

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of May 2-6, 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

[Register your attendance for Spring 2016 Commencement](#)

The Graduate School commencement ceremony is Friday, May 13 at 1 p.m. at Bramlage Coliseum. Faculty who want to participate in commencement as a non-hooding participant are required to complete the online registration form by Friday, May 6.

[New NSF program for graduate student professional development funding](#)

NSF has identified an improvement in graduate student preparedness for entering the workforce as one of its Agency Priority Goals. As part of this goal, NSF supplemental funding is available in FY 2016 and FY 2017 to support science and engineering doctoral students so that they can acquire the knowledge, experience, and skills needed for highly productive careers, inside and outside of academia. Attached, you can learn more about the opportunities.

[Notable Achievements Newsletter](#)

The Graduate School's Notable Achievement spring edition is now available for view. The Notable Achievement Newsletter showcases graduate student's accomplishment across the university. All recommendations were made by K-State faculty who have worked with the students and feel the student should be recognized.

Graduate Program Directors

[Graduate Student Ambassador Program](#)

16 graduate students from a variety of colleges were selected to be the Graduate School's first official Graduate Student Ambassadors. The Graduate Student

Ambassadors are now available to assist graduate program directors with their recruitment efforts. Ambassadors will answer any questions prospective graduate students have via email and assist with providing campus tours to potential and newly incoming graduate students.

Graduate Student Opportunities

Student Health Insurance

Graduate Student Health Insurance for the Summer 2016 semester is open for enrollment starting May 1, 2016 and closes June 30, 2016. More information regarding student-only premium plans and how to enroll can be found at <https://www.uhcsr.com/k-state>. Note that to be eligible the graduate student must be enrolled in 3 or more credit hours during the summer.

[International students, planning a trip outside of the U.S. soon?](#)

Before students leave for their international trip, they should check in with the International Student & Scholar Service office at least a week prior to their departure to verify their immigration documents are in order.

K-State Alumni Association Grad Bash

All graduating students are invited to attend the Alumni Association's annual Grad Bash Thursday, May 5 from 4-6 p.m. at the Alumni Center. There will be live music, free food, prizes and a gift from the Alumni Association provided for guests.

[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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