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Graduate College

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October 15, 2019

Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The next Managing the Market webinar is this Thursday for graduate students applying to academic jobs. Please see below for more details.

The deadline to submit an application for the Iowa Innovation Challenge is rapidly approaching on November 6th. The University-wide competition offers support for innovative and entrepreneurial projects on campus.

Nominations are due soon for the Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award. Please consider nominating your deserving colleagues!

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Events

Managing the Market

Thursday, October 17, 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm – The Graduate College is hosting webinars for graduate students applying to academic jobs. The next webinar is on **October 17th** and will focus on the EDI or Diversity statement and learning ways to effectively communicate your commitment to diversity on and off campus. Register [here](#) and see the attached flyer for more details.

Iowa Innovation Challenge

Registration Deadline Wednesday, November 6 – The Iowa Innovation Challenge will help bring over \$225,000 in total funding to be awarded during the 2019-2020 academic year across the University of Iowa's campus. The Challenge is a university-wide competition with the goal to identify, advance and support the most innovative and entrepreneurial projects on campus. This competition is offered in partnership between the University of Iowa's [John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center](#), [University of Iowa's Office of the Vice President for Research](#), [University of Iowa Research Foundation](#), and [UI Ventures](#). Applications are currently being accepted for the first phase of the competition that will be held this fall and will award \$75,000 in prizes. The second phase will be a Business Model Competition held in spring 2020 and will award \$150,000 in additional prizes. The competition is open to all faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduate students, and incubator startups. *Pitch workshops will be held prior to both competitions to help individuals/teams prepare.* Find out more and apply [here](#).

Fall 2019 Competition Details

Phase 1 Elevator Pitch Competition

- \$75,000 in prizes
- Deadline to apply: Nov. 6
- Competition held Nov. 18-20
- A limited number of applicants will be accepted

Commencement for Summer & Fall Degree Applicants

Registration Deadline Wednesday, November 20 – Summer and fall degree applicants are eligible to participate in the Fall commencement ceremony provided they register by the deadline of **November 20, 2019**. Registration is open for Fall Commencement and is available on the new [commencement webpage](#). The ceremony will be held immediately before the University Holidays in Hancher Auditorium on **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2019-2020 Graduate College Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award

Nominations due Monday, October 21 – 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. 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](#). Past [recipients](#) are listed on our webpage. This year's eligible departments are in the Biological and Life Sciences and Humanities and Fine Arts. Deadline for the initial departmental letter of nomination is **Monday, October 21, 2019**.

Recipients of the award will be recognized at the 2020 spring semester joint graduate faculty/directors of graduate studies meeting. The meeting/award ceremony is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 3:30 p.m., Senate Chamber, Old Capitol**. A reception will follow the presentation of awards in the Old Capitol rotunda. Please contact Kathy Klein Gerling (kathy-klein@uiowa.edu, 335-3492) if you have any questions.

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).

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

This fall, 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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