Week of February 5-9, 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: Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award

The Graduate School is accepting nominations for the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award. The 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 Kansas State University. Recipients of the award will receive an honorarium and will be recognized during the fall Graduate School commencement ceremony and during a public lecture to the campus community. Deadline to nominate a faculty member is May 1.

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 Program Directors

Any updates or changes to your graduate program?

If programs have any personnel changes within the department, such as a change with graduate program director, department head or program contact, please send those updates to Valerie Elliott vmelliott@k-state.edu, office specialist for the Graduate School.

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 nominations for Timothy Donoghue Graduate Scholarships for 2018-19**

The Graduate School is accepting nominations for the Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. Funding is available to support master's and doctoral applicants. Deadline to submit nominations is February 12.

**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**

**Three Minute Thesis is back at K-State and open to the public**

Graduate students have the chance to compete in the third annual 3MT Competition. This fun, engaging competition provides students with the opportunity to present their research in three minutes or less. Preliminary heats will take place Feb. 13, with the final competition happening Feb. 27. The heats as well as the final competition are open to the public.

**GSC Travel Awards Deadline**

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

**Call for applications- Graduate Student Leadership Development Program**

The Staley School of Leadership Studies, the Graduate School, and the Kansas Leadership Center have created a semester-long program specifically for graduate students who want to move beyond technical expertise and develop their leadership skills to make positive change in their work, studies, and student organizations. Participation is open to graduate students in all disciplines. Graduate students who have had no leadership experience to those who have filled numerous leadership roles, to everyone in between is welcome to apply for this program. If selected to participate, you must be available to participate in all program activities. Application deadline is Feb. 9 by 12 p.m.
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.

GTAs, GRAs, and GAs encouraged to attend session on Title IX Reporting

All K-State employees, including GTAs, GRAs, and GAs, are encouraged to attend “Title IX: Recognizing and Reporting Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence” on Feb. 19, 1-2 p.m. Sessions will be held in 126 Leadership Studies Building. As a result of this session, participants will, understand the university's legal obligation to enforce Title IX regulations, be aware of the complaint and investigation process, know prevention methods such as bystander intervention, be aware of reasonable options for supportive and protective measures available, and be aware of confidential resources and various reporting options.

Alumni Association offers student awards- nominations due Feb. 19

Each year the Alumni Association honors two graduate students completing their programs in May, August or December of the award year for their achievements during their graduate career at K-State. The categories for the awards are: Graduate Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service and Graduate Award for Outstanding Academics. In addition to the graduate student specific awards, the Alumni Association offers the following awards for all students: Tony Jurich Community Commitment and Leadership Award, International Leadership Awards, and Multicultural Leadership. The nomination deadline for all of these awards is Feb. 19.

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.