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DGS Digest



Hello Directors of Graduate Studies:

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting fall semester. There are a few updates to share from the Graduate College as we head into classes.

First, we have made the decision to pare back how often you receive the DGS Digest. You will now only receive messages on an as needed basis. That said, we still encourage you to send in any relevant faculty information that would be beneficial to this group. The messages may be incorporated into upcoming digest emails. Please send those to our Director of External Relations, Katie McKibben at katie-mckibben@uiowa.edu. We look forward to seeing how this new format works for the group.

We also have some exciting news! The Graduate College has curated a new speaker series for the DGS group focusing on a broad array of racial disparities and social justice issues. Several meetings moving forward will feature a different diversity, equity, and inclusion thought leader. At our Sept. 9 meeting, we will share a general overview of the college's response to Black Lives Matter and other campus-related racial disparities and social justice issues. Additionally, we are extremely pleased that the Dean of the Graduate School and Senior Vice President of Admissions at the University of Texas at Austin, [Mark J. T. Smith](#), has agreed to speak on holistic admissions practices.

This semester will undoubtedly be unpredictable. That said, we are confident that all of you will not only do the best for our students, but that you have the ability to pivot as things evolve. Please know that we committed to open communications and hope that you will also continue to share your thoughts with us moving forward.

Below we are highlighting member updates shared before the new change in publishing format. This may or may not be how the newsletter unfolds moving forward, but we'd like to honor the submissions.

Most of all, we appreciate all you do and hope you have a wonderful semester. Thank you!

Other News

The University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities has funding for two Diversity and Disability Fellows. Applications are due Sept. 8 for a start date of Oct. 1. Please contact Patricia Bahr at 651-226-4603 with questions.

Iowa's participation in the CIRTL (Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning) network allows graduate students and postdocs access to a wide range of teaching professional development. Iowa students can also develop Teaching-As-Research (TAR) Projects through CIRTL. For information or assistance, please contact [Dr. Lisa Kelly](#).

The University of Iowa Human Subjects Office (HSO) offers a variety of training and educational opportunities for investigators, delegates, and research team members. For more information, please visit its [Education & Training](#) page and [required training in human subject protections](#).

Below are links to 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](#).
- Previous communications are stored in the [DGS Digest Archive](#).
- You can access the [DGS meeting schedule](#) as well as past DGS meeting notes.
- Resources for DGSs are found [here](#).
- Graduate Education policy is governed by the [Graduate College Manual of Rules and Regulations](#).



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