October 8, 2019  
**Events and Deadlines**

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

**Graduate Program Directors**

**The Job Search - International Students**

Attend this workshop to get a refresher on work authorization options available to you from ISSS, while also gaining tips on how to look for jobs in the U.S. with assistance from the K-State Career Center! Attend today, October 8th at 3:00 p.m., Berney Family Welcome Center Davis Theatre, 705 N. 17th Street.

**Update Meeting with Departments and Graduate Programs**

**October 22, 2019**  
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building**  
All department heads, graduate program directors, and graduate program contact staff are encouraged to attend the Fall 2019 update meeting with the Graduate School administration team.

**Interested in Recruiting McNair Scholars to your graduate program?**

The Graduate School has access to the 2019-2020 McNair Scholars Directory to use specifically for recruiting new graduate students. The directory includes contact information for McNair Scholars who have expressed interest in graduate studies and includes information on recent graduates, seniors and rising seniors. The directory was developed through a collaboration between the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS).

The Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program is the single largest federal effort aimed at preparing low-income, first-generation in college and minority students to pursue graduate studies. The McNair Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education's TRIO programs and provides participants with research internships, faculty mentors, opportunities to present and publish results of their research, undergraduate teaching experience, and assistance with applying to and preparing for graduate school.
If your graduate program would like to use the directory to send information to prospective graduate students who would have had research experience as part of their undergraduate program, please contact Associate Dean Dissanayake at sunanda@ksu.edu. This is a good opportunity to increase the diversity among your graduate students.

**Departments to send recommended international applications due IMMEDIATELY**

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. **The Graduate School is accepting applications, please submit applications immediately.**

**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](#).
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.

Graduate Faculty

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

Poster Presentation 101

Planning to give a poster presentation of your research or scholarly this semester? In this seminar, Theresa Merrick, from the Writing Center, will share information on how to effectively design a poster that is visually appealing and well-organized. Attendees will also learn how to present written, graphic, and oral content that can be easily understood and has an impact on diverse audiences. This session may be especially useful for graduate students who plan to give their first poster presentation this semester, but more experienced graduate students may also learn new strategies for improving their presentation skills. October 9th, 2:30-
3:30 p.m., at Wildcat Chamber K-State Student Union. Advance registration (at least 48 hours prior to the event) is requested but not required. Register here.

**From Stress to Success: Mental and Physical Well-Being for Graduate Students**

In recognition of World Mental Health Day, this event will serve to increase awareness of challenges faced by graduate students and the resources available on campus. In a panel discussion, Lafene Health Center and Counseling Services representatives will address topics related to physical and mental health. Graduate students are invited to submit topics for discussion in advance. This event is a joint collaboration between Lafene Health Center, the Division of Biology, the Graduate School, and the Graduate Student Council. **October 10th, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building.** Advance registration (at least 48 hours prior to the event) is requested but not required. Register here.

**The Library and Your Research Workshops-Starting Your Literature Review in the Sciences**

Are you preparing a literature review for a paper, article, thesis, or dissertation? This workshop will help you! Learn why a literature review is important, how to use K-State Libraries’ databases to select articles, how to evaluate the articles, and how to organize the review. **October 14 at 1:30-2:30 p.m., 1053 College of Business Administration.**

**Workshop on Communicating Science Visually with Dennis Dimick**

As part of Science Communication Week, graduate students will have the opportunity to talk with Dennis Dimick, picture editor for the National Geographic Society, about how he communicates the effects of humanity’s expanding presence in the emerging Anthropocene epoch visually. The workshop will take place on **Oct. 14 from 10-11am in the Bluemont Room of the K-State Student Union.** Advanced registration is required.

**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.

**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. **November 4th** will be the next meeting, Alumni Center, Tadtman Board Room (2nd Floor), noon-1:00 p.m.