Announcements

Directors of Graduate Studies,

As we enter recruiting season, a reminder that the University of Iowa has agreed to support the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) April 15th resolution in which students are not required to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15th. Should a prospect report another institution is pressuring them, please email steven-varga@uiowa.edu.

In order to respond to the recommendations of the Higher Learning Commission during our reaffirmation of accreditation that occurred in 2019, the Graduate College requests each graduate program fill out and return the attached Learning Outcomes and Assessment Template to steven-varga@uiowa.edu by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 2, 2021.

For the Spring 2021 Directors of Graduate Studies (DGS) meetings, Wendy Danger will send Outlook calendar invites. The first DGS meeting on February 10th will include a presentation of a graduate program’s curricular redesign, articulated learning outcomes and assessment plans as well as continued conversations about developing appropriate assessment tools for graduate programs.

The Graduate College shared a couple of brief updates to the Office of the Provost.

The three items on the fall 2020 Graduate Faculty ballot passed: inclusion of a faculty representative from the Graduate College to serve on Graduate Council, allowing a support person in an inquiry hearing as part of the formal Academic Grievance Procedure, supporting the creation of a Master of Science (MS) in Sustainable Development program. The Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations has been updated.

Internal Funding and Awards

In lieu of Graduate Student Senate (GSS) travel funds, this spring GSS is accepting virtual conference funding applications on a rolling basis. Details can be found on the GSS webpage.

The Digital Studio Summer Fellowship deadline is February 11, 2021. This is an opportunity for PhD, DMA, and MFA students to benefit from a mentored digital scholarship internship experience at the University of Iowa Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio.

For a listing of all Graduate College fellowship opportunities and their requirements, visit the Graduate College fellowship webpage.

Incredible and transformative work is taking place at the University across disciplines in the areas of discovery, innovation, and leadership development. You have an opportunity to help recognize the individuals responsible for this amazing work by
submitting your postdoc and graduate student nominations to the OVPR Discovery and Innovation Awards. Nominations are due Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

The Department of Gender, Women’s & Sexuality Studies (GWSS) at The University of Iowa invites applications for their scholarships. **Application deadline is February 15, 2021.** Information about eligibility and application procedures for all awards is available on the [GWSS website](https://www.gwss.uiowa.edu).