

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

October 20, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

Graduate Faculty Volunteers Needed for Graduate School Commencement Ceremonies

The Graduate School needs 22 graduate faculty volunteers to serve as marshals for each of the commencement ceremonies (8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.). Marshals will assist in seating students in their assigned seats prior to the ceremony, direct the flow of traffic to and from the stage, and assist with the recessional. Marshals will need to provide their own regalia. If you are available and wish to serve as a marshal and celebrate with our May, August and Fall graduates, please e-mail Ms. Cynthia Brott at cdbrott@ksu.edu by October 30th. Please designate the ceremony(ies) you are wish to serve as a marshal. Thank you in advance for your service.

Graduate School Commencement Update and Deadline to Participate

The Graduate school Commencement is scheduled for two ceremonies on Friday, November 20th.

Graduates from the following colleges will be participating at the 8:30 a.m. ceremony in Bramlage: Agriculture; Architecture, Planning and Design; Arts and Sciences; and Engineering. Graduates from the College of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, K-State Olathe, and K-State Polytechnic will participate in the 4:00 p.m. ceremony.

Only faculty who are hooding terminal degree candidates and marshals will be allowed to participate in the ceremonies due to social distancing guidelines and to allow graduates to invite two guest to the ceremony.

The deadlines to officially graduate in December remain the same as published on the Graduate School Commencement and Graduation Calendar.

Graduate Program Directors

Interested in Recruiting McNair Scholars to your graduate program?

The Graduate School has access to the 2020-2021 McNair Scholars Directory to use specifically for recruiting new graduate students. The directory includes contact information for McNair Scholars who have expressed interest in graduate studies and includes information on recent graduates, seniors, and rising seniors. The directory was developed through a collaboration between the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS).

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is the single largest federal effort aimed at preparing low-income, first-generation in college and minority students to pursue graduate studies. The McNair Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO programs and provides participants with research internships, faculty mentors, opportunities to present and publish results of their research, undergraduate teaching experience, and assistance with applying to and preparing for graduate school.

If your graduate program would like to use the directory to contact these prospective graduate students who would have had research experience as part of their undergraduate program, please contact Associate Dean Dissanayake at sunanda@ksu.edu. This is a good opportunity to increase the diversity among your graduate students.

Graduate Faculty

[Sigma Xi Outstanding K-State Scientist Award Lecture](#)

The recipient of this year's Sigma Xi Outstanding K-State Scientist Award is Dr. Mithila Jugulam, professor of agronomy. All are invited to her public talk on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 4:00pm. The title of her talk is, "Evolution of Weed Resistance to Herbicides: Investigation of Knowledge Gaps." Join the talk by [Zoom](#).

Attend Research and the State Virtual Poster Sessions

All are invited to participate in the annual Research and the State poster forum to learn about K-State graduate student research. Posters will be presented in a virtual format via Zoom throughout the day on October 23rd beginning at 10:00am. Ten presenters will be selected to represent K-State in the annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) which will be held virtually in February.

View an abstract booklet to learn more about the presentations and access Zoom session links on the [Research Forums website](#).

2020 Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecture

The dates have been set for the 2020-2021 Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecture. The recipients of the award below will receive an honorarium, are recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. All are invited to participate in a public presentation on Wang's work.

Dr. Donghai Wang

Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Carl R. Ice College of Engineering

Lecture Date – October 23, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. [via Zoom](#)

Dr. Thomas Phillips

Department of Entomology

College of Agriculture

Lecture Date – April 27, 2021, 4:00 – 5:-00 p.m. Location TBD.

Graduate Students

Grad Chat

K-State graduate students are invited to engage in discussion and connect with Graduate School leadership and fellow graduate students in an informal chat session. This is a great opportunity to receive guidance from the Graduate School to facilitate academic success and personal wellbeing. We also hope these chats will provide a space for graduate students learn from each other and make new connections. Graduate students are invited to join either of the following sessions on October 21:

- 1:00-2:30pm – [register](#) to join by Zoom
- 7:00-8:30pm – [register](#) to join by Zoom

[Professional Development Funding from BioKansas](#)

K-State grad students and postdocs in need of funds to support a professional development training opportunity are invited to apply for funding from BioKansas. Application deadline is **October 30, 2020**.

[GSC Professional Development Seminar – Leadership in Times of Uncertainty](#)

October 30, 2:30 - 3:30pm

This interactive virtual session is designed to help graduate students gain insight and tools for navigating tough challenges in their academic, work, or community contexts. Through a guided reflection and peer coaching process, we will explore how to see patterns, seek to understand, and act with courage in the midst of complexity and uncertainty.

Facilitators:

- Kerry Priest, PhD, Associate Professor, Staley School of Leadership Studies & Leadership Communication Doctoral Program
- Onyedikachi Ekwerike, MS, Graduate Assistant, Leadership Communication Doctoral Program

[Advance registration](#) for this session is required. Zoom meeting information is provided in a confirmation email. Joining Zoom with video and audio is recommended for this session.

[Graduate Student Council Travel Awards](#)

The GSC continues 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. **November 1 is the deadline** for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards for travel to academic and professional events that begin anytime in January.

[AAUW Scholarship Opportunities for Female Graduate Students](#)

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a global leader in educational funding for women, awarding nearly \$4 million annually to women scholars. The AAUW is currently accepting applications for two funding opportunities. The [AAUW American Fellowships for women doctoral, postdoc and faculty](#) provides \$6,000-\$30,000 for women pursuing full-time study to complete dissertations, conducting postdoctoral research full-time, or preparing research for publication for eight consecutive weeks. The [International Fellowships for women graduate students and postdocs](#) provides \$18,000-\$30,000 for women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the United States who are not U.S.

citizens or permanent residents. Both of these funding opportunities have an **application deadline of November 1, 2020.**

2021 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Small Grant Program for K-State Graduate Students - application process opens

The KSU Graduate School is pleased to announce the seventh year of funding for the Small Grant Program, to support research expenses for Master's and Ph.D. students in their final year. Grants up to \$1,000 will support direct research costs such as travel to an archive, data collection, or exhibition and performance expenses for graduate students doing original research in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. A panel of faculty in these disciplines will review applications in late 2020. Funds will be available after January 15, 2021.

Graduate students interested in this opportunity can find complete information on Small Grant Program Funding Guidelines, Requirements, and application portal at <http://www.k-state.edu/grad/financing/ahss/index.html>.

If there are any questions please contact Associate Dean in the Graduate School, Dr. Sunanda Dissanayake at sunanda@ksu.edu.

The application deadline is November 10, 2020.

Postdoctoral opportunity at the University of New Hampshire

This 2-year postdoctoral appointment will provide opportunities to hone your scholarship in preparation for the professoriate through mentoring, professional development, development funds, a minimum salary of \$50,000 (dependent on discipline), and benefits. The appointment includes a range of professional development opportunities and the opportunity to apply for a tenure track faculty opening in the 2nd year. There are nine postdoctoral opening across four colleges. Application deadline is **November 16, 2020.**

Fall OPT Workshops for International Students

Due to limited operations, no OPT workshops will be held in person this semester. ISSS will offer a virtual OPT session via Zoom on **October 26 and November 23 at 3:30pm**. Login details for the workshop can be found on the [ISSS website](#).

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