

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of February 12-16, 2018 [Events and Deadlines](#)

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors, contact staff, and graduate faculty.

Graduate Faculty

[Three Minute Thesis Competition kicks off today!](#)

Close to 40 graduate students from over 20 different programs will compete in the third annual 3MT Competition today from 2:30-5:30 p.m. in the College of Business Building rooms 3094 and 3096. The Heat Competition Schedule is available on the website. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the heats to witness the competition. Top presenters from each heat will go on to the final competition on Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center. The heats as well as the final competition are open to the public.

Volunteer to serve as a judge at the K-State GRAD Forum

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty members to serve as judges for the annual [K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery \(GRAD\) Forum](#). Complete a brief [volunteer form](#) to indicate times you are available on March 29. Poster and oral presentation sessions will be held throughout the day.

Graduate Program Directors

Please welcome Joe Horan, Graduate School's new graduate admissions coordinator

Please help the Graduate School in welcoming Joe Horan as the graduate admissions coordinator. CollegenET and program specific questions should be directed to Joe at jphoran@ksu.edu.

Any updates or changes to your graduate program?

If programs have any personnel changes within the department, such as a change with graduate program director, department head or program contact, please send those updates to Valerie Elliott vmelliott@k-state.edu, office specialist for the Graduate School.

[Recruitment materials available on Graduate School website](#)

The Graduate School is here to assist graduate programs with tools for recruiting great students. Included are materials for you to print out for use when attending conferences.

[Accepting applications for University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award](#)

The award is intended to recognize exceptional achievement in graduate studies. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in scholarship through publications and other accomplishments appropriate for his or her academic field. Eligible graduate students must be admitted to candidacy at the time of application, in their last year of his or her doctoral degree program, be enrolled in the fall of the academic year of the award. Application materials should be submitted by April 2.

Graduate Students

Travel awards available for 2018 SciComm Conference

The K-State Graduate School and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs invite applications from K-State graduate and undergraduate students for \$350 travel awards to attend the [2018 SciComm Conference](#) March 23-25 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. The travel awards are made possible by funds from the NASA Kansas Space Grant, which stipulates that students must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program in a STEM — science, technology, engineering, and math — discipline. Students must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Students who submit abstracts to the conference to present a poster or other session will be given preference for funding.

The [application](#) deadline is February 21 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Megan Miller with questions at mmmiller@ksu.edu.

[GSC Travel Awards Deadline](#)

March 1 is the deadline to apply for GSC travel awards for events that begin in May.

[Call for Notable Scholarly Achievements](#)

The Graduate Student Council Awards and Recognition Committee would like to recognize graduate students in the Spring 2018 Notable Scholarly Achievements Newsletter. This newsletter was created to showcase notable scholarly achievements from Fall 2017 semester to Spring 2018 semester (October 24, 2017-March 28, 2018).

[Accepting applications for Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship and Travel Awards](#)

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship. The fellowship provides an award of \$17,000 to a graduate student enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Kansas State University. In addition to the fellowship, up to three Sarachek Scientific Travel Awards of \$1,000 each may be presented annually. Application deadline is March 2.

[Alumni Association offers student awards- nominations due Feb. 19](#)

Each year the Alumni Association honors two graduate students completing their programs in May, August or December of the award year for their achievements during their graduate career at K-State. The categories for the awards are: Graduate Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service and Graduate Award for Outstanding Academics. In addition to the graduate student specific awards, the Alumni Association offers the following awards for all students: Tony Jurich Community Commitment and Leadership Award, International Leadership Awards, and Multicultural Leadership. The nomination deadline for all of these awards is Feb. 19.

[ComSciCon18 applications are now open](#)

Applications are now open for ComSciCon 2018, the 6th annual Communicating Science workshop, to be held in Boston, MA on June 14-16th 2017. Graduate students at U.S. and Canadian institutions in all fields of science, technology, engineering, health, mathematics, and related fields are encouraged to apply. Acceptance to the workshop is competitive; attendance is free and travel support and lodging will be provided to accepted applicants. The application will close on March 1.

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