Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

I hope your summer is going well. Undergraduate summer research programs across campus including the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) sponsored by the Graduate College are in full swing. The Summer Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 25 and additional information on registration is provided below. In other news, the deadline for the L.B. Sims Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award has been extended to September 17.

Finally, please “save the date” for the New Graduate Student Welcome Reception on Wednesday, August 15th @ 4:30 PM in the Iowa Memorial Union Main Lounge. (An invitation will be sent out later this summer.)

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

Summer Undergraduate Research Conference

The University of Iowa’s undergraduate researchers will showcase their work July 25, 2018 at the 13th annual UI Summer Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC). The conference, sponsored by the Graduate College, will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Iowa Memorial Union’s Main Lounge. The conference is a culmination of the students’ summer undergraduate research experiences at the UI. Since participants present their work to the university research community, the event serves as an important professional development opportunity for students preparing for careers in research. The event is open to UI faculty, students and staff, and the public.

Graduate Internship Opportunity at State Hygienic Laboratory

The State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) at the University of Iowa is seeking to host a graduate student as an intern at the Coralville laboratory location. With support from the Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination (CHEEC), Investigators at SHL will be studying the major harmful algal bloom species in Iowa by analyzing samples from the current State Beach Monitoring Program. Data collected will be used to develop a rapid strain identification test and a cyanobacteria library. Findings from this study will help facilitate environmental risk management and develop mitigation strategies to reduce human and animal health risk.

The position is for graduate students in Engineering, Public Health or Microbiology that have completed the majority of their coursework. Candidates that have successfully passed their comprehensive examination are preferred and encouraged to apply. All application materials should be submitted to cheec@uiowa.edu by 5:00 PM on Monday, July 2, 2018 in order to be considered. Additional details are attached.

L.B. Sims Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award – Deadline Extended

Nominations are being accepted for the 2018 L. B. Sims Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award. The L. B. Sims Award is given annually to recognize the excellent scholarship and research carried out by University of Iowa graduate students pursuing Master’s degrees. Nominations are being accepted from the Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering and the Social Sciences. Recipients of the Sims Award will be the University of Iowa nominee for the MAGS Distinguished Thesis Award. Nominations for the L. B. Sims Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award are now due Monday, September 17, 2018. Contact Shelly Campo (shelly-campo@uiowa.edu or 319-335-2136) with questions.

Graduate College News

UI students, faculty make a difference in Mason City

Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities partners with Iowans to make positive changes. https://now.uiowa.edu/2018/06/ui-students-faculty-make-difference-mason-city

Spouses and Houses: Impaired Social Decision-Making

Researchers at the University of Iowa suggest that brain damage to the ventromedial prefrontal cortex may lead to inconsistency between one’s thoughts and actions. https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news/2018/04/spouses-and-houses-impaired-internal-consistency-during-social-decision-making