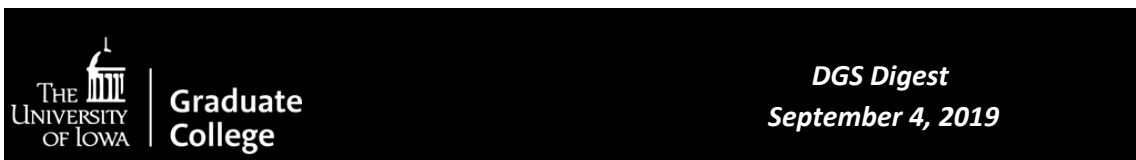


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## Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The semester is underway! At the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Connecting Communities orientation event for new graduate students of color, students were inspired by the welcome and words provided by both Montserrat Fuentes, newly appointed executive vice president and provost, and Melissa Shivers, vice president for student life. This year's Graduate Student Orientation event was very successful with over 500 new graduate students in attendance. I would like to thank faculty members Jodi Linley and Sarah Bond for sharing their insights regarding graduate school with the students. Also, a special thanks to Anne Sparks, orientation planning committee chair, and the rest of the highly engaged and organized orientation team.

The first DGS meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 in W401 PBB from 3:30-5 PM. The agenda for each meeting can be found [here](#).

Internal fellowship opportunities are available. See detailed internal fellowship information below.

Online [resources](#) for new DGS can be found on the Graduate College website.

Finally, a quick reminder that registration is now open for the [Three Minute Thesis](#) competition, and I look forward to seeing you at the first DGS meeting on September 11!

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

## Events

### **Three Minute Thesis**

**Registration Deadline Monday, October 7** – The ability to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences is a vital skill for all graduate students. Participating in the Graduate College's research competitions can help students develop and hone communication skills, provides a platform to show off their work, and offers the chance to compete for cash prizes. See the attached flyer for details.

- **Interdisciplinary Competition**

The University of Iowa's fifth Interdisciplinary Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition challenges graduate students to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences. More information and registration can be found [here](#). Registration deadline is **October 7<sup>th</sup>**.

- **Host a Departmental 3MT**

New this year, if your department hosts a 3MT competition your winner can by-pass the interdisciplinary preliminary competition to participate in the final competition. You can find more details, resources, and information on hosting a departmental 3MT on the [Hosting a Departmental 3MT](#) section of our website.

### **Work Visa Options After Graduation**

**Friday, September 27, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, IMU Room 335** – Experienced immigration attorneys will discuss work visa options for international students after graduation, including Optional Practical Training (OPT) and H-1B. They will offer practical advice on job search strategies and how to deal with the H-1B quota, as well as options other than H-1B for those who qualify. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **Research Services Fair brings resources and experts to Hancher October 10**

**Thursday, October 10, 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm, Hancher** – The second annual Research Services Fair, which starts at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 10 at Hancher, will bring under one roof information about the many instruments, centers, institutes, and service units that support the work of University of Iowa researchers and scholars. The event features more than 60 resources, networking opportunities, hors d'oeuvres and beverages, and 35 round table discussions—including some that may be of particular interest to graduate students, "Women as a minority in engineering majors and how the WiSE program provides support" from 2-3 p.m. and "Resources and Support for Student Researchers (that also assist their Faculty Advisors) Human Subjects Office/Institutional Review Board" from 4-5 p.m. Registration can be found [here](#).

### **Commencement for Summer & Fall Degree Applicants**

**Registration Deadline Wednesday, November 20** – Summer and fall degree applicants are eligible to participate in the Fall commencement ceremony provided they register by the deadline of **November 20, 2019**. Registration is open for Fall Commencement and is available on the [new commencement webpage](#). The ceremony will be held immediately before the University Holidays in Hancher Auditorium on **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**.

## Grants & Fellowships

### **Graduate College Funding Resources**

The Graduate College provides a wide variety of financial assistance to help masters and doctoral students meet educational, living, and professional development expenses. We provide close to 20 different [internal fellowship opportunities](#) and staff support for students seeking external grants and fellowships. The Graduate College also partners with the Graduate Student Employment Committee, which provides recommendations to University leadership on matters related to employment benefits. The current graduate employment agreement contains information on graduate assistant rights and benefits. If you have any questions, please contact us at [grad\\_fellowships@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad_fellowships@uiowa.edu) or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

## Resources

### **Graduate Student Development**

Starting this fall, Jennifer Teitle, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development, will be offering consultations with faculty members to discuss graduate

student development opportunities including:

- Preparing PhD students for multiple career pathways
- LinkedIn for Academics, including helping graduate students stay connected and building a department LinkedIn
- Integrating professional development into departmental curriculum
- Grant opportunities for advancing graduate student professional development.

Appointments with Jen can be made directly through this [link](#) or on the [UI Grad Success page](#).

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