Week of February 19-23, 2018   Events and Deadlines

This weekly newsletter is sent out to dept. heads, graduate program directors, contact staff, and graduate faculty.

Graduate Faculty

The results are in. Eight students will advance to the final 3MT

37 graduate students from over 20 different programs competed in the third annual 3MT Competition today on Feb. 13. Eight students will compete at the final competition on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center. The heats as well as the final competition are open to the public.

Volunteer to serve as a judge at the K-State GRAD Forum

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty members to serve as judges for the annual K-State Graduate Research, Arts, and Discovery (GRAD) Forum. Complete a brief volunteer form to indicate times you are available on March 29. Poster and oral presentation sessions will be held throughout the day.

Graduate Student Council Fundraiser

Mark your calendars, plan to eat at Panda Express on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the K-State Student Union. Show this flyer at checkout for the GSC to earn credit.

Graduate Program Directors

Please welcome Joe Horan, Graduate School's new graduate admissions coordinator

Please help the Graduate School in welcoming Joe Horan as the graduate admissions coordinator. CollegeNET and program specific questions should be directed to Joe at jphoran@ksu.edu.

GSC Travel Award Recipients for April 2018
Graduate students who have been allocated a GSC travel award for conferences and other professional activities occurring in April are posted on the GSC travel award website.

**Recruitment materials available on Graduate School website**

The Graduate School is here to assist graduate programs with tools for recruiting great students. Included are materials for you to print out for use when attending conferences.

**Accepting applications for University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award**

The award is intended to recognize exceptional achievement in graduate studies. Applicants must demonstrate excellence in scholarship through publications and other accomplishments appropriate for his or her academic field. Eligible graduate students must be admitted to candidacy at the time of application, in their last year of his or her doctoral degree program, be enrolled in the fall of the academic year of the award. Application materials should be submitted by April 2.

**Graduate Students**

**Travel awards available for 2018 SciComm Conference**

The K-State Graduate School and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs invite applications from K-State graduate and undergraduate students for $350 travel awards to attend the [2018 SciComm Conference](https://www.k-state.edu/) March 23-25 at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska. The travel awards are made possible by funds from the NASA Kansas Space Grant, which stipulates that students must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program in a STEM — science, technology, engineering, and math — discipline. Students must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Students who submit abstracts to the conference to present a poster or other session will be given preference for funding. The [application](https://www.k-state.edu/) deadline is February 21 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Megan Miller with questions at [mmmiller@ksu.edu](mailto:mmmiller@ksu.edu).

**GSC Travel Awards Deadline**

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

**Apply for Summer NASA Internships and Fellowships**

NASA Internships integrate participants with career professionals emphasizing mentor-directed, degree-related, real-time world task completion. Participants engage in scientific or engineering research, development, and operations activities. In addition, there are non-technical internship opportunities to engage in professional activities which support NASA business and administrative processes. The NASA Fellowship activity provides fellowship and graduate scholarship awards for individuals pursuing or planning to pursue graduate studies
leading to master’s and doctoral degrees in relevant NASA-related disciplines at accredited U.S. universities. This funding opportunity is open to students pursuing advanced degrees in STEM, specifically in areas of projected deficiencies in the NASA STEM workforce. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater. Application Deadline: March 1, 2018

**Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) Awards $2.7 Million to Create Fellowship Program to Foster the Next Generation of Food and Agricultural Scientists**

The goal of the program is to combine cutting-edge food and agriculture science research with professional development training to better prepare graduate students for the workforce. The FFAR Fellowship Program will fund 48 graduate students over three years using an interdisciplinary approach to career readiness.

**Call for Notable Scholarly Achievements**

The Graduate Student Council Awards and Recognition Committee would like to recognize graduate students in the Spring 2018 Notable Scholarly Achievements Newsletter. This newsletter was created to showcase notable scholarly achievements from Fall 2017 semester to Spring 2018 semester (October 24, 2017-March 28, 2018).

**Accepting applications for Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship and Travel Awards**

The Graduate School is accepting applications for the Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship. The fellowship provides an award of $17,000 to a graduate student enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Kansas State University. In addition to the fellowship, up to three Sarachek Scientific Travel Awards of $1,000 each may be presented annually. Application deadline is March 2.

**ComSciCon18 applications are now open**

Applications are now open for ComSciCon 2018, the 6th annual Communicating Science workshop, to be held in Boston, MA on June 14-16th 2017. Graduate students at U.S. and Canadian institutions in all fields of science, technology, engineering, health, mathematics, and related fields are encouraged to apply. Acceptance to the workshop is competitive; attendance is free and travel support and lodging will be provided to accepted applicants. The application will close on March 1.