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DGS Digest
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Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

The Graduate College Dean's Office and the Academic Affairs Office has moved temporarily to the 2nd floor of Calvin Hall due to renovations in Gilmore Hall. The Professional Development and ITS Offices for the Graduate College will remain in Gilmore Hall on the 4th floor. We hope to move back to Gilmore Hall after the conclusion of the Spring semester.

As we enter recruiting season, a reminder that the University of Iowa has agreed to support the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) April 15th resolution in which students are not required to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15th. Please see link below for more details.

Wendy Danger will be sending out calendar invites for the Spring DGS meetings. We plan to build on the highly interactive and productive small group discussions on various topics related to Graduate education in the Spring semester by providing additional content on many of the topics discussed. The first DGS meeting in February will include a panel discussion regarding the implementation and use of Individual Development Plans.

Best regards,
Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Updates

Temporary Offices for Graduate College Staff

Effective January 9, 2020 the Graduate College Dean's Office and the Academic Affairs Office will temporarily move to 2nd Floor Calvin Hall due to construction. Professional development and ITS Offices will remain in Gilmore Hall on the 4th floor. The temporary move will be effective until the end of May 2020.

CGS April 15th Resolution

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has renewed a resolution regarding graduate scholars, fellows, trainees, and assistants. The Resolution states that "students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution." Find more information [here](#).

Free Statistical Consulting Services

There is an opportunity for statistical consulting services from the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Sciences during the spring semester of 2020. As part of a consulting course, statistics graduate students will be providing statistical consultation under the supervision of a statistics faculty member. If you know of any graduate students presently working with data who could benefit from such services, please have them contact Rhonda DeCook at rhonda-decook@uiowa.edu to discuss the possibility of connecting with a consultant.

Commencement

On Friday, May 15, 2020, the Graduate College will conduct two commencement ceremonies. **Spring and summer degree applicants interested in participating in either ceremony should register as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2020.** Registration and apparel details can be found on the [Commencement](#) webpages. The Doctoral program, held in Hancher Auditorium, begins at 9:00 AM. The Master's program begins at 7:00 PM in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Research Grants for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Applications due January 27, 2020 - In case you missed it, in spring 2019 we initiated a small grants program for graduate students in the arts, humanities and social sciences with funds from the Graduate College and the Office of the Vice President for Research. 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 funds are allocated to selected applicants by the Graduate Student Senate Travel Funds Committee after peer review. More information can be found [here](#).

Jane A. Weiss Memorial Dissertation Scholarship

Applications due February 1, 2020 - A \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a University of Iowa Ph.D. candidate whose dissertation focuses on issues pertaining to women. Graduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Information about eligibility and application procedures for all awards is available on the [GWSS website](#).

Digital Studio Summer Fellowship

Applications due February 13, 2020 - This fellowship program provides an opportunity for students to benefit from a mentored digital scholarship internship experience in the University of Iowa Libraries Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio. Students are encouraged to develop their own projects and/or pursue the development of digital scholarly skills. More information can be found [here](#).

URM Pre-Comprehensive Exam Summer Fellowship

Applications due February 13, 2020 - This fellowship program provides an opportunity for minority students who have not yet taken their comprehensive exam to benefit from a mentored research experience early in the doctoral program. More information can be found [here](#).

MFA Summer Fellowship

Applications due February 20, 2020 - This fellowship program provides an opportunity for MFA students to benefit from a mentored summer experience. Students are

encouraged to develop their own projects and/or pursue the development of professional skills. More information can be found [here](#).

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](#).

New Tool for HawkIRB Applications

This tool will help researchers start or modify HawkIRB (eResearch) applications. It is designed to help decrease the time it takes for studies to get approved by IRB. You may also facilitate consistency between the Informed Consent Document & the HawkIRB application and see which HawkIRB application sections are "connected" to each other. Further information about this tool can be found on the attached Informed Consent Checklist.

DGS Meetings

To make it easier to remember the Spring DGS meetings times and locations, Wendy Danger will send invites via Outlook calendar to the listserv. Upcoming meeting agendas and notes from prior meetings are posted on the [DGS Meetings](#) webpage.

Graduate Student Development

Jennifer Teitle, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development, offers 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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