

# K-State Graduate School

## Weekly Newsletter

### **Week of March 26-30, 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: 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](mailto:aebasham@ksu.edu). The deadline to nominate is April 9. All nominees are invited to attend the Annual Graduate Student Recognition event on April 22. The 2018 Outstanding GTA and GRA of the Year will be recognized during the reception

#### **[Attend the K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum on Thursday](#)**

Make plans to stop by Regnier Hall (the new home of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design) on Thursday. Close to 100 graduate students will present their research or scholarly work at the annual K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery Forum on March 29 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Regnier Hall. To view the full list of presenters, visit the Graduate Student Council.

#### **Eat at Blue Moose on Wed, April 4, support K-State graduate students**

Faculty are encouraged to take their graduate students out on April 4 to show their appreciation. The GSC Fundraising committee is hosting a fundraiser at Blue Moose on Wednesday, April 4. Eat at Blue Moose from 4-11:30 p.m., mention the GSC to your server and 25% of your bill will be donated back to the GSC.

#### **[Run, jog, walk and stroll in the first Grad Dash 5k on Saturday, April 28](#)**

Celebrate the final weeks of the spring semester by participating in the first GSC hosted *Grad Dash 5k*. Join graduate students, faculty, staff and families for 3.1 miles. Meet staff and students while you'll tour the campus with a fresh new t-shirt to help you finish the semester on the right track. Race day is Saturday, April 28. Registration fee is \$20.

### **[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.

### **[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**

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto:mmmiller@ksu.edu)) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2018.

### **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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