

# K-State Graduate School

## Weekly Newsletter

**May 26, 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 \(PDF\)](#).

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### **Graduate Program Directors**

#### **Nomination Deadline Extension: MAGS Distinguished Thesis Award**

The Graduate School will continue to accept nominations for the [MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award](#) until **May 29, 2020**. **This year's award categories are 1) Mathematics/Physical Sciences/Engineering and 2) Social Sciences**. The award serves to recognize theses that make an unusually significant contribution to their field. Each graduate program may submit one nomination. Please visit the award web page for more information. Nominations must be submitted to Megan Miller ([mmiller@ksu.edu](mailto:mmiller@ksu.edu)) **no later than 5:00 pm on May 29, 2020**.

### **Annual CollegeNet Updates**

Annual CollegeNet Updates are **due May 31st**. The Graduate School is requesting all programs to review their program specific area of the online graduate application for annual updates. Changes should be submitted to Joe Horan, the admissions coordinator, at [jphoran@k-state.edu](mailto:jphoran@k-state.edu).

## 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

### [Transcript and Diploma Ordering for Spring 2020 Graduates](#)

**Ordering a transcript with final spring 2020 grades:** Prior to May 19, 2020, graduates should check for holds in their Student Center in KSIS. Holds must be cleared prior to ordering a transcript. Final grade posting for the spring 2020 term finishes on May 19, 2020. On the morning of May 20, 2020, graduates should check their Student Center in KSIS to verify that spring grades have posted, and then order their transcript through the Other Academics tile in KSIS. Students graduating in the spring 2020 term, or who will not be enrolled in future terms, have until May 29, 2020, to order transcripts at no charge. More information about ordering transcripts is available on the [Office of the Registrar](#) website.

**Receiving your diploma:** Spring 2020 graduates will receive their diploma by mail approximately eight weeks after spring 2020 degrees post in June. Graduates should have verified their degree/diploma address in their KSIS account where they would like their diploma to be mailed by last Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Graduates who have not updated their address should do so immediately. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the degree/diploma address is correct in KSIS. If a diploma is mailed to the incorrect address, the graduate will be responsible for having the diploma replaced and will be charged \$20 to have a new diploma mailed.

## 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](mailto:Alex@biokansas.org)

### **Accepting Applications for Graduate Student Ambassadors**

The Graduate School is accepting applications from current K-State graduate students to be Graduate Student Ambassadors. Graduate Ambassadors respond to emails from prospective students and/or provide campus tours to prospective students. We are looking for graduate students who are eager to share their K-State experiences with future Wildcats and to welcome prospective and incoming graduate students to the K-State community. [Applications](#) are requested by **June 1, 2020**.

### **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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