Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Just a reminder for students planning to graduate this semester that degree applications for the Spring 2018 semester are due Friday, Feb. 23. The path to the application is: MyUI/Student Information/Apply/Graduate/Inform/Commencement.

The Graduate College will hold two commencement ceremonies in Spring, 2018:

- Doctoral ceremony – Hancher Auditorium (Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 9:00 AM)
- Master’s ceremony– Carver Hawkeye Arena (Friday, May 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM)

Students need to register online for commencement.

The next DGS meeting is March 7 at 3:30 pm in W401 PB (note new location). Minutes from the February meeting and the agenda for the March meeting will be posted here.

The Spring fellowship deadlines are ongoing. A list of comprehensive internal fellowship due dates and descriptions are available on the GC website. Applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis for the Recruitment Fellowship and the new Lulu Merle Johnson Fellowship for URM students.

Best regards,

Sarah Larsen
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate College

Call for Nominations: Outstanding Teaching Assistant

The University of Iowa Council on Teaching announces the 29th annual Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards and invites nominations for 2017-18. This award recognizes teaching assistants who have demonstrated outstanding ability as teachers at the University of Iowa. Teaching assistants from all academic units may be nominated. Nominees must have a formal appointment as a teaching assistant and certify that they have had formal student contact during at least one of the following semesters: Spring 2017, Summer 2017, and/or Fall 2017. A teaching assistant who has won this award in the past may not be nominated again.

Nominations may be initiated by students, faculty, colleagues, departmental executive officers (DEOs) or deans. Self-nominations are not allowed.

Please help publicize the award by informing students, faculty, and staff who may be interested in nominating someone. This information and instructions are available on the Council on Teaching webpage for the Outstanding Teaching Award. Please follow the timelines for submission within your College in order to complete the online process by the deadline. No nominations can be submitted to the Council on Teaching after noon on Friday, March 2, 2018. For further information, contact Tom Schmidt or Brenda Bradley at (335-3565).

PHILanthropy Success Grant

The President and the University of Center for Advancement Student Advancement Network have partnered to create the PHILanthropy Student Success Grant, which provides funding for a variety of activities for undergraduate and graduate students outside of the classroom, such as research, travel, and service projects.

Applications will only be accepted online through the deadline of 5PM on Friday, March 2. Further information about the grant can be accessed here.

Graduate Student Events and Professional Development

Celebrate Darwin Day

Several science communication and STEM teaching events will be held February 23-24 through Iowa City Darwin Day, including:

- Negotiating public values when communicating controversial science
  - Friday, February 23 at 3:45 PM, presented by Ashley Landrum
- Teaching Students to Think Like Scientists
  - Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 AM, presented by Paul Strode
- Who Doesn’t Believe Science
  - Saturday, February 24 at 12:00 PM, presented by Ashley Landrum

Visit http://iowacitydarwinday.org/events.html for more information and a full list of events.

Improve with the Center for Teaching

Creating a Teaching Philosophy and Portfolio
Tuesday, February 27; 11:30am – 1:00pm; University Capitol Centre 2520D
A well-planned teaching philosophy showcases creative and effective teaching. This workshop will discuss the process for designing an effective teaching philosophy as well as other elements of the portfolio.

Re-Energizing Your Classroom Using Active Learning
Thursday, March 1; 11:00am - 12:30pm; University Capitol Centre 2070E
Looking to re-energize your class? This workshop offers concrete active learning strategies for engaging and focusing your students. Led by Braden Krien, Graduate Teaching Fellow.

Graduate Pedagogy Studio
Fridays, 12:20pm in the Writing Center, EPB 110
Need help with your teaching? Seeking fresh ideas for the classroom? Want to discuss your lesson plan with an experienced instructor? Come to the new Graduate Pedagogy Studio, a drop-in resource for graduate instructors to talk with an experienced teacher about anything teaching related. Whether it’s developing lesson plans, jump-starting discussion, or revising your assignments, we’re here to help in any way that we can.

Academic Affairs

Examination Committee Composition

Master’s degree examination committees must be comprised of at least three members (see guidelines here, section K) and doctoral committees must be comprised of at least five members. See guidelines here, section I. P. 4:

For further information, contact the Graduate College at grad-dgs@list.uiowa.edu.
Fellowship Resources

Select National Fellowships and Internships Opportunities

2018 Health Communications Internship Program (HCIP) applications are due by February 26th. The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is the Federal Government’s principal agency for cancer research and training and is the largest of the 27 institutes and centers comprising the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NCI established the Health Communications Internship Program (HCIP) to attract individuals interested in careers in health communications and science writing.

Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowships in European Studies The Council for European Studies (CES) invites eligible graduate students in the humanities to apply for the 2018-19 Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowships in European Studies. Each fellowship includes a $27,500 stipend, paid in six (6) bi-monthly installments over the course of the fellowship year, as well as assistance in securing reimbursements or waivers in eligible health insurance and candidacy fees.

The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) awards grants to a diverse selection of Ph.D. candidate health services researchers for 9 - 17 months. Health care services research could be focused on plans for priority populations, as well as inner-city and rural areas. Awards given to support dissertation research which will improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.

Thurgood Marshall Dissertation Fellowship Dartmouth College awards African American scholars working on their dissertation a yearlong fellowship to research, study, and teach at the institution. Open to scholars who are planning careers in college or university teaching. Must have completed all the requirements for the PhD, except for the dissertation, before beginning tenure. Supports African American scholars. Women are encouraged to apply.

PEO International Peace Scholarship (IPS) The Philanthropic Educational Organization maintains six educational projects in the form of grants, scholarships, and loans. The P.E.O International Peace Scholarship provides scholarships for selected women from other countries for graduate study in the United States and Canada.

Small Grants for Doctoral Research in Second or Foreign Language Assessment To make available small cash awards to promising doctoral students working in the area of foreign or second language assessment that will help them finish their dissertations in a timely manner.

Graduate College News

UI Artist Educates About the Wonder of Our Oceans

University of Iowa MFA student JD Whitman is combining art with marine ecology to inform viewers on a decline in marine biodiversity due to human threats.


UI Graduate Student Prepared Papers from NBC News Journalist

Elizabeth Riordan, a School of Library and Information Sciences graduate student, received hands-on experience working with the Tom Brokaw collection.