Week of April 2-6, 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. 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.

Participate in Graduate School Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 11

Graduate faculty are encouraged to attend the Graduate School Spring Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 11 in Bramlage Coliseum. Hooding and non-hooding faculty who are interested in participating are encouraged to register their attendance no later than May 4. Academic regalia must be worn and may be reserved through the K-State Campus Store.

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

In light of Graduate Student Appreciation Month, 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.

**Graduate Program Directors**

**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) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2018.

**Graduate Students**

**April is Graduate Student Appreciation Month**

Happy Graduate Student Appreciation Month! Check out what the departments, colleges, Graduate School and Graduate Student Council are doing for graduate students.

**Register for President’s Picnic Sunday, April 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.**

Celebrate your last few weeks of the semester by joining President Richard Myers on Sunday, April 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center Ballroom for the annual Graduate Student President’s Picnic. Dinner will be provided by the Office of the President. This event is for graduate students and non-graduate students. If you have a guest(s) you would like to bring, be sure to indicate how many guests you will be bringing in the registration form. Register by Monday, April 9 by 5 p.m.
Eat at Union Station by JPs this week- 25% off any pizza and $1 off beer and wine

Union Station by JPs is honoring Graduate Student Appreciation Month this week (April 2-6) by providing graduate students with 25% off any pizza and $1 off beer and wine on draft for the entire week. Graduate students will have to show their K-State Student ID to indicate they are a K-State graduate student. Those who are graduate students, but their ID doesn't indicate they are a graduate student, will need to show an email from the GSC to receive the discount.

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

GSC Travel Awards Deadline

May 1 is the deadline to apply for GSC travel awards for events that begin in July.