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Graduate College

DGS Digest
February 11, 2020

Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Congratulations to the Graduate College's 2019 Montgomery Dissertation Prize winner, Kevin Booth '18, PhD in Molecular Medicine who received a rare honorable-mention, second place selection among the finalists for the Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award.

Deadlines for internal fellowships are fast approaching. A list of comprehensive fellowship due dates is available on the Graduate College website. Fellowship descriptions and eligibility requirements are also available of the Graduate College Website. Some deadlines of note:

February 13th Digital Studio Summer Fellowships

February 20th MFA Summer Fellowships

March 2nd Post-Comprehensive Fellowships, Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowships and ACT Scholars Program

March 13th Recruitment and LuLu Merle Johnson Recruitment Fellowships

Nominations are due February 26th for the 38th annual Philip G. Hubbard Human Rights Award. Please see details below for nominations.

Please see the attached information regarding the University Libraries OpenHawks program to support Open Educational Resources (OER) across campus.

As a reminder, [Commencement registration](#) for spring and summer degree applicants is already up and running! The doctoral and masters' ceremonies will be held on Friday May 15, 2020.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Updates

CIRTL project delves into diversity, identity

In the fall 2019 semester, two graduate students from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering—Luiza Notini and Matthew Nagorzanski—created an interactive workshop experience for UI first-year engineering students in which they discussed how they all have multiple intersecting identities and how that impacts their approach to their major, their future profession, and the ways they present themselves to the world. This project was part of the UI Center for the Integration of Teaching, Research and Learning (CIRTL). Luiza and Matt brought their research skills to bear on their teaching by designing and implementing a research question, teaching methods, and assessment to see the effect of their project on students. Luiza presented initial findings at a pedagogy conference late in the fall semester, and they are currently preparing a manuscript about their project for publication.

Doctoral scholars recognized nationally

The Graduate College's 2019 Montgomery Dissertation Prize winner, [Kevin Booth \(15BA-Chemistry 18PhD-Biomedical Science\)](#), was nominated by the college for the Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. Booth was a rare honorable-mention, second-place selection among the finalists for the prestigious national award. Another graduate student, Stefan Schöberlein, was also a finalist for this year's prize. University of Iowa doctoral scholars have won five national dissertation awards, more than their peers from any other public institution. Fifteen more Iowa nominees have been finalists in the competition.

Downtown banners showcase University of Iowa student researchers

Fifty-two student researchers are featured in the Dare to Discover downtown banner campaign. The undergraduate and graduate students, who were nominated for the campaign by their mentors, represent the breadth and depth of research and scholarship at the UI. [\(Read more\)](#)

International Student and Scholar Services

If you are, or already have been planning to bring new graduate international students to your department in the Fall 2020, ISSS has a series of online **pre-arrival webinars** targeted to those new international students. The series for Fall 2020 has already been scheduled and would love to have new admitted students attend the live broadcasts! The Fall 2020 pre-arrival webinar series schedule during this Spring and Summer, and details on the topics to be presented can be found on the ISSS web site: <https://international.uiowa.edu/prearrival-webinar>.

Studio Short Course Series

Survey open until February 28, 2020 – The Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio in collaboration with the Graduate College are pleased to announce that we will offer a variety of 1 SH courses in the field of Digital Humanities beginning in the Fall 2020 semester. Please ask graduate students to participate **in this survey** to indicate which courses they are most or least interested in taking.

Events

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Honors

Nominations accepted until February 21, 2020 - The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center is hosting the first Iowa Innovation and Entrepreneurship Honors on April 23, 2020. Awards will be presented at the Honors to recognize the outstanding entrepreneurial accomplishments of our alumni, students, faculty, staff, and Venture School participants. Recipients of these awards exhibit passion, devotion and innovation in planning and deploying their startup/business, and have made significant progress over the years as determined by metrics such as jobs created and revenue generated. [Submit a nomination or get further information click here.](#)

Science on Tap

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Hancher's 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. For more information [click here](#).

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 [Graduate College Commencement](#) webpage. 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

Philip G. Hubbard Human Rights Award

Nominations due February 26th – Nominations are being accepted for the 38th annual Philip G. Hubbard Human Rights Award. This award is presented to a University of Iowa student who has made outstanding contributions in the area of human rights during the previous year and be working on a course of study intended to lead toward a degree. Information about the Hubbard Human Rights Award and nomination form 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. For a list of the internal fellowships visit <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/fellowships>. 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

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 Imagine PhD and MyIDP, networking and interviews & negotiation. [Request a workshop](#) or email us at grad-success@uiowa.edu.

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) - is an ethical review committee that reviews research involving human subjects. The IRB Education & Outreach Program recently announced their Spring 2020 semester schedule for [HawkiRB trainings](#), [IRB presentations](#) and [IRB Office Hours](#). Additional educational resources are available on the [Education and Training page](#) of the Human Subjects Office (HSO) website. You may contact the HSO/IRB by phone (313-335-6564) or email (irb@uiowa.edu) for assistance with preparing an IRB submission.

DGS Meetings

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

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