

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of October 17-21, 2016 **Events and Deadlines**

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors and contact staff, and graduate faculty. Graduate students receive an email from the GSC on Mondays.

Graduate Faculty

Support graduate students with Battle of the Brains Trivia Night

Last call to participate in the Graduate Student Council Battle of the Brains Trivia Night. We encourage faculty and staff to participate in the Trivia Night by creating a inter departmental team of faculty, staff and graduate students. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit graduate students.

Research and the State

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the graduate student research poster competition, Research and the State. Graduate students will be presenting their research on Wednesday, November 2 between 1-3 p.m. in the K-State Union Courtyard.

Submit graduate students accomplishments to Notable Scholarly Achievement newsletter

The Graduate Student Council is putting together a newsletter of graduate students accomplishments that were made within the department, in their field, outside of the university between March 15-October 15, 2016. Faculty are encouraged to submit the scholarly achievement by October 24.

Call for 2017 SUROP Faculty Mentors

The Graduate School seeks potential faculty mentors for the Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, or SUROP, for summer 2017. Faculty members interested in serving as a SUROP mentor should express their interest by Friday, October 28.

Graduate Program Directors and Contact Staff

[Important Update on Health Insurance for GTAs, GRAs, and GAs](#)

Graduate students appointed in a 0.5 GTE GTA, GRA or GA position are currently offered health insurance through the Kansas Board of Regents graduate student insurance plan. The University currently pays 75% of the premium toward this plan. The IRS Notice 2016-17 informed employers that such premium fails to satisfy the Affordable Care Act. Starting August 1, 2017 graduate students will have several insurance options for the 2017-18 academic year. GTAs, GRAs, and GAs are encouraged to attend an informational session to learn more about these changes and other options for health insurance coverage. The session is being offered at two times this Friday, October 21 one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 3 p.m. in the Cottonwood Room, K-State Student Union.

[Spring 2017 Recruitment Weekend Funding Announcement](#)

The Graduate School will provide funding to graduate programs to facilitate the graduate program's doctoral recruitment efforts. The Graduate School will assist programs by bringing admitted doctoral students to campus for a spring 2017 visit. Graduate programs can earn up to \$5000. Application deadline is Monday, November 21.

Annual Updates for the Graduate School application within CollegenET 2016 are now LIVE

The annual updates that were submitted for the Graduate School application for 2016 are now LIVE. If you have any questions about the changes, please email [Camila Haselwood](mailto:Camila.Haselwood@ksu.edu). You can go through the application at any time, URL: <https://www.applyweb.com/kstateg/index.ftl>. with username: grad@ksu.edu and password is Graduate2016.

[Graduate School Handbook updates effective Oct. 4](#)

The following items have been approved to be changed in the Graduate School Handbook and has taken effect as of Oct. 4: English proficiency requirements; Admissions, enrollment and progress, entrance requirements; and Embargo wording change. Please review the attached web page for the details.

PROSPECT access given, first automated email needed

Graduate Program Directors and Contact Staff should have access to Prospect, our communication tool within CollegenET, to manage communications for prospective and in-progress applicants. You can now view students that have started their applications and communicate with them. We request that you check to ensure that you have access to Prospect as a Graduate Program Director and a Contact Staff member. If anything is missing or you don't have access, please

contact [Camila Haselwood](#). Please send your program's first automated email to [Camila Haselwood](#).

Graduate Student Opportunities

[Navigating Industry Jobs: Graduate Student Council Professional Development](#)

Graduate students will have the chance to listen to and interact with a panel of master's degree holders about their education and career experience. Learn how to think outside the box for your career search, explain the skills and knowledge you've gained through your degree and more. **Tuesday, October 18 from 3-5 p.m.** in the Big 12 Room, K-State Student Union.

Financial Planning & Budgeting: Graduate Student Workshop

Graduate students can join Powercat Financial Counseling for a special graduate student class over financial planning and budgeting. Time to learn how to get the most out of your money. **Wednesday, October 26 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.** in the K-State Union Little Theatre. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

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