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## Graduate School *Celebrations*



Congratulations to fellowship competition award winners in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering (left to right), **Brennen Mullins**, **Luis Chacon**, and **Tori DuPlessis**, for receiving the **Lexmark Fellowship**! These fellowships are designed to assist students who are pursuing graduate degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering or Computer Science.



Congratulations to this fall's fellowship competition award winners **Margaux Crider** (Sociology, top left), **Leo Bettel** (Civil Engineering, top right), **Jessica Nwafor** (Anthropology, bottom left), and **Bethany Craig** (Geography, bottom right) for receiving the **Association of Emeriti Faculty Endowed Fellowship**! These fellowships express the commitment of emeriti faculty to the preparation of outstanding future college and university teachers.



Congratulations to **Trahnel Mitchum**, Executive Assistant to the Dean, and **Chassidy Rice**, Admissions Officer II - the latest recipients of **The Dean's Annual Award for Staff Excellence**! Based on nominations from their colleagues, this prestigious annual award recognizes Graduate School staff who consistently go above and beyond to enhance our workplace and graduate community.



Congratulations to **Cleophus Price, Ed.D.**, Assistant Dean for Academic Services at The Graduate School, who has received an [award from UK Staff Senate](#): **Student-Nominated Staff Member of the Year**. The UK [Staff Senate](#) is the official representative body of the staff of the University. We are proud of him and his devotion to serving students!

## Graduate Student *Spotlight*



Esther Ndashaala, a Martin-Gatton CAFE Master of Science graduate in nutrition and food systems, spoke at the [December Commencement](#). Graduates listened intently during Esther's student address at the morning ceremony: *"Whether we are heading into healthcare, technology, education, or any other field, we each carry a piece of this place with us, and an unspoken promise to make our communities stronger, healthier, and more resilient."*

## Funding *Opportunities*

### The Graduate School's Spring 2025 *Fellowship Competition is now open!*

**These opportunities will provide funding  
for the Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026 semesters.**

Find full descriptions for each of the **fellowship opportunities** [here](#).  
Access the **application** [here](#).

#### [Presidential Graduate Fellowship](#)

Applications Open: January 6, 2025

Application Deadline: **February 16, 2025**

#### [Northern KY/Greater Cincinnati UK Alumni Club Fellowship](#)

Applications Open: January 6, 2025

Application Deadline: **March 30, 2025**

## Career *Corner*

### OPT/CPT Workshop and Graduate Career Discussion



**January 28, 3pm**

#### **International Graduate Students**

Learn more about OPT/CPT and work authorization and get answers to your questions. The [International Student and Scholar Services](#) team will present and there will also be a graduate student career services discussion.

**To attend, visit the International Center on January 28th, at 3pm! (the lower level of the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library)**



**KENTUCKY GRADUATE INTERNSHIP Scholarship**

**Doctoral Student Looking for Summer Funding?**

Offers up to **\$5000\*** in funding!

**Info Session 1:**  
January 29, 3:00 PM  
Location: Zoom Meeting

**What You'll Learn:**

- Applying for KGIS
- Benefits of KGIS
- Internship Opportunities

\*Join the Zoom at [tinyurl.com/KGIS-Zoom](https://tinyurl.com/KGIS-Zoom)



*"The graduate internship experience has brought an edge of reality to my consideration for a career beyond graduate school, and for that I am grateful."*  
- 2024 Scholarship Recipient

**Information Session**  
January 29, 3:00 PM  
Join the Zoom [here](#)

Summer support for a doctoral student in an unpaid or underpaid internship in a career direction that is related to their research but is not within academia, nor in the field that is a typical career outcome for that degree program. [MORE >>](#)

SPRING  
WORKSHOP  
SERIES

**LEVERAGING YOUR GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCES FOR ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC CAREER SUCCESS**



**JANUARY 23**  
**3-4 PM EST**

**LEVERAGING YOUR RESEARCH FOR CAREER SUCCESS**

**ON ZOOM: [TINYURL.COM/GRADCAREERSUCCESS](https://tinyurl.com/GRADCAREERSUCCESS)**

**Questions?**  
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**Graduate Student Resources**



CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

STARTING JAN 29  
WEBINAR SCREENINGS  
GROUP DISCUSSIONS

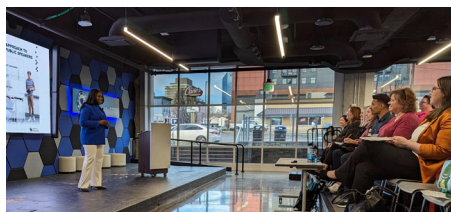
**BECOMING A RESILIENT SCIENTIST**

**Becoming A Resilient Scientist**

Studying or working in academic research can sometimes be hard and require trainees of all levels (postbac, graduate, postdoctoral) to build resilience skills. Join a webinar, discussion, or campus conversation!

[MORE>>](#)

**UK GradTeach LIVE!**



**Practice Your Teaching Skills. Calling All TAs for GradTeach LIVE! Competition**

All current and former Graduate Teaching Assistants are invited to showcase their teaching philosophy and instructional skills at GradTeachLive! **Cash prizes! \*Prep Workshop 1/31/25** [MORE>>](#)

## Graduate Group *Health & Wellness Coaching*

Small group sessions for graduate students to work together with certified health & wellness coaches on common goals.

Virtual 4 Part Series- Spring 1  
Feb 18th, Feb 25th, March 4th, and March 11th  
12-12:50

Have questions? Email  
meghan.wolf@uky.edu

Stress & Time Management



**Health & Wellness Coaching: A 4-week series available for all Graduate Students!**

Join a group of your peers to talk through the stressors in graduate school and life and develop healthier coping strategies. **You must register for each session - [Week 1: Understanding Stress & Its Triggers](#)** Questions? [Meghan.wolf@uky.edu](mailto:Meghan.wolf@uky.edu)

- [Non-Native English Speaker? Graduate English Language Courses Available](#)
- [Discounted Uber Rides? Sign Up for Wildcab Vouchers](#)
- [Interested in Turning Your Research Innovations into a Startup Company?](#)

### Did You Make a New Year's Resolution for Better Self-care?

- [Recreational Centers hours and locations](#)
- [Schedule Your CARES Relaxation Room Session](#)

## Graduate Student *Opportunities*

- The [U.S. Army Health Professionals Scholarship Program](#) covers tuition for an advanced medical degree, covering the fields of medical, dental, veterinary, nursing, counseling and clinical psychology, and optometry.
- The [Chicago Biomedical Consortium](#) is offering a one-year, paid, entrepreneurial fellowship for PhD students who will have graduated by 9/2025, interested in moving biomedical innovations from academia into a biotech startup or industry.

### *Grad Students* WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Take our brief survey and tell us why YOU chose Grad School for a chance to be featured on the new website! or Submit Photos of your grad school activities/research!



No more than 5 minutes to complete!

\*Take the survey at [tinyurl.com/ukygradsurvey](https://tinyurl.com/ukygradsurvey)





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