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Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Thanks to everyone who participated in commencement last week.

Just a reminder that nominations for the [Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize](#) and the [Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize](#) are open and both due on **Wednesday, June 19, 2019**.

The Graduate College is hosting webinars on the NSF GRFP [June 4](#) and [June 18](#) for interested students (including newly admitted graduate students) – information and registration found [here](#).

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Awards

The Iowa Academy of Education Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

The Iowa Academy of Education (IAE) Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award is presented annually to the author of an outstanding dissertation written by a student at an Iowa University that focuses on an issue of significant policy importance to education in Iowa. To nominate a scholar for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, the scholar's dissertation must have been completed between May 2017 and May 2019. Nominators should submit materials by **July 15, 2019**. Find additional details in the attached document.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Awards

The University of Iowa Council on Teaching has named 29 teaching assistants as recipients of the 2019 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. These awards have been given annually since 1988 to a select group of graduate teaching assistants who have effectively promoted learning and creativity both inside and outside of the classroom and also have demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication to student success. A list of this year's recipients can be found [here](#).

Events

Connecting Students to Fellowships

Did you know that 75% of [NSF GRFP](#) winners who applied as Iowa graduate students (based on the last 5 application cycles of GRFP) were in the first year of their programs? Yet for many students, starting an application for a national fellowship as they arrive in graduate school results in a rushed process. This year, the Graduate College, in partnership with departments and former winners, is offering pre-arrival summer webinars for eligible students who are interested in applying for a GRFP for the 2019 deadline. If you know of eligible students who would be a good fit for this award, please consider encouraging them to join the events. Full eligibility information can be found [here](#), program solicitation can be found [here](#), and the UI GRFP resource page can be found [here](#).

June 4, 2019 from 12-1 PM Central Time: "First Year National Fellowships" by Zoom webinar – [register here](#)

- Meet critical partners for your application process at Iowa. Learn about national fellowships open primarily or exclusively to new graduate students (NSF GRFP, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, and others), timelines, and effective management of your proposal.
- This workshop will include Q&A about the fellowships application process and NSF GRFP with our office and a current NSF GRFP fellow

June 18, 2019 from 12-1 PM Central Time: "Think Big: NSF-Style Broader Impacts at Iowa" by Zoom webinar – [register here](#)

- Many national fellowships (NSF GRFP, Ford, etc.) seek applicants committed to improving the world through research, outreach, and/or teaching (Broader Impacts); this workshop will help you brainstorm impacts and learn about opportunities to be involved at U. Iowa

If students are interested in the topics but not able to attend the webinars, the Graduate College offers [individual fellowship consultation and feedback meetings](#) throughout the year (including summer.) Please let us know at grad-success@uiowa.edu if you have any questions about the events!

International Undergraduate Orientation

International Student and Scholar Services is hiring several students to be small group leaders for international undergraduate orientation in August. Graduate and professional students are invited to apply through Hire a Hawk. Contact Lee Seedorff at lee-seedorff@uiowa.edu with any questions.

Grants & Fellowships

Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize

Nominations for the 2019 [D.C. Spriestersbach Dissertation Prize](#) in the Biological and Life Sciences and the Humanities and Fine Arts are now being accepted. Nominees must have received their doctoral degree or completed all doctoral degree requirements (includes having the final deposit of the dissertation cleared through the Graduate College) between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Nominations are due **Wednesday, June 19, 2019 by 5 p.m.**

Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize

Nominations for the 2019 [Rex Montgomery Dissertation Prize](#) are now open. The Montgomery Dissertation Prize recognizes the most meritorious dissertation by a doctoral student conducting research in prevention of disease and/or the translation of research into clinical practice. Students from a variety of graduate programs are eligible, including the biomedical and health sciences, as well as related social sciences. Nominees must have received or completed all requirements for the doctorate between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2019. Nominations are due **Wednesday, June 19, 2019 by 5 p.m.**

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).

Courses

Seminar in College Teaching (GRAD:6217)

This course is designed primarily for graduate students planning to teach in their professional career. It will be offered this spring and fall (2 sections each semester). Classroom time will be spent on instruction involving techniques and strategies for teaching adult learners. Additionally, discussions of the classroom issues seminar students are facing in their teaching experiences will take place each week (although not all students will be currently teaching). Each student will write a teaching philosophy statement at the end of the course. This course is a popular choice for those planning to earn the Graduate College Certificate in College Teaching.

Writing for Learned Journals (GRAD:6300)

Graduate school leaves us with a number of promising yet incomplete projects. This seminar is designed as a workshop in which students deepen, develop and complete one of these projects. By demystifying the process of publication, teaching best practices for writing and research, and modeling rigorous peer-review, the course supports students in submitting a polished project to a learned journal in their field at the semester's end. This course examines knowledge creation across the disciplines and is open to students in any field of study in Fall 2019.

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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