

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

September 23, 2020 [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

Graduate Program Directors

Promote Your Graduate Program to McNair Scholars, Sept. 25 and 26

The Graduate School invites you to engage with prospective students during the [McNair Heartland virtual conference this Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26](#). We can schedule virtual meetings with participating students anytime before and during the conference. Conference activities begin on Friday at 5:00pm and are scheduled for most of the day on Saturday. During the day on Friday and before 10:00am on Saturday are the best times to schedule virtual meets.

If you are interested in engaging with McNair scholars:

- **Notify Megan Miller (mmiller@ksu.edu) by noon on Wednesday** with the time periods you are available to participate in a virtual chat between 9:00am-5:00pm on Friday and between 8:00am-10:00am on Saturday.
- If you have large periods of availability, please send all times that you have open, and indicate if there is maximum amount of time you can commit (E.g., "I am available anytime on Friday but can commit to only two hours).

Deadlines for Departments to Submit Recommendations for International Applications

The deadline to recommend admission for International applicants for spring 2021 was September 1st. This includes individuals who are: Living outside of the United States, applicants who are currently enrolled at an institution in the United States who plan to graduate in December and plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January.

October 1st deadline includes individuals who are: Living in the United States and who do not plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January and

distance learning applicants. Individuals admitted for spring should plan to arrive on campus no later than January 8, 2021.

Call for Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominations

Departments are encouraged to nominate outstanding graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) for the [GSC/MAGS Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence](#). Each department may nominate one masters and one doctoral GTA for the teaching award. Department nominations are due to College Deans offices by September 30.

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.

[Teaching & Learning Center Professional Development Series](#) - How We Follow Through on the Promise of Support

September 30, 12:00-1:00pm. [Join via Zoom](#).

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.

[Eat at Chipotle to Support the Graduate Student Council](#)

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is hosting a fundraiser at Chipotle on September 24th. The GSC will receive 33% of proceeds from 5:00-9:00pm. If visiting the restaurant in person, show [promotional flyer](#) on a mobile device or print and bring a paper copy with you to show the cashier. Alternatively, you may [order online](#) and enter EFWJAGF in the promo code line for the GSC to earn funds.

Graduate Students

[Eisenhower Hall Graduate Student Space Open for Use](#)

Graduate students who are in need of a quiet space to study, work on writing projects, grade for classes they TA or teach, or work on other tasks or projects are welcome to use the Graduate School's graduate student space on the third floor of Eisenhower Hall. Use of the spaces must follow K-State COVID-19 safety guidelines, including wearing facial masks, social distancing, and limited occupancy in each room.

[All-University Career Fair](#)

September 21-24, 11-5pm.

The All-University Career Fair is a four-day, multi-industry career fair hosted online through *Handshake*. This event is being offered in place of the traditional on-campus fair at Bramlage Coliseum which hosted a record of 385 companies and 4,500 students in 2019.

Find the career fair in *Handshake* and register:

1. Log into your Handshake account.
2. Go to the EVENTS page via the top menu bar.
3. Select CAREER FAIRS.
4. Click the blue REGISTER button in the top right corner of the event page. Repeat this for each day that you want to attend. Note that for the All-University Career Fair, each day of the fair is listed as a separate event/fair.
5. On the day of the fair, you must open the YOUR SESSIONS tab IN THE EVENT to enter the sessions for the fair.

GSC Professional Development Seminar - Exploring Non-Academic Job Opportunities Panel Discussion

September 24, 2:00-3:40pm

A variety of job opportunities outside of academia exist for master's and doctoral degree holders. Graduate students and post-docs who are interested in a non-academic career path are invited to join the GSC for a panel discussion with professionals from government, industry, and non-profit sectors who hold advanced degrees. Panelists will discuss their career experiences and will share guidance on how to seek out non-academic job opportunities, talk about the skills and experience that make an applicant competitive for these types of jobs, and answer questions from attendees. The GSC will have two offerings of this event with different panelists in each session. Attendance is welcome in one of the two or both sessions. Advance [registration](#) is requested. Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration.

KAWSE SUCCEED for Graduate Students and Post-Docs – Inclusion/Safety in Research Spaces

September 25, noon-1pm

Vice President for Research and Professor of Chemistry, Peter Dorhout, and Executive Director of KAWSE and Professor of Sociology, Chardie Baird, will host a virtual brown bag to learn from graduate students and postdoctoral researchers about the challenges and successes they are facing when creating/experiencing physical and cultural safety in their research spaces. VPR Dorhout is committed to incorporating what he learns from session participants in programming in K-State's research office. [Register to attend](#) and receive a Zoom link by **September 23rd at 4pm.**

Call for abstracts: Research and the State

Registration is open for the Graduate Student Council's Research and the State graduate student poster session, which will be held October 23rd via Zoom. Graduate students from all disciplines are invited to participate. Ten presenters will be selected to represent K-State at the annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) held in the spring at the Capitol Building, where graduate students present their posters and discuss the implications their work has on issues in the state of Kansas. Additionally, Research and the State is a great opportunity for graduate students to share their research or scholarly work with the campus community. **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 25, 2020, 11:59 pm CST.**

[Getting Started with ETDR Templates](#)

September 28, 1:00-2:30pm

Graduate students working on a thesis, dissertation, or report, must follow specific formatting guidelines in their written document. Using K-State's ETDR templates (in Microsoft Word and LaTeX) facilitates the formatting process. This training session will review the ETDR creation and submission process, demonstrate how to use the ETDR templates, introduce ETDR resources, and more.

The Library and Your Research Workshops - Managing Citations and References

September 28, 1:30pm. [Join via Zoom.](#)

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.

[GSC Professional Development Seminar – Improving Productivity and Managing Time](#)

October 1, 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. Zoom meeting information will be provided upon registration.

[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. **October 1 is the deadline** for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards for travel to academic and professional events that begin anytime in December.