October 1, 2019  Events and Deadlines

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

Graduate Program Directors

Deadlines for Departments to send recommended international applications

The deadline to recommend admission for International applicants for spring 2020 was September 1st. This includes individuals who are: Living outside of the United States, applicants who are currently enrolled at an institution in the United States who plan to graduate in December and plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January. October 1st deadline includes individuals who are: Living in the United States and who do not plan to travel outside of the United States prior to January and distance learning applicants. Individuals admitted for Spring should plan to arrive on campus no later than January 10th, 2020.

Call for Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominations

Departments are encouraged to nominate outstanding graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) for the GSC/MAGS Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence. Each department may nominate one master and one doctoral GTA for the teaching award. Nominations are due to College Dean’s offices by October 4. Also, be sure to explore other graduate student award opportunities available throughout the year.

USDA APHIS NBAF SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM

The purpose of the USDA APHIS NBAF Scientist Training Program, or NSTP, is to build the necessary technical and subject matter expertise to support the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL) at the new National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan, KS. In addition to serving as an international reference laboratory for foot and mouth disease virus and a national reference laboratory for other foreign animal diseases such as classical swine fever and African swine fever viruses, FADDL’s mission will expand to include emerging and zoonotic diseases,
including BSL–4 pathogens. Application information is available for the Deadline for Spring Semester 2020 at 5:00 p.m., October 23, 2019. Please submit the completed application to Ms. Cynthia Brott at the Graduate school.

**Spring 2020 Recruitment Weekend Funding Availability**

The Graduate School is offering a funding opportunity to assist programs desiring to bring admitted doctoral students to campus for a spring 2020 visit. The Graduate School will fund a limited number of graduate programs up to $5000 for this purpose. To receive the maximum award, a program must have 10 or more admitted doctoral students participating in the event. Programs that plan to bring fewer than 10 students to campus would request funding of up to $500 per student. Programs will be expected to make the travel and other arrangements and provide any additional funding necessary to support activities. Funding will be provided for doctoral applicants, unless the terminal degree in the program is Masters. Deadline for submission of the application materials is 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, 2019. No late applications will be accepted. Read more information here. Recruitment Weekend Grant Application Form

**Graduate Faculty**

**Fall 2019 Graduation Deadlines**

Faculty who have graduate students planning to graduate in fall 2019 are encouraged to review the calendar of graduation and commencement deadlines and work with their students to develop a timeline for completing requirements on time. In addition to the deadlines calendar, faculty and students are encouraged to use the Deadlines for Graduation and ETDR Submission guide for their degree type, which provides detailed instructions for completing each requirement for graduation, ETDR submission, and commencement registration.

**Annual Science Communication Week, Oct. 12–19**

The Kansas Science Communication Initiative (KSCI) will celebrate science communication with events and activities Oct. 12–19. All K-State students, faculty, and staff and community members are invited to participate, and all events are free unless otherwise noted. KSCI brings together Kansas State University and the community to engage people in talking about science and research.
Second annual Kansas Digital Literacy Day

The second Adobe Digital Literacy Day in Kansas will take place on **Friday, Oct. 18**, at Kansas State University as part of Science Communication Week. Come see how educators across the state of Kansas — and the country — are using Adobe software as a visual communication tool and for an engaging multimodal learning experience in class. Student digital assets will be showcased along with some app workshops. While registration is FREE, we ask each attendee to register so we can be sure to provide sufficient space and meals (lunch will be provided by Adobe). Register [Here](#).

If you have any questions about the event, please feel free to contact [Tom Hallaq](#).

Call for faculty mentors for 2020 SUROP

The Graduate School is searching for potential faculty mentors for the Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (SUROP), for summer 2020. SUROP is designed to provide research experience to non-KSU undergraduate students who have an interest in pursuing graduate study. Graduate faculty interested in serving as mentors must be available during the majority of the nine-week program — approximately late May to late July — and should have regular and frequent interactions with their SUROP students. For each SUROP participant mentored by its faculty, a department must contribute $2,000 to assist with the total cost of supporting the SUROP participant. K-State graduate faculty members interested in serving as a SUROP mentor should express their interest via email to [Claudia Tedoni](#) by Friday, Oct. 25.

