Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The next DGS meeting will be held this afternoon November 7, 2018 at 3:30 PM in W401 PBB. We will be discussing innovations for graduate student success – the future of graduate education. The agenda for this meeting can be found here. Meeting minutes from the October DGS meeting are also available on the DGS website.

I’m excited to announce a new grant opportunity for graduate student researchers and scholars, and I hope you’ll help us spread the word.

Administered by the Graduate Student Senate (GSS), with funding from the Graduate College and the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR), the program offers grants up to $3,000 to assist qualifying applicants with humanities and social science research and work in the creative, visual, and performing arts that’s conducted in academic year 2018-2019. The deadline to apply for spring 2019 funding is Nov. 29. The spring deadline for summer and/or fall 2019 expenses is April 12.

While funding isn’t restricted to dissertation or thesis projects, proposals must outline a carefully crafted and feasible research plan. Funding is eligible for archive usage, equipment, supplies, software, research-related interviews, on-location filming or performance, and similar expenses. Some activities that do not qualify for funding are paper and poster presentations, research or degree-related travel, internship travel, job interviews, and computers, although alternative resources exist for some of those, including GSS/Graduate College Presentation Travel Funds and the university’s crowdfunding platform, GOLD Rush.

Applicants must be enrolled as a student in a graduate program at the UI at the time of application and at the time of the award payment, and be in good academic standing. The proposed research, scholarship or creative activity must be completed prior to graduation. Grant recipients have six months to use the awarded funds and are not eligible for other GSS/GSGP award opportunities during the project period of the grant. A graduate student may receive this award once throughout a given graduate program degree.

To apply, or for more information, visit https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/content/gssgraduate-collegeoppc-research-grants-for-the-arts-humanities-and-social-sciences-not-for

Sincerely,

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Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education
Dean, the Graduate College

December 2018 Commencement

The Graduate College holds two commencement ceremonies each year, one in May and one in December. December ceremony participants must register by the November 14th deadline to participate. November 14th is also the deadline to order regalia through Herff Jones without a late fee. Graduates who received their degree summer 2018, but did not participate in May 2018, may do so in December. Fall doctoral graduates are not eligible to participate in the spring 2019 ceremony. The December 2018 ceremony will be held Friday, December 14, 2018, 7 p.m., Hancher. More information is available on the Graduate College website. Questions regarding the ceremony should be directed to Kathy Klein Gerling (kathy-klein@uiowa.edu) 319-335-3492. All questions regarding regalia should be directed to Herff Jones (gradmidwest@yale.com) 952-447-4449.

Fellowships

Graduate Diversity Scholarships and Fellowships - The Graduate Diversity Scholarships and Fellowships are presented to graduate students from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups in their fields of graduate study. The application deadline for spring diversity scholarships and fellowships applications is November 10, 2018. More information can be found here.

Research Grants for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences - With funds from the Graduate College and the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Graduate Student Senate administers funding assistance for humanities and social science research and work in the creative, visual, and performing arts to be conducted academic year 2018-2019. Grants of up to $1,000 are available for research expenses including archive usage, equipment, supplies, software, interviews (research related), and on location filming or performance, etc. The application deadline is November 29, 2018. More information can be found here.

Chateaubriand Fellowship Program - The call for applications for the Chateaubriand Fellowship is open every year from October to January. The Chateaubriand Fellowship is a grant offered by the Embassy of France in the United States. It supports outstanding Ph.D. students from American universities who wish to conduct research in France for a period ranging from 4 to 9 months. More information can be found here.

Graduate Student Events and Professional Development

Speed Friending and Networking sponsored by Office of Graduate Inclusion

Thursday, November 15th, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Location: Vine Tavern & Eatery - Coralville (2nd floor), 39 2nd Ave, Coralville, IA 52241

Come network and mingle with graduate students across disciplines and colleges. Food is provided at the event!
First Generation Celebration Week - As part of the National First-Generation College Celebration@Iowa, the Graduate College is collaborating with others to host three events. Please see below and consider promoting these events to your students. The full list of events can be found [here](#).

First Generation Graduate and Professional Student and Post-doc Social  
**Thursday, November 8th, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, Location: Seebohm Conference Room EMRB**  
This is an opportunity for first-generation graduate and professional students to gather, network, and discuss how first-generation status impacts their experience in graduate and professional school. Pizza will be provided by the Graduate College. This event is co-sponsored by the Carver College of Medicine Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.  
Registration is encouraged: [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WpasSLlT4NeSuV](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WpasSLlT4NeSuV)  
Contact lisa-kelly@uiowa.edu for more information.

Understanding the First Generation College Experience: Strategies TAs Can Use in the Classroom  
**Friday, November 9th, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM, Location: PBB W401**  
Participants will learn about characteristics of first-generation college students and how first-generation students experience the University of Iowa. We will present information from UI student surveys as well as research on academic support for first-generation college students. The facilitators will also provide strategies that can be used to promote academic success. Refreshments (cookies) will be provided.  
Registration is encouraged: [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WpasSLlT4NeSuV](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WpasSLlT4NeSuV)  
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International Education Week series  
**What does it mean to be a Graduate and Professional #GlobalHawkeye?**  
**Tuesday, November 13th, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Iowa River Room (343 IMU)**  
Facilitators: Sunny Ho, Counseling Psychology Ph.D. Program; Betsy Winter, Higher Education & Student Affairs Ph.D. Program  
In this interactive workshop you will learn:  
(a) how to utilize your leadership skills for professional and career development;  
(b) preparation tips for conferences and other professional networking opportunities; and  
(c) how to apply existing knowledge in real world settings.  
The workshop will comprise of didactic, individual reflection and group discussion components. The facilitators will offer you a safe space to ask questions and share concerns at any point of time during workshop. Let’s learn together on how to be a flying color #GlobalHawkeye! Food is provided at the event and please come with your appetite!

**Graduate College News**

**2017-18 Graduate College Annual Report** [https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/report/2017-18](https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/report/2017-18)