Announcements

Dear Colleagues,

The fall semester is well underway. Please be alert to the many opportunities for you and your graduate students to participate in to enhance their development. The upcoming DGS meeting is especially noteworthy as the agenda will be devoted to the issue of student wellness, specifically related to mental and behavioral health and wellbeing. The wealth of available services will be shared with you and I encourage you to participate in this important meeting on Wednesday, October 10 (3:30 pm, W401 PB).

Other important dates and activities are also noted in this issue of the DGS Digest.

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Associate Provost, Dean
Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Awards and Grants

2018-2019 Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award - The deadline is fast approaching. Nominations are being accepted for the 2018-2019 Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. This award recognizes exemplary mentoring of doctoral students by members of the UI graduate faculty. Each eligible department may nominate one mentor; nominations must come from a faculty member in that department. This year, a nomination letter is all that is required initially for a nomination. Information about the award, award criteria, and the application process are available here: Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. Past recipients are listed on our webpage. This year’s eligible departments are in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences and Engineering, and the Social Sciences. Deadline for the initial departmental letter of nomination is Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Recipients of the award will be recognized at the 2019 spring semester joint graduate faculty/directors of graduate studies meeting. A reception will follow the presentation of awards in the Old Capitol rotunda. Please contact Kathy Klein Gerling (kathy.klein@uiowa.edu, 319-335-3492) if you have any questions.

Winter/Spring 2019 Philanthropy Student Success Grant - The University of Iowa Office of the President and the University of Center for Advancement Student Advancement Network have partnered to create the Philanthropy Student Success Grant, which provides funding for a variety of activities for undergraduate and graduate students outside of the classroom, such as research, travel, and service projects. The President’s Office has generously allocated $5,000 per semester to help enhance the student experience at the University through these grants. Applications will be accepted online through the deadline of 5:00 pm on Friday, September 28, 2018. More information about the grant can be accessed here.

Graduate Student Events and Professional Development

Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy - The Obermann Graduate Institute is a 3½ day Interdisciplinary Institute in which UI graduate students from across campus and at any point in their graduate studies explore how public engagement can enhance teaching, research, and creative work. The 2019 Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy will take place January 7-10, 2019, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Applications for the 2019 Institute are due Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:00 pm. More information can be found here.

Photo Booth - 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 five minutes. The picture will have more value to you if you dress professionally. 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 booth will be October 3 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in 423 Gilmore Hall. You can sign up for a time slot here: https://iowagraduatesuccess.careers/photo_booth.youcanbook.me/

December 2018 Commencement - The Graduate College holds two commencement ceremonies each year, one in May and one in December. To participate in the December ceremony participants must register. The December 2018 ceremony will be held Friday, December 14, 2018, 7 p.m., Hancher. Graduates who received their degree summer 2018 (and did not participate in May 2018) may do so in December. All fall 2018 degree recipients must participate in the December ceremony. Questions regarding the ceremony should be directed to Kathy Klein Gerling (kathy.klein@uiowa.edu) 319-335-3492. All questions regarding apparel should be directed to Herf Jones (gradstudentsuccess@uiowa.edu) 319-335-3492. Graduates must register by Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Nominate a Student Researcher - For the second year in a row, undergraduate and graduate student researchers will be featured on banners throughout downtown Iowa City in early 2019. This year, faculty, staff, and fellow students are encouraged to nominate outstanding student researchers for the campaign via a nomination form. Nominations are due by Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Nominations of students from diverse backgrounds and that represent a range of disciplines, especially the arts and humanities, are especially encouraged. The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (OVPRED) sponsors the project. More information can be found here.

3rd Annual Iowa One Health Conference - The Iowa One Health Conference 2018 Planning Committee is accepting abstracts for the 3rd Annual Iowa One Health Conference. The conference will bring together a multidisciplinary cast of students and professionals in relevant fields to learn and discuss how the concept of One Health can help drive positive change in the health of humans, animals, and the environment. This year, it will be held at Iowa State University from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Abstracts are to be submitted no later than October 8, 2018 at the provided link. More information on the conference can be found here.

Active Learning Throughout the Semester - Center for Teaching is hosting a workshop on Friday, October 26, 2018 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm called “Active Learning Throughout the Semester.” This workshop will present active learning strategies of varying complexity that can spark student learning across the arc of the semester, regardless of the discipline. Registration can be found here.

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2017-18 Graduate College Annual Report - https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/report/2017-18