Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The first DGS meeting is today Wednesday, February 7 from 3:30-5 pm in the IMU Iowa Theater. The agenda will cover important upcoming changes in the thesis deposit process and information about external fellowships including Fulbright awards.

Please note that the deadline for nominations for the Graduate College Faculty Mentor Award has been extended to February 19, 2018. For 2017-2018, eligible departments are in the Biological and Life Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts. The initial nomination process only requires a nomination letter and is submitted online. Additional supporting materials are due later in the semester.

The Spring fellowship deadlines are now available. 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.

Finally, check out the latest OVPRED banner campaign featuring undergraduate and graduate student researchers as part of the Dare to Discover campaign.

Best regards,

Sarah
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. Nominations 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).

Graduate Student Events and Professional Development

Demystifying Thesis and Dissertation Requirements Workshop

Thursday, February 15, 9:00-11:00 am, Iowa Theater, 166 IMU

There is an upcoming thesis and dissertation workshop to your graduate students who are currently, or will soon, be working on completing their thesis or dissertation. While it is especially important to reach spring 2018 graduates, information will be presented that is relevant to all students completing a thesis or dissertation. Students graduating in any upcoming session are welcome to attend.

Information covered includes: policies and deadlines, submission and revision, formatting tips and resources, copyright, embargo, and crafting a public abstract. Students can RSVP here.

Graduate College Photo Booth Events

Interested in having a professional photo taken? All graduate students and postdocs are invited to sign up to have their pictures taken during a Graduate College Photo Booth session. Graduate students and postdocs can use this picture on their LinkedIn profile, their departmental web page, and other places they need a professional presence. Plus, it takes less than 5 minutes. What to wear? The picture will have more value to you if you dress professionally. It is however just a head shot, so it isn’t a problem to spruce up bit just for the photo - put on a tie or jacket for a minute. There isn’t time for a whole wardrobe change, but some students have gotten two pictures, wearing a lab coat in the second one for instance. Like all Grad Success services, the Photo Booth is FREE to all graduate students and postdocs in programs served by the Graduate College. The next photo booths will be February 14 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 423 Gilmore Hall. You can sign up for a time slot here: https://iowagraduatesuccess.careers/photo_booth/yourcanbook.me/

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 P). FAQ information for examination committee rules and policies is posted on our website (see “committee member information and request”).

Fellowship Resources

Graduate College Spring & Summer Fellowship Opportunities

In summer 2017 the Graduate College launched a new pre-comprehensive exam mentored research fellowship for underrepresented ethnic minority PhD students (US citizens or permanent residents who are Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders). We are pleased to announce we will offer the fellowship in both Spring and Summer of 2018. The deadlines for applications is February 15. To be eligible, students must have completed at least one full semester of coursework at the time of application (PhD student who were new this summer or fall are not eligible for spring). Details can be found at: https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/underrepresented-minority-pre-comprehensive-exam-mentored-summer-research-fellowship-pilot-program

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Interim Associate Dean Shelly Campo at 319-335-2136 or shelly.campo@uiowa.edu.

Graduate College News

Two UI Grad Students selected as HWW Fellows
Lydia Maunz-Breese and Makayla Steiner, both Ph.D. candidates in English, will be among 30 students from the Humanities Without Walls consortium who will participate in a three-week career diversity workshop in Chicago. 

https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news/2018-02-06/two-ui-grad-students-selected-as-hww-fellows

**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. 