April 6, 2018

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- April 20, 2018 Absolute last day for doctoral candidates/faculty to register to participate in 2018 doctoral commencement ceremony.

**Spring 2018 Graduate College Commencement Ceremony**

The Graduate College is holding two separate ceremonies Friday, May 11, 2018. Please remind doctoral and master’s candidates that they are required to register to participate. We would like students to register as soon as possible. This is vital for enrollment management. If a student does not register, the student will not be included on any list of names to appear in the commencement program. Additional tickets may be available, but they are not guaranteed.

- Graduate College Doctoral Commencement Ceremony, Friday, May 11, 2018, 8 a.m., Hancher Auditorium. This is a ticketed event and registered candidates may request up to 6 tickets (doctoral candidate/candidate’s faculty advisor do not need tickets). Additional tickets may be available, but they are not guaranteed.
- Graduate College Master’s Commencement Ceremony, Friday, May 11, 2018, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Master’s candidates must register to participate, however, this is not a ticketed event.

**Deadlines**

- March 20, 2018 Last day for candidates (doctoral/master’s) to purchase apparel.
- April 6, 2018 Last day for candidates (doctoral/master’s) and faculty to rent apparel without incurring late fee.
- April 20, 2018 Absolute last day for doctoral candidates/faculty to register to participate in 2018 doctoral commencement ceremony.

**Fellowship Resources**

**Graduate College Spring & Summer Fellowship Opportunities**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Graduate College, and International Programs are sponsoring a pilot Grant and Fellowship Writing Seminar for PhD and MA/PhD students in the Humanities and Social Sciences (including the PhD in Art History, Film Studies, and Music) from 14-25 May 2018. The seminar will meet each morning and be led jointly by 2 members of the CLAS Graduate Faculty in the Humanities and Social Sciences who have been active in coaching external grant applications of graduate students. Application due date is March 31, 2018. Please encourage interested students to apply.

Best regards,

Sarah

Sarah Larsen
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate College

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**Center for Teaching Graduate Teaching Fellows**

Graduate Teaching Fellows are experienced graduate student instructors who collaborate with Center for Teaching staff members to develop and present workshops for their departments and the university as a whole. Each fellow also designs and carries out a capstone project and refines a teaching portfolio. Fellows receive a $500 stipend for successful completion of each semester of the program, totaling $1,000. Fellows meet once in May before the summer then meet regularly starting in August until the program ends the following May.

**Program Requirements:**

- Terminal degree student in a UI program
- Significant TA and/or teaching experience
- You do not have to be a current TA to apply
- Reflective instructor
- Strong communication skills
- Able to commit 5-10 hours per month

**Fellow Responsibilities:**

- Attend bi-weekly meetings (starting in August) with the other fellows
- At these meetings the group will prepare for events, discuss teaching materials, practice workshops, and reflect on experiences
- Facilitate sessions at the New TA Orientation on August 16 (must be available whole day)
- Design and implement two workshops or projects: one for your department and one for the Center
- Timing of these workshops will be decided among the group but will fit the needs of the Fellows and the Center or department
- Help plan or facilitate the TA Teaching Institute in the beginning of January
- Design and carry out a capstone project
  - Capstone projects are meant to be individualized projects that the fellow is interested in pursuing. The overall time is expected to be 10-15 hours for the project.
  - Example projects:
    - Doing a literature review in an area of teaching research you are interested in exploring
    - Acting as a mentor if you can observe and guest lecture in their course to get additional experience with teaching and reflection
- Refine your teaching portfolio (philosophy, website, etc) with feedback from Center for Teaching staff
You do not need to have any portfolio materials coming in but will commit the time to working on them under mentorship as part of the fellowship.

Reflect on your experience in the program. The application form can be accessed here and questions can be directed to morgan.somms@uiowa.edu.

**Summer & Fall Diversity Scholarships and Fellowships**

We are pleased to announce summer and fall diversity scholarships and fellowships. The diversity fellowship opportunity is new. Both require that the applicant has completed at least one full semester of graduate study at the University of Iowa. Priority will go to students without a prior history of Graduate College fellowships. Please check out the full description of the opportunities and requirements at [https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-diversity-scholarship](https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-diversity-scholarship).

The summer deadline is April 20, and the fall deadline is April 31.

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**Graduate College News**

**Networking Tips**

The career benefits of a strong professional network are extensive.


**Grad Student Appreciation Week**

National Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation week, April 2-6

[https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news/2018-03-06/graduate-professional-student-appreciation-week](https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news/2018-03-06/graduate-professional-student-appreciation-week)