

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of April 18-22, 2016 [**Events and Deadlines**](#)

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors and contact staff, and graduate faculty. All graduate students receive a weekly email from the GSC with information as it pertains to them.

Graduate Faculty

[**Graduate commencement is right around the corner- faculty register your attendance today!**](#)

The Graduate School commencement ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, May 13 in Bramlage Coliseum. Faculty, who want to participate in commencement, are required to complete the online registration form no later than May 6.

Graduate Program Directors

Updates to the International Student & Scholar Services website regarding new STEM OPT Extension

Effective May 10, 2016, the current 17-month STEM OPT will continue to govern the STEM OPT extensions that were approved prior to May 10, 2016 and for which a 7-month extension has not been requested. The new rule not only increases the length of the work authorization period, but it will also increase responsibilities for students, employers and DSOs in the international student offices on campuses. Questions can be directed to [Stacy Bailey](#).

Graduate Student Opportunities

[**More ETDR walk-in clinics this week, less ETDR support on April 22 deadline**](#)

Limited ETDR support is available on Friday, April 22. Graduate students are encouraged to participate in one of the walk-in clinics scheduled earlier in the week.

Exploring Intellectual Property and Patent Law as a Career Choice for graduate students in STEM fields

Explore alternative career options for graduate students and postdocs in patent law on Friday, April 22 from noon-1:15 p.m. in Big 12 Room, K-State Union. Interact with three panelists with backgrounds and experience in STEM fields. Free lunch to the first 70 who register. Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 20 by 5 p.m.

The Open Textbook Workshop

Part of the Open Lecture Series, the Open Textbook Network (OTN) Workshop will take place on April 26 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. OTN leaders will come to K-State for a day of workshops geared toward a variety of audiences. How do open textbooks help students? How can a K-State faculty member adopt an open textbook? How do libraries and librarians best support the open textbook effort? All of the questions will be answered.

Science Communication Fellows Program

K-State graduate students are invited to apply for the 2016 Science Communication Fellows Program, coordinated by Manhattan's Sunset Zoo. Fellows will participate in professional development workshops to enhance their communication skills, develop a hands-on educational activity, and engage the community with the educational activity at three public programs. Applications are due May 6.

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