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

**Update meeting with departments and graduate programs**

October 5, 2018  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building

All department heads, graduate program directors, and graduate program contact staff are encouraged to attend the Fall 2018 update meeting with the Graduate School administration team.

**Graduate Faculty**

**Call for Graduate Student Teaching Award Nominations**

Departments are encouraged to nominate outstanding graduate teaching assistants for the [GSC/MAGS Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence](#). Each department may nominate one GTA for the teaching award. Nominations are due to College Deans offices by September 28. Also be sure to explore other [graduate student award opportunities](#) available throughout the year.

**Volunteer to be a Poster Judge at Research and the State**

The Graduate Student Council is calling for faculty and post-doc judge volunteers for the annual Research and the State graduate student poster session, which will be held on November 8, 2018 in the Engineering Complex atrium from 1:00 - 3:00pm. Volunteers must be available at 12:45pm for at least 1.5 hours on November 8. If interested in serving as a judge, please complete a [brief online form](#) to express your interest and provide your availability for the day.
**Graduate Students**

**Fall 2018 Graduation Degree Check Walk-In Sessions**

Graduate School degree analysts will host walk-in degree check sessions September 24-28 from 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-4:00pm. This is a great opportunity for graduate students who plan to graduate this semester to ask questions about requirements and deadlines for graduation, ETDR submission, and commencement, and to make sure they are on track to graduate this semester.

**The Library and Your Research – Managing Citations and References with RefWorks**

This hands-on workshop introduces the essentials of the citation manager RefWorks. Participants will set up a RefWorks account; import, organize, edit citations, plus insert citations directly into a Word document, create bibliographies, and more. Computers will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops to set up Write N Cite with the Word program on their computer. This session will be held on September 17, from 10:30-11:30am in the College of Business, room 3114. All sessions are also available by Zoom. The Zoom link and full workshop series schedule is available on the K-State Libraries website.

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Information Session**

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 master’s or doctoral degrees. This session will take an in-depth look at the requirements for an NSF GFRP submission. A panel of faculty members who have served on review panels for this program will discuss tips and provide advice that will not be found in this program’s Request for Proposals. GRFP student awardees will also be part of the panel to provide insight on their experience in submitting to this program. Students who are serious about submitting to this program should not miss this session, which will be held on September 11, from 3:30-5:00pm in 207 K-State Student Union. Advanced registration is requested.

**CIRTL – Writing an Effective NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Proposal**

In addition to the NSF GRFP information session hosted at K-State, students also are encouraged to participate in online workshops hosted by CIRTL (the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning). Students must create a CIRTL account and register to participate in this and other online workshops. Learn more about CIRTL.
**GSC Professional Development Seminar: How to Get a Job in Academia**

This seminar is designed to prepare graduate students for the academic job search, and will cover everything from materials required for an application to the interview process. In particular, the seminar will cover how to develop successful research and diversity statements. Additionally, a panel of K-State faculty members will share their experiences as job candidates and members of hiring committees to help graduate students be successful in the job application process. This seminar will be held September 19, 3:00-5:00pm, in the K-State Student Union Wildcat Chamber.

**Research and the State - Call for Abstracts**

The Graduate Student Council is now accepting abstracts for the annual Research and the State graduate student poster session, which will be held on November 8, 2018 in the Engineering Complex atrium from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Students from all disciplines are invited to register to give a poster presentation of their research or scholarly work. Participants must discuss the implications their work has on issues that are of interest to the Kansas Legislature and must present their work in a way that can be understood by a broad audience. The deadline to register and submit an abstract for participation is September 28, 2018 at 11:59 pm, CST

**Student Research Grants from Sigma Xi**

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society, invites undergraduate and graduate students to apply for a research grant from the Grants-in-Aid of Research (GIAR) program. The GIAR application deadline is October 1, and awards are dispersed in January 2019. All K-State students who apply for the national GIAR are also eligible to apply for a local award from the K-State chapter of Sigma Xi. To apply for the local award, please send a PDF copy of the entire national award application to Dr. Saugata Datta (sdatta@ksu.edu). The letter of recommendation should also be sent directly to Dr. Datta.