

K-State Graduate School

Weekly Newsletter

Week of March 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

[Call for nominations: 2018-19 Commerce Bank and WT Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award](#)

The Commerce Bank and WT Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award honors current members of the graduate faculty who are recognized nationally and internationally for their outstanding scholarly achievements and for their contributions to graduate education at the university. Recipients of the award will receive an honorarium, are recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. Submission deadline is May 1.

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.

[Save the date: 2017-18 Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecture](#)

Dr. Christine Aikens, professor of chemistry, will make a public presentation on her work at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2 in the Big 12 Room as part of the Commerce Bank and W.T. Kemper Foundation Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. All are invited to attend the lecture.

Graduate Program Directors

[Call for Nominations: Golden Key Outstanding GTA and GRA Awards](#)

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

recognizes that GTAs and GRAs dedicate countless hours to their field working with students, faculty, and/or in a lab. To nominate a graduate assistant for the GTA or GRA award, complete an [online form](#) and send your nominee's curriculum vitae to aebasham@ksu.edu. The deadline to nominate is April 9. All nominees are invited to attend the Annual Graduate Student Recognition event on April 23. The 2018 Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year will be recognized during the reception

[Call for Notable Scholarly Achievements Deadline to nominate is March 27](#)

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).

Have CollegeNET Updates?

The Graduate School is requesting all programs review the program specific area of the application for annual updates. Changes should be notified by April 27 to Joe Horan, admissions coordinator at jphoran@k-state.edu.

Call for nominations: Distinguished Thesis and Distinguished Dissertation Awards

The Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the [MAGS/ProQuest Distinguished Thesis Award](#) and the [CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award](#). This year's award categories are 1) Engineering, Mathematics, and Physical Sciences and 2) Social Sciences. Each graduate program may submit one nomination for the thesis award and one nomination for the dissertation award. Please visit the award webpages for more information. Nominations must be submitted to the Graduate School, 119 Eisenhower Hall, or via email to Megan Miller (mmmiller@ksu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2018.

Provost Lectures on Excellence in Scholarship brings Dr. Barbara Schaal to campus

Dr. Barbara Schaal, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences and the Mary-Dell Chilton Distinguished Professor at Washington University in St. Louis, will present "Science and Technology for the Public Good" Thursday, March 15 at 3:30 p.m. in room 1018 Throckmorton Hall and "The future challenges to agriculture and the importance of basic research in plant sciences for addressing those challenges" at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 16 in the Big 12 Room, K-State Student Union. Please contact [Dr. Chuck Rice](#) with any questions or for more information.

Graduate Students

Now accepting applications for Graduate Student Writing Retreat

The Writing Center and Graduate School are hosting the annual Graduate Student Writing Retreat May 14-18 and 21-25. The retreat provides graduate students time and space to write in a supportive atmosphere and promotes effective writing practices to boost the dissertation- and thesis-writing process. Application deadline is April 6. [Learn more](#)

[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.*

Graduation and Commencement Requirements and Deadlines Session – March 28, 3:00pm, 121 Eisenhower Hall

Graduate School degree specialists will review all requirements and their respective deadlines that must be met to graduate and participate in the commencement ceremony for the Spring 2018 term. Graduate students planning to graduate in Summer 2018 also are encouraged to attend this session to help them plan for summer graduation deadlines. Students are encouraged to review the Graduate School's [Graduation and Commencement](#) information and appropriate [checklists](#) prior to the session.

[GSC Travel Awards Deadline](#)

April 1 is the deadline to apply for GSC travel awards for events that begin in June.

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