

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

October 6, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

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 colleges 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 will be allowed to participate in the ceremonies due to social distancing guidelines. I know that this is disappointing, but we want to accommodate the graduates and up to two guests per student. Please accept my sincere thank you to all the graduate faculty who have attended previous ceremonies to celebrate with our graduates.

Important Reminder to December Graduates Planning on Participating in Commencement

May and August Graduates received an email on Monday, September 28th from the Registrar's Office providing them information about Graduate School Commencement. The graduates are to complete the Graduation Participation link in the email and respond to the RSVP link by **Friday, October 16th**.

The deadlines to officially graduate in December remain the same as published on the Graduate School Commencement and Graduation Calendar. The Friday, October 2nd deadline is for students who will be graduating and wanting to participate in commencement.

Graduate Program Directors

Review of Interest in using SMS/Text Messaging in CollegeNet - Zoom Session

The CollegeNet Communications page, when released, plans to provide an updated view of student engagement. Communication activities, including SMS and emails, are anticipated improvements. The Graduate School invites you to this Zoom meeting to discuss and gauge program interest in using a texting/SMS service in CollegeNet to communicate with prospective students and applicants. **Date and time and Zoom link coming soon!**

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

Volunteer to be a Poster Judge for Research and the State

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual [Research and the State](#) graduate student poster session. The poster session will be held in a virtual format via Zoom on October 23, 2020. Presentation sessions will be held throughout the day between 9:00am-5:00pm. The time commitment for judges will be 1-2.5 hours. If interested in serving as a judge,

please complete a brief [online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability on October 23.

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

[TLC Professional Development – Accommodating Students and Providing Access for All during COVID-19](#)

October 7, 12:00-1:00pm

Presentation by Jason Maseberg Tomlinson, director of K-State's Student Access Center.

Graduate Fellowship Information Session

The Office of Research Development is hosting a virtual Graduate Fellowship Information session from 3:30-5 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Key funding opportunities will be discussed from the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, Department of Energy, the Hertz Foundation and the American Association of University Women. Opportunities in the humanities and social sciences will also be addressed. Plus, learn to search for fellowships on your own.

Registration is required. To register, visit https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_beiuUIsTPYhHHs9. After you register, a Zoom link will be sent out a few days before the event.

The Library and Your Research Workshops - Managing Citations and References

October 12, 1:30pm

Citations and references, while essential to the research and publishing, can also consume a lot of your valuable time storing, organizing, and formatting them. This hands-on workshop introduces the essentials of citation manager tools and will introduce several different tools before focusing on Zotero. Participants will set up an account and learn some of the common steps to organize citations and create bibliographies. [Join via Zoom](#).

GSC Professional Development Seminar – Building and Contributing to Inclusive and Equitable Work Environments

October 15, 2:30-3:30pm

Graduate students and post-docs looking to develop general time management skills or time management for complex projects are invited to join this session to understand the importance of time management skills from an employer perspective and for career satisfaction and well-being, explore productivity best practices, and learn strategies to plan and implement a large project. Advance registration is requested by September 29th at 5:00pm.

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.

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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