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Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

With recruitment season in full swing, we want to remind everyone that the University of Iowa has agreed to abide by the Council of Graduate Schools Resolution to an April 15th deadline for students to respond to offers of financial support. Please see the attached document for more details regarding this resolution and the list of participating institutions. Sample Offer Letters can be found in the [Graduate Student Employment Agreement](#).

The next DGS meeting will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 @ 3:30 PM in W401 PBB.

[Commencement registration](#) for spring and summer graduates is available. The doctoral and masters' ceremonies will be held on May 10, 2019.

The [Jakobsen Memorial Conference](#), organized by the Graduate Student Senate, will be held on March 30, 2019. A call for graduate [faculty judges](#) will be distributed in the near future via campus mass email.

Deadlines for [internal fellowships](#) are fast approaching.

The "Working with Students in Distress Workshop," will be held on Wednesday, February 27 @ 3:00-4:30 PM in 166 IMU (Iowa Theater). Further details about the workshop can be found below.

Best regards,
Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

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.

Grants & Fellowships

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). <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/funding>

Philanthropy Student Success Grant - The University of Iowa Office of the President and the University of Iowa Center for Advancement's Student Advancement Network have partnered to create the Philanthropy Student Success Grant. The grant provides funding for a variety of activities for undergraduate and graduate students outside of the classroom, such as research, travel, and service projects. The Office of the President has generously allocated \$5,000 per semester to help enhance the student experience at the University through these grants. Applications will be [accepted online](#) through the deadline of **5 p.m. on Friday, February 28**. Additional information about the Philanthropy Student Success Grant can be accessed [here](#).

Workshops

Demystifying Thesis & Dissertation Requirements

February 14, 2019, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in 166 IMU - Please forward notice of the upcoming thesis and dissertation workshop to your graduate students who are currently, or will soon, be working on completing their thesis or dissertation. While it is especially important to reach spring 2019 graduates, information will be presented that is relevant to all students completing a thesis or dissertation. Students graduating in any upcoming session are welcome to attend.

Information covered includes: policies and deadlines, submission and revision, formatting tips and resources, copyright, embargo, and crafting a public abstract. Particular attention will be paid to the new single deposit model for thesis submission.

Students can RSVP [here](#). See attached flyer for details.

Working with Students in Distress Workshop - NEW LOCATION

February 27, 2019, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in 166 IMU (Iowa Theatre) - This is a follow-up to Barry Schreier's 'intro' presentation at the October DGS meeting and in January at the

coordinators meeting. The workshop is campus-centric, student-focused, and learning outcomes specific to situations encountered by faculty and staff.

You are in your office, thinking about a recent interaction with a student that has left you troubled. Many things are running through your mind. Is this a big deal? Should I call someone about this? Can I help this student myself? Should I even get involved?

For many students, personal matters have a profound effect on academic performance, and for that alone, such interactions are significant and a reason to be involved. But these are complicated issues and getting involved can feel intimidating. All one has to do is pick up a newspaper to read about the emotional concerns students are having. Our students struggle with anxiety, depression, general emotional dysregulation, thoughts of self-harm, physical illnesses, family problems, financial crises, and others. Any of these can leave a student distressed and seeking your help.

The "Working with Students in Distress Workshop" is designed to help Staff and Faculty respond to students in distress. It is our experience that faculty and staff want to help students when they are in distress, but sometimes struggle with right words and best approaches. The "Working with Students in Distress Workshop" is designed to provide language and practical skills to help Staff and Faculty navigate challenging interactions. The "Working with Students in Distress Workshop" provides the signs of what distress looks like, ideas of what to do and what not to do, and simple language to assist with having the confidence to act when a student is struggling.

Your response may be a conversation with the student, a phone call to UCS, or a referral to one of the many offices and people who work with distressed students every day. Regardless, we want you to know that you are never alone. We are partners in the important work of helping a student in distress find understanding, support, and appropriate campus services.

This workshop is offered by University Counseling Services and will take place on **February 27, 2019, 3:00-4:30 p.m. in 166 IMU (Iowa Theatre)**.

Also, for your reference, [here](#) is an article from The Chronicle of Higher Education titled *How to Help a Student in a Mental-Health Crisis*.

NEH Grant Writing Workshop

Friday, March 1, 2019, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Iowa City - The University of Iowa will host a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Regional Application Writing Workshop on March 1, 2019. The workshop will include a presentation about NEH grant programs, a discussion of grant-writing tips, and a demonstration of NEH's peer review system. **This workshop is free and open to scholars from any institution.** An agenda and additional details about the workshop will be posted in January 2019.

On Thursday, February 28, and the afternoon of Friday, March 1, Dr. Daniel Sack, Program officer in the NEH Research Division will be available for short one-on-one appointments with faculty. On Thursday, February 28, 4:00-5:00pm, Dr. Sack will be available to meet with a small group of graduate students. Please indicate if you are interested in scheduling one of these appointments when completing the registration process. For more information & to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2Kk3NFa>

Events

Science on Tap

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., 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 including second language acquisition, human toxicology, pharmaceuticals and translational therapeutics, and geographical and sustainability sciences.

Jakobsen Memorial Conference

March 30, 2019, Iowa Memorial Union - The Jakobsen Conference provides University of Iowa graduate and professional students with an opportunity for professional development and presenting research in a welcoming, interdisciplinary environment. This year's conference theme is *Developments*, highlighting the many intellectual developments happening with graduate student work across the university. In honor of this theme, the 2019 Jakobsen Conference is excited to host a morning of professional development panels ranging from building conferencing skills to navigating job markets after graduation. More details about these panels will be announced soon. Read more about the conference [here](#).

Awards

The University of Iowa Council on Teaching announces the annual Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards and invites nominations for 2018-19. This award recognizes teaching assistants who have demonstrated outstanding ability as teachers at the University of Iowa. Recipients receive a \$1,000 monetary award and a certificate presented at the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards Reception in May of each year.

Teaching assistants from all academic units may be nominated. Nominees must have a formal appointment as a teaching assistant and certify that they have had formal student contact during at least one of the following semesters: Spring 2018, Summer 2018, and/or Fall 2018. A teaching assistant who has won this award in the past may not be nominated again. Nominations may be initiated by students, faculty, colleagues, departmental executive officers (DEOs) or deans. Self-nominations are not allowed. See attached memo for additional details.

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.

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