

# K-State Graduate School

## Weekly Newsletter

### **Week of March 21-25, 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**

### **Volunteer your time at K-State GRAD Forum**

The Graduate Student Council is still looking for K-State faculty members to serve as judges for K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (GRAD) Forum on Wednesday, March 30. 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.

### **Nominate a graduate student for 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. Application deadline is April 1.

### **Graduate Commencement is right around the corner- register your attendance today!**

The Graduate School commencement ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, May 13 in Bramlage Coliseum. If you can join us, please complete the online registration form no later than May 6.

### **Golden Key recognizes GTAs and GRAs accomplishments**

The Golden Key International Honour Society is sponsoring two awards recognizing both graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants for

Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year Award. Nominate a graduate assistant for the awards by completing the application by Friday, April 1.

## **Graduate Program Directors**

### **Scheduled ApplyWeb Downtime**

CollegeNET will be performing system upgrades, which will cause brief interruptions to our systems for a five-hour period starting Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. We have scheduled the maintenance at this time because it is when we have the least activity. Anyone who accesses the system during this downtime will see a system message letting them know the system is down for scheduled maintenance and to try again later. Please contact [Camila Haselwood](#) if you have any questions.

### **[Students graduating this semester? Review this requirements and deadline checklist.](#)**

For students who are planning to graduate this semester, review the appropriate Graduation and ETDR submission checklist to guarantee all necessary requirements are being met on time to officially graduate this semester. If graduate students wish to participate in commencement, they will need to complete the commencement registration form.

## **Graduate Student Opportunities**

### **[Dissertation Writing Retreat](#)**

The writing center is hosting its annual Dissertation Writing Retreat May 16-20. The retreat provides dissertators time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere and promotes effective writing practices. Application is open and we encourage interested students to apply by March 23.

### **[Professional Development Seminar: Publishing your Research and Scholarly Work](#)**

The Graduate Student Council will host the seminar Thursday, March 24, 3-5 p.m. in Cottonwood Room, K-State Union on the publication process and how to be successful in getting work published.

### **[Graduate Student Council is accepting applications for executive positions](#)**

The GSC is accepting applications for GSC President-Elect (two year term), Secretary and Treasurer for the 2016-17 academic year. Applications are due March 25.

## **Transboundary Animal Disease Fellowship Program**

The Biosecurity Research Institute has reopened the application window to fill three fellowship positions for the Transboundary Animal Disease Fellowship Program.

## **Graduate student lunch with Dr. David Wright and "Getting to 'Yes' in the Job Interview" seminar**

As part of the Department of Entomology's seminar series, Dr. David Wright, K-State alumnus and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences at South Dakota State University, will be visiting campus on March 28. Graduate students in all disciplines are welcome to attend an informal lunch and discussion focused on career tips and professional experiences.

## **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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