December 17, 2019   Events and Deadlines

This newsletter is distributed to department heads, graduate program directors, graduate program contact staff, and graduate faculty.

Graduate Program Directors

Information to Graduate Programs about iBT TOEFL Scores for Admissions

As you are aware of the information that was shared at the Graduate School Update and attachments provided, Educational Testing Center is now providing individuals who take the iBT TOEFL two scores: the score for the current test and MyBest™ Score which is the highest score for each sub-score. The Graduate Council approved the following policy at our December meeting:

Graduate Programs may use MyBest™ Score or the most recent iBT TOEFL in assessing language proficiency for admissions of international students. Programs must determine which score to use and apply it consistently for all applicants.

This policy change is effective for all international applicants admitted for Spring 2020 and thereafter. As noted above each graduate program will need to decide whether they will use the most current score or MyBest™ Score. If there are multiple sub-plans for which the same degree is awarded, each sub-plan can determine which score to use only if language proficiency required for the student to be successful complete the sub-plan is different. Please document the program’s decision so they are available in the Department Heads or School Directors’ office if concerns should arise.

Please contact Dean Shanklin should you have questions about the new policy.

DEADLINE DATES FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE APPLICATIONS

Deadline dates for International Applicants

All application materials (i.e. online application, application fee, TOEFL scores, affidavit of financial support form & supporting bank documentation, transcripts) should be uploaded with the application.
Deadline dates for Departments to send recommended international applications (including all required application materials) to the Graduate School.

Applicants applying for Summer.

January 15 deadline includes individuals who are:
1. Living outside of the United States and inside the United States
2. Distance learning applicants
3. Applicants who are currently enrolled at an institution in the United States, who plan to graduate in May and plan to travel outside of the United State prior to May. Individuals admitted for Summer should plan to arrive on campus no later than May 19.

Applicants applying for Fall.

February 1 deadline includes individuals who are:
1. Living outside of the United States
2. Distance learning applicants
3. Applicants who are currently enrolled at an institution in the United States, who plan to graduate in May or July and plan to travel outside of the United States prior to August. June 1 deadline includes individuals who are:
1. Living in the United States and who do not plan to travel outside of the United States prior to August. Individuals admitted for Fall should plan to arrive on campus no later than August 14.

Many of the individuals that we issue I-20’s to are experiencing long delays in obtaining interviews for their VISA. Others are finding flights to the United States more limited. It is imperative that you do not wait until the deadline dates to send your completed international applications to the Graduate School.

Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is accepting applications for the 2020 Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs. Eligibility and online application information are available on the Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs website. Through its Fellowship Programs, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

Registration open for Spring 2020 Graduate Student Orientation

The Graduate School and other campus support units will host welcome and orientation activities for new graduate students admitted to graduate programs for the spring 2020 term during the week of January 13th. A schedule of sessions and activities is available on the Graduate School website. Incoming graduate students who have accepted their admission offer in CollegeNet will be
sent a direct email notification about orientation. To ensure that all students receive this information, graduate programs are encouraged to promote graduate student orientation activities to their new and current graduate students. Current students who were unable to attend orientation their first semester or would like a refresher are welcome to attend. Advanced registration is requested.

**Graduate Faculty**

**Distinguished Graduate Faculty**

The Graduate School is pleased to recognize Dr. Robert Goodband, professor of Animal Sciences and Industry as a 2019 Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty. Please save the following date for their upcoming lecture.

Robert Goodband, Tuesday, **December 17, 2019, 3:30 p.m.** K-State Student Union, room 207

**Graduate Students**

**Graduate Student Council Travel Awards**

**January 1 is the deadline** for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards for travel to academic and professional events that begin anytime in March.

**Transcript and diploma ordering for fall 2019 graduates**

Ordering a transcript with final fall 2019 grades: Prior to December 23, 2019, graduates should check for holds in their Student Center in KSIS. Holds must be cleared prior to ordering a transcript. Final grade posting for the fall 2019 term finishes on December 23, 2019. On the morning of December 24, 2019, graduates should check their Student Center in KSIS to verify that fall grades have posted, and then order their transcript through the Other Academics tile in KSIS. Students graduating in the fall 2019 term, or who will not be enrolled in the spring 2020 term, have until January 3, 2020, to order transcripts at no charge. More information about ordering transcripts is available on the [Office of the Registrar](https://registrar.ksu.edu) website.

