSC is aware that many professional conferences have been canceled in an effort to mitigate spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Students who were allocated a GSC travel award for an event in March or later were sent a message with [instructions for requesting reimbursement](#) for non-refundable expenses.

FUTURE TRAVEL AND TRAVEL AWARDS: The GSC will continue to accept travel award applications for events scheduled in June and beyond, 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.

2020-2021 Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay Community Woman Scholarship

The K-State Social Club is accepting applications for the Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay Community Woman Scholarship. The recipient must be a female, non-traditional graduate student enrolled in any curriculum at K-State and who demonstrates financial need, academic commitment, and community service. The recipient must meet one or more of the following criteria: 25 years of age or older, married, a parent, a veteran, or returning to graduate school after an absence of three years or more. **Application deadline is April 1.**

Graduate Student Leadership Workshop Series: Civic Leadership and Citizen Scholarship

As members of the K-State academic community, our studies and work are situated – physically and virtually – within local and global communities facing complex challenges. We all play a role in the civic mission of our institution, to

generate knowledge and talent to advance the well-being of those communities. This session will help participants explore their present and future work, and consider how relationship, dialogue, and practice can be an explanatory lens to make sense of citizen-centered, community-engaged scholarship. **April 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.** Join by [Zoom](#).

[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 it's 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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