

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of February 29- March 4, 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

[The Power of Open](#)

Part of the Open Access Lecture Series, Heather Joseph, executive director of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, will discuss the difficult and expensive process of getting access to textbooks, journal articles and data on Wednesday, March 2 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library. This lecture series will provide those with an understanding of how we are all impacted by open access.

Prasad to present Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award lecture today

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 today at 2 p.m., in the K-State Alumni Center Lecture Room. A reception will follow the lecture.

[Faculty Judges Needed for K-State GRAD Forum](#)

The Graduate Student Council is searching for K-State faculty members to volunteer as judges for K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (GRAD) Forum on March 30, 2016. Oral and poster sessions will be held throughout the day. Faculty members who have students giving a presentation are still eligible to participate as a judge. If you are interested in serving as a judge, please complete the [Judge Volunteer Registration Form](#) to indicate your available hours on March 30.

[University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award](#)

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award. Eligible graduate students must be admitted to candidacy, entering the last year of his or her doctoral degree program, be enrolled in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 and plan to graduate in May or August 2017. Students may nominate themselves or by K-State faculty.

[Notable Achievements Newsletter](#)

The Graduate Student Council is accepting submissions from faculty to recognize their students' outstanding achievements. Examples of an achievement include, but aren't limited to: award, nomination, scholarship or grant.

Graduate Program Director and Contact Staff

[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. Nomination deadline is this Friday, March 4 at 5 p.m.

[Call for Nominations: Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering \(CASE\) Workshop](#)

The Graduate School needs your help to select two K-State graduate students in STEM-related fields to attend the workshop in Washington, DC on April 17-20, 2016. College liaisons must submit nominations by March 4 by 5:00 p.m.

[Waiver Codes Available for Purchasing](#)

Waivers can now be requested- Five or more waiver codes must be ordered at one time. In the e-mail, please specify the quantity of international waivers and the quantity of domestic waivers and the person to send the request of payment to.

[Annual updates for CollegeNET due](#)

The Graduate School is requesting all programs view, and if there needs to be changes, make changes to your program in CollegeNET by March 11 at 5:00 p.m.

[Admission Letters in CollegeNET](#)

Admissions letters are now being populated into the PDF for the applicant once admitted. You can view a decision letter within the PDF or on the "decision letter tab."

Graduate Student Opportunities

[Grad Ambassador Program](#)

The Graduate School is searching for 2016-17 Graduate Student Ambassadors who are eager to share their academic graduate story to future Wildcats and excited to explain what the K-State culture is all about! Ambassadors are the face of the Graduate School to prospective graduate students, providing tours of campus and answering questions via email or phone. Applications are now being accepted until March 11.

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 is today, March 1.

Empowering Women to Lead Worldwide: Overcoming Political and Social Struggles

International gender equality and human rights advocate, Noorjahan Akbar, will give a keynote address Empowering Women to Lead Worldwide: Overcoming Political and Social Struggles on Tuesday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. in Forum Hall, K-State Student Union to mark International Women's Day. Admission is free and open to the public.

Publishing, Copyright and Open Access: Fundamentals for Graduate Students

This lecture will be March 29 at 11:30 a.m. It will provide graduate students with an introduction to copyright and open access, offer ways they can improve access to their work and increase its impact, and deliver a primer on understanding publishing agreements.

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