September 10, 2019  

Events and Deadlines

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

Graduate Program Directors

New Graduate Program Directors meeting

September 13th, 9:30-11:00 a.m., 121 Eisenhower Hall. If unavailable for the meeting time, please contact Dean Shanklin to schedule a separate meeting.

Trivia Night

Put on your thinking caps this September for the second annual Trivia Night hosted by Graduate Student Council. This year's theme, Wildcat Wednesday, will allow you to show off your purple pride and spend time with your fellow graduate students, faculty, staff, and family and friends. Whether you come in first or last place, there are door prizes and fun galore - not to mention happy hour food and drink specials all night! All students, faculty, staff and the public are welcome to participate. Create a team of graduate students and faculty or a group of each from your graduate program and challenge your graduate students and faculty from other programs while having a fun time. Wednesday, September 18th 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Check-in begins at 6:45 p.m., at JP's in the K-State Student Union. The fee is $25 for team registration, (Up to 5 members per team).

Team registration is not guaranteed until payment is received. Payment may be made in one of the following ways: Submit cash or, preferably, check to the Graduate School, 113-119 Eisenhower Hall. Please make checks out to "KSU Graduate Student Council." If you would like to submit payment online and have a PayPal account, follow these instructions for submitting payment through PayPal. If you have questions about Trivia Night, email Ms. Holly Speck at hspeck@ksu.edu

University Career Fair

The Graduate School will be attending the All-University Career Fair on Wednesday, September 25th, representing and promoting all graduate programs at K-State. If you have any materials that you would like the Graduate School to distribute on your behalf, please provide those to Graduate School c/o Associate Dean Sunanda Dissanayake.
If your graduate program would prefer to register to attend the Career Fair on your own, it may be possible to do so, for a fee. If interested, please contact the Career Center.

**Counseling Services provided at K-State**

Group Introductory Presentations - these brief sessions are to teach anyone interested a little more about Group Therapy at Counseling Services. We'll answer questions and share information about how a good fit is for each of our groups and how to join them. These are free and open to everyone. Contact Counseling Services once the semester starts to find a presentation time that fits your schedule. We're starting a new group called Taming Your Anxious Mind. This is an educational group focused on learning skills to help manage anxiety. Interested students can contact CS for more information. Other services remain the same. They include:

- **Group therapy:** helps students better understand themselves and how they interact with others. The goal is to improve relationships. We also have groups specifically for graduate students, LGBTQ students, and a group for those wanting to learn coping and communication skills in a structured format. I've attached a flier.
- **Crisis Counseling:** available all year, even when we're on a waitlist, students can request a same-day appointment if they're in crisis. 24/7 mental health consultation is also available by phone (785-532-6927).
- **Individual therapy:** for a wide variety of concerns from self-exploration to more serious or interfering psychological concerns (e.g., depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts).
- **Referrals to the community:** when we're not the best fit for a student's needs.
- **Outreach:** we'll be continuing with a number of events on campus. These include Pet Away Stress 8/28 and 10/9, Mental Wellness Week Oct 7-12, and Pop Over to the Pantry the first Tuesday of each month.

We also continue to have our Peer Education Class: Peer Advocates for Mental Wellness and Success as well as our student org of the same name (PAWS for short!). You might be interested in checking out the podcast they started called PAWScast! Additional outreach information and events can be found on our website under the Outreach tab.

**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.

Virginia Tech’s Future Faculty Development Program -- Call for Applications

Virginia Tech is now accepting applications for our annual Future Faculty Development Program, an intensive three-day program for advanced doctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars traditionally underrepresented in their fields who are interested in entering academic careers in the next year. This program is a pipeline to help recruit historically underrepresented minority faculty to Virginia Tech, including African-Americans, Hispanics/Latinx, American Indian/Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders. November 10-13, we plan to bring a cohort of approximately 40 to our main campus in Blacksburg, VA for this all-expense-paid workshop. The program includes interaction with host departments, workshops such as negotiating job offers and adjusting to life as a new faculty member, and plenty of opportunities to network with faculty in research areas of interest to our participants. Attached is further information about this program, and you can also visit our website. The deadline for applications to our November 2019 program is September 15, 2019.

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 me or Tom Hallaq at KSU.

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 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

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Session
Thursday, **September 12 at 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm**, Room 206 KSU Student Union. The National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF GRFP) supports outstanding graduate students in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines who are pursuing research-based Masters and doctoral degree. This session will take an in-depth look at the requirements for an NSF GRFP submission. A panel of faculty members who have served on review panels for this program will discuss tips and provide advice that you will not find in this program’s Request for Proposals. Students will also have an opportunity to talk about their research ideas with the panel. If you are interested in applying for an NSF GRFP or want to know more, this session you should not miss. Please [register](#) for this event.

**Identifying Graduate Fellowship Opportunities**

**Thursday, September 26 at 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, 126 Leadership Studies Building.** Learn about graduate fellowship opportunities. Key funding opportunities will be discussed from NSF, DoD, DoE, Hertz Foundation, and the American Association of University Women. Opportunities in the Humanities and Social Sciences will also be addressed — plus learn to search for fellowships on your own. Please [register](#) for this event.

**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.

**Save the Date: Research and the State**

**October 31, 2019**  
Courtyard, K-State Student Union  
Poster presentations, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Announcement of winners, 4:00 pm, Big 12 Room

K-State graduate students present posters of their research or scholarly work. Ten presenters are selected to represent K-State at the annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) held in the spring at the Capitol Building, where graduate students present their posters and discuss the implications their work has on issues in the state of Kansas. Presenters interact with state legislators, members of the Kansas Board of Regents, and the public. Additionally, Research and the State is a great opportunity for graduate students to share their research or scholarly work with the campus community. **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 30, 2019, 11:59 pm CST**

**K-State access to RefWorks ends Dec. 31**

The K-State Libraries subscription to RefWorks will end on Dec. 31. All users who want to keep citations and PDFs stored in RefWorks must transfer them to an alternate citation manager.