Research Connections offers the opportunity to build interdisciplinary collaborations, find resources and promote your work.

K-State faculty, postdocs, graduate students and staff engaged in research, scholarly, and creative activity and discovery are invited to participate in Research Connections. The event will be **3–5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29**, in the K-State Alumni Center Banquet Room. Exhibitors will have a table and display space for posters, banners, signs, handouts, and some limited equipment or other items. Setup will be available starting at 1 p.m. [Register now](#) as an exhibitor or to attend. The event is designed to give K-State researchers a venue in which they can learn what their colleagues are doing, promote their own work, and explore possible collaborations. Exhibitors and attendees also will have an opportunity to learn about K-State resources that are available to support research, scholarly, and creative activity and discovery at K-State.

Volunteer to be a Poster Judge at Research and the State
The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual Research and the State graduate student poster session, which will be held on **October 31, 2019**, in the K-State Student Union Courtyard from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Volunteers must be available at 12:45 p.m. for at least 1.5 hours on October 31. If interested in serving as a judge, please complete a [brief online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability for the day.

**Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) Program**

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program **2019 Solicitation 2. Applications are due by 5:00 pm Eastern Time on November 14, 2019**. I would like to bring to your attention 4 new research areas added to encourage activities at the convergence of multiple disciplines and communities. Included: Microelectronics, Data Science, Fundamental Symmetries and Accelerator Science. We strongly encourage applications in these areas. The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Details about the program, research areas, and [online application](#).

**Graduate Students**

**2020 Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Small Grant Program for K-State Graduate Students**

The Graduate School is pleased to announce the sixth year of the Small Grant Program to support research expenses for masters and doctoral students in their final year. Grants will be up to $1,000 for research costs with funds available after January 15, 2020. [Applications](#) are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 8th.

**Mailed Diplomas to Graduate Students**

Diplomas for August 2019 graduates mailed from K-State on September 30, 2019. Diplomas mail to the student KSIS degree/diploma mailing address or if requested, to the eShipGlobal address provided by the graduate. If a diploma mails to an address provided as noted and this is not the correct address, the graduate is responsible for requesting a replacement and paying the required charges. Diplomas do not mail to graduates who have a hold or delinquency noted in their KSIS account.

**Graduate Student Council Travel Awards**
Recipients of GSC travel awards are posted on the GSC travel awards website. October 1 is the deadline for graduate students to apply for GSC travel awards to attend academic and professional events that begin anytime in December.

**Graduate Student Party**

All graduate students are invited to the Annual Graduate Student Party on Wednesday, **October 2nd** after Kingdom Choir Show from 9:30 p.m. at McCain Auditorium. You will get to interact with your fellow graduate students, the show at 7:30 p.m. to see Kingdom Choir on stage! 9:30 p.m., and dessert reception. (The members of The Kingdom Choir may stop by!)

**2019–2020 Graduate Student Council Meetings**

Graduate student organizations are strongly encouraged to send a representative to each GSC monthly meeting in order to keep their organization informed about GSC events and opportunities. GSC meetings also provide student groups an opportunity to connect with each other, share ideas, and engage in discussions on current topics as they related to graduate student life. All graduate students are welcome to attend the monthly GSC meetings. **October 7th** will be the next meeting, the 3rd floor of Regnier Hall, noon–1:00 p.m.

**The Library and Your Research Workshops—Discover–Use–Manage: An Overview of Data and its Lifestyles**

We all have data, we all need data – whether its text, digital photos, or spreadsheets full of numbers. Learn how to identify, access, evaluate, and use data. The free workshop is offered on **October 7 at 1:30–2:30 p.m., 1053 College of Business Administration.**