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Graduate College

DGS Digest
December 3, 2019

Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The semester is quickly coming to a close. We have one more meeting this semester, the joint Grad Faculty/DGS meeting on **Wednesday, December 18th** at 3:30 pm in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol.

The University has made Kognito, an interactive, avatar-based at-risk suicide prevention training available for Staff and Faculty. Please see the information below for more details and consider taking this important training.

Please read about our 3MT winner, Anthropology graduate student, Christie Vogler in [IowaNow](#).

[Fall commencement](#) is Friday, December 20th at 7:00 pm in Hancher Auditorium.

Best regards,
Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Events

At-Risk Suicide Prevention Training

Kognito At-Risk Suicide Prevention Training is an online, interactive, avatar based training for Staff and Faculty. Kognito takes 30 minutes to complete and gives you first-hand experience interacting with a student for whom you have concerns regarding their distress. Kognito provides opportunities to make language choices for how to respond to your student in distress. The program then provides feedback and training to assist you in being most effective in recognizing distress, asking about distress, and then knowing resources on the Iowa campus and in Iowa City to make referrals. Our students carry high distress these days; let Kognito assist you in being able to act in confidence in responding to your students and to those around you. Kognito training is co-sponsored by University Housing & Dining, University of Iowa Student Government, and the University Counseling Service. The course may be accessed by going to <http://counseling.uiowa.edu/kognito>.

Updates

Three Minute Thesis (3MT)

The Graduate College's 3MT competition challenges graduate students to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences. This year's final 3MT competition was held on Friday, November 15. Congratulations to the top presenters – Christie Vogler, Anthropology (Winner); Mackenzie Spicer, Molecular Medicine (People's Choice and Honorable Mention); Enrico Bruno, English (Honorable Mention). You can view the presentations of all of our finalists [here](#).

Graduate College Strategic Plan

The Graduate College is in the process of drafting a collegiate strategic plan. View our [website](#) to find information about the strategic plan process and the steering committee, co-chaired by Professor David Cwiertny and Senior Assistant Vice President for Research Ann Ricketts.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Graduate College Funding Resources

The Graduate College provides a wide variety of financial assistance to help masters and doctoral students meet educational, living, and professional development expenses. We provide close to 20 different [internal fellowship opportunities](#) and staff support for students seeking external grants and fellowships. The Graduate College also partners with the Graduate Student Employment Committee, which provides recommendations to University leadership on matters related to employment benefits. The current graduate employment agreement contains information on graduate assistant rights and benefits. If you have any questions, please contact us at grad-fellowships@uiowa.edu or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

Courses

Seminar in College Teaching (Grad 6217)

The Seminar in College Teaching course is designed for graduate students planning to teach in their professional career. The course will be offered this spring and fall. Classroom time will be spent on instruction involving techniques and strategies for adult learners. See the attached document for additional information.

Resources

Resources for Student Parents

Some students at Iowa are also parents, and UI Family Services can help them by providing support related to child care, lactation rooms, and other needs. Please review and share the [programs](#) provided by UI Family Services to help student parents succeed. Contact familyservices@uiowa.edu or visit the [University Human Resources site](#).

Graduate Student Development

Jennifer Teitle, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development, is offering consultations with faculty members to discuss graduate student development opportunities including:

- Preparing PhD students for multiple career pathways
- LinkedIn for Academics, including helping graduate students stay connected and building a department LinkedIn
- Integrating professional development into departmental curriculum
- Grant opportunities for advancing graduate student professional development.

Appointments with Jen can be made directly through this [link](#) or on the [UI Grad Success page](#).

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