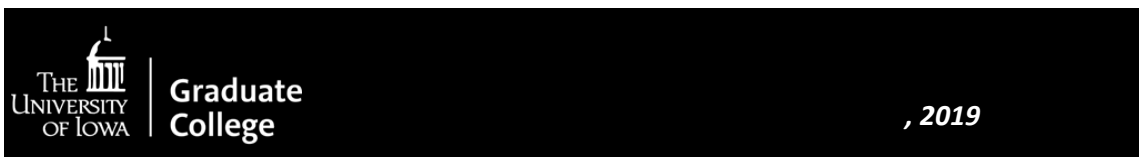


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## Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

As a reminder, please note that in fall 2018 the Graduate College moved from a two deposit to a **single deposit model for thesis and dissertation submission**. In spring 2019, the final exam deadline (i.e., defense deadline) is April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This is the date by when final exam reports are due to the Graduate College. **This date is slightly earlier than in previous spring semesters.** The single deposit deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please find more information on the change to single deposit [here](#). **Please be sure to inform all graduating students and advising faculty of these spring semester deadlines.**

We are also proud to announce that the first University of Iowa student to win a Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Excellence in Teaching Award was recently [profiled](#) in the Daily Iowan. The MAGS Excellence in Teaching Award is in recognition of excellence in teaching and mentoring in graduate education.

The next Science on Tap on March 28th from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Hancher Stanley Cafe will feature the winners of the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition. Please come and learn about the excellent research our students are performing in various disciplines across campus.

Please make sure your students are aware of the upcoming Managing the Market Academic Job Doc series for students. Each session will provide students with an opportunity to learn how to craft critical job documents such as the Curriculum Vitae, the Cover Letter and the Teaching Statement with an emphasis on document preparation for positions in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Students can register at: [bit.ly/uijobdocs](http://bit.ly/uijobdocs). Further details about the sessions and times can be found below.

Application deadlines for several [internal fellowships](#) are quickly approaching. The application deadline for the National Humanities Center 2019 Summer Residency Program for PhD Students in the Humanities is on Thursday March 28th. The deadline for Diversity Scholarships and Fellowships as well as the Underrepresented Minority Master's Thesis Fellowship is Friday March 29th. The deadline for the ACT Scholars Program Fellowship is Monday April 1.

This year Graduate Appreciation Week is April 1-5. Please join the Graduate College in showing our graduate students know how much we appreciate them! You can find a schedule of campus-wide events, including Donuts with the Dean, [here](#).

Finally, there was very strong interest across campus in the workshop "Working with Students in Distress" which was unfortunately cancelled last month when the presenter was called off campus on University business. We are working with Dr. Schreier to reschedule that offering and will keep you apprised. Due to existing commitments, it is likely that the next offering will be rescheduled for early fall. Thank you for your understanding.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

## Graduate College News

**UI Grad Student Honored With MAGS Teaching Award** - Brady Krien has been recognized for making exceptional contributions in the classroom and beyond with the 2019 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Excellence in Teaching Award. Read the full story [here](#).

## Events

### Science on Tap

**Thursday, March 28, 2019, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Hancher Stanley Café** - The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition challenges graduate students to communicate their research in three minutes or less in non-specialist language. Participants represent a diverse array of disciplines and areas of study, and reflect the passion and thirst for discovery common among all of Iowa's graduate students. This year's winners will join Science on Tap to showcase some of the diverse research being done on campus including second language acquisition, human toxicology, pharmaceuticals and translational therapeutics, and geographical and sustainability sciences. Details can be found [here](#).

### Jakobsen Memorial Conference

**Saturday, March 30, 2019, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library** - For 21 years the Jakobsen Conference has highlighted the work of graduate and professional students. New this year, Jakobsen has merged with the former Open Doors conference, adding free professional development workshops for students on topics ranging from academic and non-academic career paths to conference etiquette and network building. Students can also sign up for mock interview practice or a free professional headshot. Find details about the conference [here](#).

### National Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

**Monday, April 1, 2019 - Friday, April 5, 2019** - National Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week celebrates the 5,000 plus graduate students that make the University of Iowa a great place for research and learning. This year, the University of Iowa Graduate College has joined with the Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate and Professional Student Government to encourage a week-long celebration of our graduate students. During the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> make an extra effort to show your students how much Iowa appreciates their hard work and dedication year-round.

