Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

I hope your summer is off to a great start. I would like to draw your attention to some upcoming deadlines. Nominations for Graduate College Dissertation prizes are due June 6th and the CIRTL Summer Series will accept registration until June 1st. Details for each program are included below and as attachments.

Best regards,
Sarah
Sarah Larsen
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate College

Graduate College Dissertation Prizes - Last call for nominations (due June 6th)

Remarkable students and faculty make up our innovative programs at Iowa. To recognize their contributions to the University of Iowa and beyond, the Graduate College presents dissertation and thesis awards to doctoral and master’s students.

The D.C. Spiroestersbach Dissertation Prize was established to recognize excellence in doctoral research. Prizes are awarded annually in two of four broad disciplinary areas—Humanities and the Fine Arts, Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering, Biological and Life Sciences, and Social Sciences. The Graduate College, in turn, holds two D.C. Spiroestersbach Prize competitions in the areas specified by the Council of Graduate Schools. This year’s awards will be in Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering and Social Sciences.

The Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize is endowed by a generous gift from Dr. Rex Montgomery, and recognizes the most meritorious dissertation by a doctoral student conducting research in prevention of disease and/or the translation of research into clinical practice. Students from a variety of graduate programs are eligible, including the biomedical and health sciences, as well as related social sciences.

Teaching Resources

Registration for the 2018 CIRTL Summer Series is now open! This year, programming surrounds developing teaching focused research. If you have ever considered developing a TAR (Teaching as Research) project to earn the nationally recognized ‘Practitioner’ certificate with CIRTL, you can work towards it by attending any of these events. There is no cost associated with registering for, or attending, any of these events. Please use this link to register. All events are available online (via Zoom), so you can log in and join us from any location!

Events are open to all University of Iowa graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Space is limited; please register by Friday, June 1, 2018. (Participants who are new to CIRTL and who would like to earn the nationally recognized ‘Associate’ certificate can complete 5 units worth of programming and earn it this summer.)

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program

This year’s Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowship Program is now open! The internal submission deadline is Monday, June 18, 2018. The Fulbright-Hays fellowship provides opportunities to doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and/or area studies (e.g., geography, history, political science.) The program is designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States. Applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States or permanent residents of the United States.

Applications will be considered only for research projects that focus on one or more of the following geographic areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, East Central Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding the United States and its territories). Please note that projects focused on Western Europe are not eligible.

Estimated range of fellowship awards to individual applicants will be $15,000 - $60,000, with the estimated average size of fellowship awards being $37,452. An estimated 91 awards will be given for FY2018. The institutional project period is 18 months, beginning October 1, 2018. Students may request funding for a period of no less than six months and no more than 12 months.

Individual applicants must apply through the University of Iowa and must follow campus application instructions; the UI submits a combined application which contains all of the individual student grant applications and administers the fellowships to individual awardees. Therefore it is critical that all applications are received by the Division of Sponsored Programs no later than Monday, June 18, 2018. Applicants should contact Mary Blackwood (mary.blackwood@uiowa.edu) as soon as they know they will apply to discuss the submission process.

For optional review of application materials and further questions, please contact grad.success@uiowa.edu or karen.wachsmuth@uiowa.edu. (At least one feedback review session is required to be eligible for the Graduate College’s $500 Fellowship Incentive Program award.)

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Graduate College News

Persistence Paid Off for this Cancer Researcher

In 2012, Reinaldo Franqui Machin left his family and friends in Puerto Rico to come to the University of Iowa to study and conduct cancer research, but his first few months on campus weren’t easy. https://uiowa.edu/stories/reinaldo-franqui-machin

Honoring Outstanding Mentors

The Graduate College recognizes Joshua Weiner, James Giblin and Kathleen Sluka for their extraordinary contributions to graduate education through mentoring graduate students and postdocs. https://uiowa.edu/news/grad-college-honors-outstanding-faculty-mentors