Week of January 29 - Feb. 2, 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.

Call for nominations Ervin W. Segebrecht Honoirum Award

Faculty in the Departments of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering are invited to nominate colleagues for the Ervin W. Segebrecht Honoirum Award. The Award recognizes a faculty member who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and research including publications. One faculty member will be selected to receive a $2,000 award this academic year. Please submit your nomination no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 1.

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.

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

**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 Registration deadline- Friday, Feb. 2**

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. Registration closes Feb. 2.

**GSC Travel Awards Deadline**

February 1 is the deadline to apply for GSC travel awards for events that begin in April.

**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).

**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.

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.

International Student Scholarships available

K-State Alumni Association invites international K-State students to apply for one of ten $500 International Student Scholarships. The international student scholarships are for current Kansas State University international students. Apply for an international student scholarship by March 1.

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, 1-2pm. Both 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.

Get engaged with the Kansas Science Communication Initiative (KSCI)

Are you interested in science communication? The Kansas Science Communication Initiative, or KSCI, seeks to engage communities in understanding, enthusiastically promoting, and actively participating in science and research. Come learn more and meet others who share this passion at the first KSCI meeting of the spring semester on January 31 at 2:30pm in 121 Eisenhower Hall.

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.