**Receiving your diploma**

Fall 2019 graduates will receive their diploma by mail approximately eight weeks after commencement. **No later than January 5, 2020**, graduates need to verify their degree/diploma address in their KSIS account is set to the address where they would like their diploma to be mailed. It is the student's responsibility to make sure the degree/diploma address is correct in KSIS. If a diploma is mailed to the incorrect address, the graduate will be responsible for having the diploma replaced and will be charged $20 to have a new diploma mailed.

**Graduate Student Leadership Development Program – Accepting Applications**
Through this semester-long experience, graduate students will work with Leadership Studies faculty and their peers to dive into challenges that are most important to them. The program provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills to make a positive change in work, studies, and student organizations, and move beyond technical expertise to solve problems. **Must apply by January 24, 2020,** to be considered for participation.

**Registration open for annual Three Minute Thesis Competition**

Registration is open for the Graduate School's annual Three Minute Thesis competition (3MT), which challenges graduate students to present a compelling oration on their thesis/dissertation topic and its significance in just three minutes using just one slide. 3MT® facilitates the development of academic, presentation, and research communication skills. The competition focuses on the students' ability to communicate the importance of their research to the broader community. Heats, or preliminary competitions, will be held on February 14. Judges will select participants from each heat to compete in the final competition on February 27. **Registration deadline: January 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm CST.**

**Registration open for K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (K-GRAD) Forum**

Registration is open for the Graduate Student Council's 2020 K-State GRAD Forum. Graduate students from all disciplines are invited to participate and may register to give either an oral presentation on March 25 or a poster presentation on March 26. Judges will select the most outstanding presentation in each session to receive an award. **Registration and abstract submission deadline: February 7, 2020, at 11:59 pm CST.**

**Complete the KSN application by Feb. 15 to be considered for K-State scholarships**

Graduate students are encouraged to complete the K-State Scholarship Network (KSN) application to be considered for scholarship opportunities. Students will create a profile in the system that will help match them to specific scholarship opportunities provided by K-State donors and offered through university departments. Scholarship opportunities are available for incoming and continuing students. To be considered for scholarships, students must **complete the KSN application by February 15 each year.** All scholarship awards in the KSN are made for the fall semester. Detailed instructions and frequently asked questions are available on the [Office of Student Financial Assistance](https://www.ksu.edu/student-financial-assistance) website.

**For Women in Science!**

The L'Oréal USA For Women in Science fellowship program awards female scientists at a critical stage in their careers with grants of $60,000 each. The program is seeking five exceptional female scientists looking to advance their research and serve as role models for the next generation of girls in STEM. The program is the U.S. component of the [L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Fellowships program](https://www.lesaffairesdesfemmes.org/).
L’Oréal USA partners with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) to manage the program’s application and peer-review process. Each year, the program attracts talented applicants from diverse STEM fields, representing some of the nation’s leading academic institutions and laboratories. For more information about the L’Oréal USA For Women in Science program, please visit the website and apply. The completed applications are due no later than January 31, 2020, and the wards will be announced in October 2020.

**Rotary Peace Fellowships**

Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships in Peace and Conflict resolution studies at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses. Eligible candidates may not be a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian. Two types of fellowships are available. Rotary will begin accepting applications for the 2020 Rotary Peace Fellowships in February 2020. The application will be available online. Submit your application through your local Rotary club **prior to May 1, 2020**. Contact Chuck Udell or Patti Mellard, District Chairs, for help with the application.

**MASTER’S DEGREE FELLOWSHIP**
Studies in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. Requires a minimum of 3 years of related work or volunteer experience and a bachelor’s degree. Programs last 15–24 months and require a practical internship of 2–3 months during the academic break. Up to 50 master’s fellowships each year.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE**
A program for those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields (5 or more years related experience required). This is a 3-month (Jan – April or June – August) program in peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This program incorporates 2–3 weeks of field study. Up to 50 certificates awarded each year.