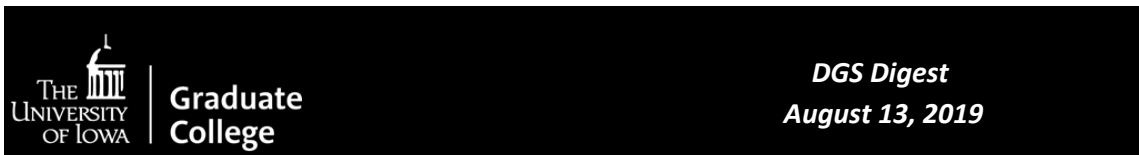


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Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

Thank you for your leadership of graduate education at the University of Iowa. In order to get the job done, it's nice to have a few tools of the trade. Below is a brief review of a few DGS 'on-boarding' materials.

- As you have questions, you will find a little info about who-does-what in the [Graduate College organizational chart](#).
- You have been added to the DGS listserv so you can receive regular communications directly from the Graduate College. Previous versions are stored in the [DGS Digest Archive](#).
- You can access the [DGS meeting schedule](#) as well as past DGS meeting notes.
- Our resources for DGSs are found [here](#).
- Graduate Education policy is governed by the [Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations](#).

To make it easier to remember the Fall DGS meeting times and locations, Wendy Danger will send Outlook calendar invites to the DGS listserv. The Graduate College looks forward to working with you this academic year!

Best regards,

Steve

Steve Varga
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Student Development

Updates

ISSS Staffing Changes

After nearly 20 years of service to International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) Lee Seedorff took a position in the College of Law. Michael Bortscheller is the interim Associate Director for ISSS and Brandon Paulson is the Assistant Director for ISSS. Both Michael and Brandon have many years of experience serving international students and scholars and we look forward to a smooth transition.

Events

Connecting Communities: Creating Space for Graduate Students of Color

Tuesday, August 20, 6:00-8:00 PM – For the 3rd 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 20th. 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)
- [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)

In addition, faculty panelists will join Graduate College staff by Zoom webinar to answer questions from grad student applicants and faculty/staff new mentors about four national fellowship programs (registration and past webinars can be accessed [here](#)). Upcoming sessions include:

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

- ["NSF GREP: Faculty Ideation and Q&A"](#) - Friday, August 30, 2019 (2 PM to 3 PM Central Time)

Humanities Fellowships

- ["Humanities Fellowships: Mellon, CLIR, and More"](#) - Friday, August 23, 2019 (2 PM to 3 PM Central Time)
- ["Humanities Fellowships: Faculty Ideation and Q&A"](#) - Thursday, August 29, 2019 (3 PM to 4 PM Central Time)

American Association of University Women Fellowships

- ["AAUW Faculty Ideation and Q&A"](#) - Tuesday, August 20, 2019 (1 PM - 2 PM Central Time)

Ford Foundation Fellowships

- ["Ford Foundation Personal Statements"](#) - Thursday, August 15, 2019 (12 PM to 1 PM Central Time)
- ["Ford Faculty Ideation and Q&A"](#) - Friday, August 30, 2019 (10 AM to 11 AM Central Time)

For additional information and resources on each featured fellowship, please see the Graduate College's fellowship community pages: [American Association of University Women \(AAUW\)](#), [Ford Foundation](#), [National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program \(NSF GRFP\)](#), and [Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship](#). For questions, please contact grad-success@uiowa.edu.

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 7th**.

- **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**.

Grants & Fellowships

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 or call Associate Dean Shelly Campo (335-2136) or Executive Director of Operations Donna Welter (335-2145).

Courses

Thesis Writing Seminar, SSW:7804

A seminar to support students writing their master's or doctoral thesis is being offered in Fall 2019. This course helps students complete their thesis proposal and develop their scientific communication skills, including presenting their ideas for feedback. See the attached flyer for 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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