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## Graduate College

**DGS Digest**  
**March 3, 2020**

### Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Dean John Keller will be giving a State of Graduate Education Address on Thursday, April 16th at 5:30 PM in Art Building West. A reception will immediately follow the address in the building's atrium. Please join us to hear about all of the exciting local and national initiatives that the Graduate College is participating in to help facilitate continued innovation in graduate education at UI.

As a part of the new University Strategic planning process, the Graduate College has completed a [draft strategic plan and SWOT analysis](#) that was recently sent to the Office of the Provost. The Graduate College Strategic Plan steering committee was co-chaired by Professor David Cwierny and Senior Vice President for Research Ann Ricketts.

Deadlines for several internal fellowships are quickly 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 upcoming deadlines of note:

- March 11th Summer Fellowships
- March 13th Recruitment and LuLu Merle Johnson Recruitment Fellowships
- March 27th Iowa Arts Fellowship
- March 28th Diversity Tuition Scholarships/Fellowships

Our next DGS meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 3:30 PM in W401 PBB will review the recommendations of a recent Higher Learning Commission Accreditation visit with regard to establishing Learning Outcomes and Assessment of the Learning Outcomes in our all of our graduate programs. This was a topic discussed in one of the recent DGS Learning Groups last fall.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

### Events

#### **Science on Tap**

**Thursday, March 26, 2020, 5:30 pm to 6:30pm, 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](#).

#### **State of Graduate Education Address**

**Thursday, April 16, at 5:30pm in Art Building West** - You are cordially invited to attend the University of Iowa State of Graduate Education Address given by Dean John Keller on Thursday, April 16, at 5:30 in the Art Building West. A reception will follow in the building's atrium. We hope to see you there!

### 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. 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, and Awards

#### **Summer Fellowships**

**Applications due March 11, 2020** - This fellowship program provides an opportunity for advanced Ph.D. students to benefit from protected and supported time to pursue their scholarly research activities. It is intended to facilitate completion of the doctoral degree in a timely manner. For eligibility, students must have successfully completed their comprehensive examinations prior to submission of an application for this fellowship.

The Graduate College provides a \$5,000 summer stipend plus a tuition scholarship for two credit hours and 50 percent of the mandatory fees. Students are responsible for payment of remaining mandatory and course fees. More information can be found [here](#).

#### **Recruitment/URM Recruitment**

**Applications due March 13, 2020** - The Graduate College Iowa Recruitment Fellowship Program enhances departmental recruitment packages by offering our most accomplished new Ph.D. students an academic-year stipend supplement (\$5,000 per year) for up to five years and fellowship support for up to four summer terms (\$5,000 per summer). The Graduate College will contribute 10,000 to fiscal-year appointments. These stipend amounts are effective July 1, 2020.

Tuition scholarships are paid during the academic years (fall, spring) by the appointing unit, while the Graduate College provides two credit hours tuition and 50 percent of the mandatory fees for the summer terms. Nomination for a Graduate College Iowa Recruitment Fellowship must be submitted by the Director of Graduate Studies of the department/program to which the prospective student has been admitted. More information can be found [here](#).

#### **LuLu Merle Johnson Recruitment**

**Applications due March 13, 2020** - The Graduate College's LuLu Merle Johnson Recruitment Fellowship enhances departmental recruitment packages by offering our most accomplished new underrepresented minority doctoral students: 1) a first year academic non-service fellowship (\$20,000), 2) fellowship support for up to four summer terms (\$5,000 per summer), and 3) eligibility to be nominated for post-comprehensive fellowships offered by the Graduate College (including the post-comprehensive exam fellowship and the Ballard and Seashore dissertation fellowship). The fellowship is open to US citizens or permanent residents who are Black or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

The fellowship is named in honor of [LuLu Merle Johnson](#), Ph.D., the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and in the state of Iowa (1941). She was also among the

first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in history in the United States. Dr. Johnson grew up in Gravity, Iowa. She earned all three degrees from Iowa. After graduating, she served on the faculty of Talladega College (Alabama), Tougaloo College (Mississippi), Florida A&M University, and West Virginia State College before joining Cheyney State University (Pennsylvania) in 1952 as a history professor and dean of women.

Tuition scholarships are paid during the academic years (fall, spring) by the appointing unit for years 2-5, while the Graduate College provides two credit hours tuition and 50 percent of the mandatory fees for the summer terms. Nomination for a Graduate College Underrepresented Minority Recruitment Fellowship must be submitted by the Director of Graduate Studies of the department/program to which the prospective student has been admitted. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Missouri Science & Technology (MOST) Policy Initiative**

**Applications due March 15, 2020 at 11:59pm** - Scientifically-trained fellows will inform legislators and the general public about science and technology associated with proposed policy, in order to promote long-term health, sustainability, and economic growth for Missouri communities. Five legislative fellows will be assigned to suites of committees in the Missouri General Assembly covering the following topics:

- Life Sciences, Agriculture, and Conservation
- Education and Workforce
- Healthcare and Wellness
- Technology and Engineering
- Economics and Finance

Fellows must hold a terminal degree (Ph.D. or equivalent highest-level degree for a field, such as an M.D.) in science, technology, engineering, math, medicine, or related discipline (i.e., STEM education, nursing, etc.) upon beginning the fellowship program in September 2020. Fellows will commit to a one-year fellowship term and will be encouraged to renew their fellowship for an additional one-year term. Fellowship applications must be submitted by March 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM CDT. For more information or to apply, please visit <https://mostpolicyinitiative.org/fellows/apply-for-fellowships/>.

### **Iowa Arts Fellowship**

**Nominations due March 27, 2020** - The Iowa Arts Fellowship (IAF) is designed to help recruit the most talented artists to MFA programs at the University of Iowa. The Iowa Arts Fellowship provides MFA students with a **first year** fellowship. During this protected time, students will focus on completing their scholarly activities and creative works.

This is a one-year award that includes an \$20,000 academic year fellowship stipend plus full tuition and 50 percent of the mandatory fees. Students will be responsible for the remainder of their mandatory and course fees. Recipients of the Iowa Arts Fellowship may not hold other paid appointments (TA, RA, instructor) during fellowship years. The appointing program must provide the remaining years of support. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Diversity Tuition Scholarship/Fellowship**

**Applications due March 28, 2020** - The Graduate Diversity Scholarships & Fellowships are presented to graduate students from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented groups in their fields of graduate study. Students must have completed at least one full semester of graduate study at the University of Iowa to be eligible. This initiative continues to aid in building and sustaining an inclusive graduate community at the University of Iowa and is essential to enhancing the quality of the intellectual environment for all of our students and faculty. More information can be found [here](#).

## **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](mailto:grad-success@uiowa.edu).

### **DGS Meetings**

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

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