

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of February 8-12, 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

Prasad to present Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award lecture

As the 2015-2016 Commerce Bank and WT Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty recipient, P.V. Vara Prasad, professor of agronomy, will present a lecture to the campus community at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Mar. 1, in the K-State Alumni Center Lecture Room. A reception will follow the lecture.

[Three Minute Thesis Competition](#)

We invite all graduate faculty to witness K-State's first Three Minute Thesis Competition on February 16 and 17. Approximately 40 graduate students will compete in preliminary competitions on February 16 from 2:45-6:30pm with top presenters advancing to final competition on February 17 at 7pm in Fiedler Auditorium.

Graduate Program Director and Contact Staff

[K-State Donoghue Graduate Scholarships nomination due Friday, February 12](#)

This scholarship is a way to recruit top candidates throughout the United States to K-State graduate programs by offering graduate assistantship packages that are highly competitive. Donoghue Scholarships enhance the maximum package a graduate program can offer to top candidates, making the total package a partnership between the graduate program and the Graduate School. Funding is available for the 2016-2017 academic year to support a maximum of 10 masters and 20 doctoral applicants.

[K-State Presidential Doctoral Scholarships nomination due Friday, February 12](#)

This competitive scholarship program is initiated to recruit top candidates whose research will be in one of the research strength areas at K-State and involve collaboration among faculty and graduate student colleagues. The goal of the program is to increase the competitiveness of program's graduate assistantship packages. *Only four (\$7,500) new scholarships*, renewable for a second year, will be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.

[Changes to tracking hours for Affordable Care Act - GRAs and GTAs](#)

Effective Feb. 14, GRA and GTA employees will no longer be required to manually track their hours for ACA compliance in HRIS eTime. As a result, supervisors will no longer be required to approve GRA and GTA hours for ACA in HRIS eTime.

Graduate Student Opportunities

[Accepting the Job Offer: Start Smart Salary Negotiation workshop](#)

This free workshop will prepare graduate students to negotiate starting salary when offered their first post-graduate school position, improve lifelong earning potential, articulate their value, build confidence in their negotiation style, and sharpen their budgeting skills. Event info: February 11, 3pm in DUE 1109 (Engineering Complex)

[Accepting nominations for the Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship](#)

The fellowship provides an award of \$17,000 to a resident graduate student enrolled in a doctoral program at Kansas State University. Additionally, up to three Sarachek Scientific Travel Awards of \$1,000 will be awarded. Students may nominate themselves or nominations may be submitted by K-State faculty. Nomination submission deadline, March 1.

[Call for nominations: K-State Alumni Association Graduate Student Awards](#)

The Alumni Association will honor two graduate students completing their graduate programs in May, August, or December 2016 in two categories: 1) Outstanding Leadership and Service, and 2) Outstanding Academics. Students are nominated by faculty, staff or peer. Nominations are due by March 4 at midnight.

[ETDR walk-in Wednesday lunch sessions this semester](#)

Walk-in help sessions are being offered to graduate students this semester for faster help on electronic theses, dissertations, and reports. The lunch sessions are

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday, from Feb. 3 through April 20, in 301A Hale Library.

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