### Managing the Market Academic Job Docs Series

The Managing the Market Job Docs Series offers graduate students the chance to learn about and develop the job materials they will need for a variety of careers within the university. Each session will consist of an overview of the job document, a professional panel to share insights on drafting career materials from both the applicant and

hiring committee perspectives, and activities and resources to help start the process of either creating or revising job documents. Students can register [here](#).

The Sessions will be:

- **Curriculum Vitae** - Friday, March 29th: 12-2pm in Jones Commons, 316 Lindquist Center
- **Cover Letter** - Friday, April 12th: 12-2pm in Gerber Lounge, 304 English Philosophy Building
- **Research Statement** - Friday, April 19th: 12-2pm, location TBD
- **Teaching Statement** - Friday, April 26th: 12-2pm in Gerber Lounge, 304 English Philosophy Building
- **Diversity Statement** - Friday, May 3rd: 12-2pm in Jones Commons, 316 Lindquist Center

## Grants & Fellowships

### ***NHC 2019 Summer (Funded) Residency Program for PhD Students in the Humanities***

**Thursday, March 28, 2019 - deadline to apply** - The Graduate College is sponsoring nominees for this two-week residency **July 15-26, 2019** at the National Humanities Center. The PhD students nominated by the twenty-eight participating universities will meet at the National Humanities Center aimed at building bridges between the academic world and the classroom by translating research into practice. The University of Iowa's designated nominees will receive \$1,750 for tuition, \$2,000 to cover lodging during the two-week residency, and up to \$700 to cover travel to the NHC. Tuition covers all programming for the NHC Graduate Student Summer Residency, including materials, books, software, technology support, and lunch and breakfast daily. Find more information [here](#).

### ***Graduate College Funding Resources***

**Friday, March 29, 2019 - deadline for Diversity Scholarships and Fellowships as well as the Underrepresented Minority Master's Thesis Fellowship** - 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](mailto:grad-fellowships@uiowa.edu) or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

### ***Grant and Fellowship Writing Seminar***

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 - deadline to apply** - This Grant and Fellowship Writing Seminar is for PhD and MA/PhD students in the Humanities and the Social Sciences (including the PhD in Art History, Film Studies, and Music), MFA students, and DMA students from **May 13-24, 2019**. The seminar will meet each morning and be led jointly by two members of the CLAS Graduate Faculty who have been active in coaching external grant applications of graduate students. Participants will be selected through an application process administered by the CLAS Dean's office and will receive a participant stipend of \$250 from the Graduate College. Find more information [here](#).

### ***ACT Scholars Program***

**Monday, April 1, 2019 - deadline (extended from 3/1/19)** - In collaboration with ACT, the University of Iowa Graduate College is pleased to promote multiculturalism and inclusion through the ACT Scholars Program. Through the generous support of the ACT Foundation, ACT offers a stipend covering the academic year only (\$23,000 plus full resident-rate tuition) to qualified students pursuing graduate degrees full time at the University of Iowa in programs of study generally pertinent to ACT's business model. Students who pass their comprehensive exams will receive a stipend increase (\$25,000 plus full resident-rate tuition). This funding is not limited to students just beginning their graduate programs (Masters and Ph.D). Please visit the [website](#) for additional information and eligibility requirements and the link to the application.

## Commencement

On Friday, May 10, 2019, the Graduate College will conduct two commencement ceremonies. **Spring and summer graduates interested in participating in either ceremony should register as soon as possible, but no later than April 10, 2019.** Registration and apparel details can be found on the [Graduate College Commencement webpage](#). The Doctoral program, held in Hancher Auditorium, begins at 9:00 AM. As a friendly reminder, the spring doctoral ceremony is a ticketed event. The Masters' program begins at 7:00 PM in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

## Courses

### ***Writing for Learned Journals (GRAD:6300)***

Graduate school leaves us with a number of promising yet incomplete projects. This seminar is designed as a workshop in which students deepen, develop and complete one of these projects. By demystifying the process of publication, teaching best practices for writing and research, and modeling rigorous peer-review, the course supports students in submitting a polished project to a learned journal in their field at the semester's end. This course examines knowledge creation across the disciplines and is open to students in any field of study in Fall 2019.

## Resources

Would you or your graduate students like to learn more about planning for life after graduate school? The Graduate College provides [support and instruction](#) for graduate students or faculty interested in learning more about career exploration, career management tools like ImaginePhD and MyIDP, networking, and interviews & negotiation. [Request a workshop](#) or email us at [grad-success@uiowa.edu](mailto:grad-success@uiowa.edu).

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