

# K-State Graduate School

## Weekly Newsletter

### **March 3, 2020** [Events and Deadlines](#)

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

### **Graduate Program Directors**

#### [Division of Student Life Graduate Assistant Campus Visit Day](#)

Please help promote the Division of Student Life Graduate Assistant Visit Day to current and incoming graduate students in need of an assistantship. During the Graduate Assistant Visit Day on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, prospective graduate students can visit K-State, interview with Student Life departments/offices that have openings for the 2019-2020 academic year, and meet faculty within their program of interest. If you have students who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to visit the Student Life [Graduate Assistantship Opportunities](#) webpage. Students who wish to attend must [register](#) for the Campus Visit Day **no later than 5:00 pm on March 4, 2020.**

#### [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](mailto:udp@k-state.edu) by **April 1, 2020.**

### **Graduate Faculty**

#### **Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) Winners**

The following graduate students were selected as award recipients for their poster presentations at the [Capitol Graduate Research Summit](#) held at the Capitol Building in Topeka on February 26:

- Dryden Baumfalk, PhD student in Human Ecology, specializing in Kinesiology - BioKansas Award Recipient of \$100 scholarship and \$250 certificate for professional development course

- Arvind Damodara Kannan, PhD student in Civil Engineering - University Award Recipient of \$500 scholarship
- Ashish Kumar, PhD student in Biochemistry - BioKansas Award Recipient of \$500 scholarship and \$250 certificate for professional development course

### **Three Minute Thesis Competition Winners**

The following graduate students were selected as award recipients in the [Three Minute Thesis](#) competition held on February 27:

- Cameron Osborne, PhD student in Entomology - 1st place, \$500 scholarship
- Mikaela Rader, MS student in Geology - 2nd place, \$250 scholarship
- Kristen Sikosky, MS student in Horticulture and Natural Resources - People's Choice, \$125 scholarship

Cameron will represent K-State in the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Three Minute Thesis Competition in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in April.

### **Volunteer to be a Judge at the K-State GRAD Forum**

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual [K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery \(GRAD\) Forum](#), which will be held March 25 and 26, 2020. If interested in serving as a judge, please complete a [brief online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability for the day.

### **[Commerce Bank and WT Kempber 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](mailto:dgf@k-state.edu) by **May 1, 2020**.

### **Graduate Students**

#### **[Eisenhower Hall Graduate Student Space - Safety Notice](#)**

The Graduate School would like to remind graduate students, faculty, and staff about the work spaces we have available specifically for graduate students on the third floor of Eisenhower Hall. These spaces are open for graduate students to use for study, group meetings, and GTA office hours.

**Fire Code Safety Notice** - Per Fire Marshall orders, use of extension cords is prohibited in the graduate student spaces. If students have questions or concerns

about this policy or other aspects of the graduate student spaces, they should call (785-532-6191) or visit the Graduate School (113-119 Eisenhower Hall).

### **[GSC Professional Development Seminar - Oral Presentations 101](#)**

Planning to present your research or scholarly work this semester? Ms. Theresa Merrick, Writing Center Outreach Coordinator, will share information on how to effectively present your work in an oral format with PowerPoint. In this session, attendees will also learn how to present written, graphic, and oral content that can be easily understood and has an impact on diverse audiences. This session may be especially useful for graduate students who plan to give their first presentation this semester, but more experienced graduate students may also learn new strategies for improving their presentation skills. The seminar will be held **March 4, 2020, 2:30-3:30pm in the Wildcat Chamber**, K-State Student Union. Advance registration is requested.

### **2020 SciComm Conference and Travel Awards**

Registration is open for [SciComm](#), a professional conference on effective science communication. The conference will be March 27-29 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference attracts a nationwide pool of scientists, educators, professional communicators, students and artists, who aim to gain training in effective science communication techniques, forge connections, and get critical feedback to grow their skills. **Presentation submissions are due March 6. Conference registration closes March 23.**

**[SciComm Conference Travel Awards](#)** – With support from the NASA Kansas Space Grant, the K-State Graduate School will award 12 travel grants of up to \$250 each to students to attend the 2020 SciComm Conference at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Per the guidelines of the funding source, students must meet the following eligibility criteria: 1) Must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program in a STEM discipline, and 2) Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. **Application deadline:** March 16, 5:00pm

### **[Beyond the Professoriate Webinar - Informational Interviews and Getting Started with Networking](#)**

**March 13, 11:00am CST** – Have you heard about informational interviews but don't know where to start? Want to hear advice on how to conduct them, follow up, and get the most out of your meetings? In this webinar, Nichole Carelock, PhD (Principal Researcher, Ad Hoc LLC) and Jessica Johnston (ABD) will give you insight into how informational interviews work in the professional world. After attending the webinar you'll be able to:

- Identify what you should and shouldn't do in an informational interview.
- Create a strategy for reaching out to new contacts for informational interviews.
- Confidently prepare for and conduct an informational interview.

**[Advanced registration](#) is required.**

## [The Library and Your Research - Systematic Reviews: An Overview](#)

**March 16, 12:30-1:30pm, 3121 College of Business Building** - Have you seen the term systematic review in article titles and wondered what that means? Has your professor asked you to perform a systematic review, and you're not sure what that involves? Are you curious how they are different from other reviews? If you answered yes to any of those questions, this session is for you. Hear from two science librarians as they define what a systematic review is and discuss the broad steps to conduct one. This session is also available via Zoom.

## [Graduate Student Writing Retreat](#)

The Writing Center and Graduate School are hosting the annual Graduate Student Writing Retreat May 19-22 and 26-27. The retreat provides graduate students time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere and promotes effective writing practices to boost the dissertation- and thesis-writing process. **Application deadline is March 18.**

## [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 at ksavannah@mdanderson.org.

## [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.

## [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.**

## [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](mailto:sc.scgsr@science.doe.gov).

**Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.**

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