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## Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Please make sure to alert your incoming students that are eligible to apply for any of the National Fellowships of our upcoming Webinars as detailed below and let them know about our [grant writing support](#) page.

The three minute thesis (3MT) registration deadline is September 24th. Please see below for more details including some important changes this year.

[Commencement registration](#) for fall is already up and running! The doctoral and masters' ceremonies will be held on Friday, December 20, 2019.

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

## Events

### **Connecting Communities: Creating Space for Graduate Students of Color**

**Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-8:00 PM** – For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, the Grad College will be hosting a community-building event for our entering graduate students of color. Unlike the first two years, however, our event will take place the evening before Grad Orientation, on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be held from 6-8 pm at Karro Athletic Hall of Fame. Students interested in attending should visit our [website](#) and click on "Register" to reserve a seat. Personal invites have already been dispatched to our entering new students of color.

### **New Grad Student Orientation**

**Wednesday, August 21, 1:30-6:00 PM** – After great success last year, our new student orientation will include separate starting locations for doctoral and non-doctoral students. Doctoral students can check-in at W10 Pappajohn Business Building. Non-doctoral students can check-in at C20 Pomerantz Center between 1:30 and 2. An Info Fair will be held in the Main Lounge of the IMU from 3:30 to 5:00, with a reception to follow. Please visit our [website](#) for more details.

### **Supporting National Fellowship Applicants**

This year, the Graduate College, in partnership with departments and former winners, is offering webinars for eligible students who are interested in applying for a National Fellowship. If you know of students who would be a good fit for these awards, please consider encouraging them to join the events. Learn more about available support for national fellowship applicants on our [grant writing support](#) page.

#### **Scheduled Webinars:**

- [Ford \(Personal Statements and Q&A with Ford fellow Elaina Aceves\)](#): Thursday 8/15/19 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (PhD students in any field except Education who plan on a university faculty career committed to using the diversity of human experience as an educational resource in research, teaching, and/or service)
- [AAUW \(Overview, Q&A with AAUW fellows Banu Gumusoglu and Ana-Monica Racila\)](#): Wednesday 8/7/19 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (women scholars in any field)
- [GRFP \(Personal Statements and Q&A with GRFP fellow Stephanie Silva-Del Toro\)](#): Monday 8/5/19 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (STEM, Social Sciences, History and Philosophy of Science, Science Education)
- [Mellon + CLIR \(Overview and Q&A with CLIR and AAUW winner Caroline Radesky\)](#): Friday 8/23/19 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences)

#### **Upcoming Webinars\*:**

- Q&A with GRFP faculty: early Fall semester
- Q&A with Ford faculty: early Fall semester
- Q&A with AAUW faculty: late August
- Q&A with Mellon/CLIR faculty: late August

\* note that the faculty Q&A sessions are open to both student attendees and faculty attendees

### **Three Minute Thesis**

**Registration Deadline September 24** – The ability to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences is a vital skill for all graduate students. Participating in the Graduate College's research competitions can help students develop and hone communication skills, provides a platform to show off their work, and offers the chance to compete for cash prizes.

- **Interdisciplinary Competition**  
[The University of Iowa's fifth Interdisciplinary Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\) competition](#) challenges graduate students to clearly and concisely articulate complex research to non-specialist audiences. More information and registration can be found [here](#). Registration deadline is **October 7<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Host a Departmental 3MT**  
New this year, if your department hosts a 3MT competition your winner can by-pass the interdisciplinary preliminary competition to participate in the final competition. You can find more details, resources, and information on hosting a departmental 3MT on the [Hosting a Departmental 3MT](#) section of our website.

### **Commencement for Summer & Fall Degree Applicants**

Summer and fall degree applicants are eligible to participate in the Fall commencement ceremony provided they register by the deadline of **November 20, 2019**.

Registration is open for Fall Commencement and is available on the [new commencement webpage](#). The ceremony will be held immediately before the University Holidays in Hancher Auditorium on **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**.

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## Grants & Fellowships

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### ***Innovation in Education Challenge Grants***

The Graduate College is pleased to fund five interdisciplinary campus projects through Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge Grants for the 2020 fiscal year. These Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge Grants are designed to assist academic and campus programs to better prepare graduate students for the global challenges and broader career options, which align with the University of Iowa Strategic Plan Student Success goal of providing a transformative educational experience that educates all UI students to be engaged citizens. See more information on the five funded projects [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](mailto:grad-fellowships@uiowa.edu) or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

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## Resources

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

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