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Greetings!

This bi-weekly (every other week) newsletter is sent to you as a graduate student, postdoctoral trainee, or graduate faculty member at The University of Kentucky. It contains information and announcements from The Graduate School that we hope you find useful.



GradResearch LIVE!

[Apply for UK GradResearch Live! Virtual Edition](#)

Communicating research succinctly and engagingly, especially to general audiences, is a critical but rare skill that can give you a boost in the competitive job market inside and outside academia. [UK GradResearch Live!](#) is a **Three-Minute Thesis competition** and **research showcase** that challenges participants—graduate students and postdoctoral trainees—to tell an **appealing story** to a **non-specialist audience** in **three minutes or less** with a **single static graphic** to enhance the audience's understanding. The competition includes *monetary prizes totaling over \$3,500*. [Click here to learn more and apply today!](#)

[Graduate School Fall Fellowship Competitions](#)

Several fellowship opportunities are available through The Graduate School for students enrolled and seeking a degree in one of our many graduate departments. Below is a list of upcoming opportunities:

- Lexmark Fellowship Application Deadline - Tuesday, September 29, 2020
- Lexington Herald Leader Fellowship Application Deadline - Tuesday, October 6, 2020
- UK Woman's Club Endowed Fellowship Application Deadline - Tuesday, October 13, 2020
- Association of Emeriti Faculty Endowed Fellowship Application Deadline - Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Please click the link below for information on all Graduate School Fellowships and deadlines.
<https://gradschool.uky.edu/fellowships>

GradDegree+

Now Accepting Applications for GradDegree+ Cohorts

[GradDegree+](#) is a professional development toolkit for graduate students developed by The Graduate School in

partnership with [The Office of Human Resources Training and Development](#) and [The Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching](#). Participants develop and refine transferable skills highly sought by employers by completing modular tracks that can stand alone or be combined with additional tracks to undergird degree program content and skills gained in research and teaching.

We are now accepting applications for the following cohorts. Please click the links to see the call for applicants and learn more.

- [2020-2021 GradDegree+ Professional Development Cohort](#)
- [2020-2021 GradDegree+ Pedagogy Development Track](#)

The deadline for applications is September 30, 2020.

[Click here to learn more about GradDegree+](#), or contact Dr. Ashley Sorrell (ashley.sorrell@uky.edu) if you have further questions.

DOE Research Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program. The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories.

There are 4 new transdisciplinary research areas for encouraging graduate training activities at the convergence of multiple disciplines and communities, including *Microelectronics, Data Science, Conservation Laws and Symmetries, and Accelerator Science*. Applications in these areas are strongly encouraged.

Applications are due 5:00pm Eastern Time on November 12, 2020.

Details about the program, research areas, and online application can be found at <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/scgsr/>.



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Open Textbooks in Higher Education Workshop

How to Find, Review, and Use Open Educational Resources

Amid the concerns about the costs of higher education are the escalating prices of textbooks. To alleviate students' financial burdens, some educators have switched to library resources and/or openly licensed peer-reviewed materials (open educational resources, OER) in place of traditional textbooks. In addition to being free of charge to students, OER allow instructors to customize the content to suit their pedagogical needs and provide students with up-to-date information on the subject. This workshop aims to introduce participants to OER, the benefits of using them, and where to find them.

Date: Sept. 25, 2020

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Registration link: <http://go.uky.edu/oer-workshop>

Questions can be sent to Adrian Ho at adrian.ho@uky.edu



APPLY TODAY
**GRANTS FOR INNOVATIVE
GLOBAL RESEARCH**

Applications are now open for the final IIE-GIRE cohort, funding 3-5 month research abroad from January–September 2021.

Apply for IIE-GIRE Innovative Global Research Grants

[IIE-GIRE \(Graduate International Research Experiences\) Program](#) is accepting applications for its third and final cohort. The program provides funding for U.S. PhD candidates to spend 3 to 5 months abroad, conducting innovative research and creating ties between their home and host institutions. In addition, the grantee's home advisor will receive a \$2000 stipend to help support their own travel to the research site abroad to visit their student or for other relevant activities to support internationalization of home campus graduate programs.

Application Deadline: October 5, 2020

IIE-GIRE is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) under grant no 1829436.

GSPE LUNCH & LEARN: The Faculty Job Market: Tips for Applying to Teaching-Intensive Institutions

Presenter: Dr. Morris Grubbs,

Assistant Dean, The Graduate School, and Co-Director of Preparing Future Faculty

Tuesday, Sept. 29, at noon (until 1:00)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://uky.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYvcO2hrzwvG9Fyj7kRq-VOZM3EayOcpWRj>

Applying to independent liberal arts colleges and community colleges requires a very different approach than applying to research universities or even regional comprehensive universities. This presentation will highlight what it takes to write an effective cover letter that will optimize your chances of getting an interview. How to appropriately tailor the CV, teaching philosophy statement, and research statement will be included. Also covered will be the subtypes of liberal arts colleges and the implications of those types for how well you may fit the institution and how well the institution may fit you. Q&A will follow. Will be recorded for later viewing. Sponsored by Graduate Student Professional Enhancement (GSPE) in the UK Graduate School.

Beyond the Professoriate Online Career Success Conference

Academic Career Success for Humanities & Social Science PhDs



Sarah Glosson, PhD

Director, Arts and Sciences Graduate Center, The College of William & Mary



David Congdon, PhD

Acquisitions Editor, University Press of Kansas



Ben Arenger, PhD

Project Manager, the Graduate School, Rutgers University



Jennifer Askey, PhD

Leadership Advisor, University of Alberta & Coach, Energized Academics

Agenda

Saturday, Sept 26th

11:00 a.m. ET - 12:00 p.m. ET

Sarah Glosson, PhD – Writing strategies for Humanities and Social Science Graduate Students and PhDs

12:15 p.m. ET - 1:15 p.m. ET

David Congdon, PhD – From Dissertation to Published Book: A guide for first-time authors

1:30 p.m. ET - 2:30 p.m. ET

Ben Arenger, PhD – 3 Tips for Successful Grant and Fellowship Applications

2:45 p.m. ET - 3:45 p.m. ET

Jennifer Askey, PhD – Productivity and Time Management for Humanities and Social Science Grad Students and PhDs

An Online Conference by Beyond the Professoriate, Saturday, Sept. 26

FREE to graduate students and postdoctoral trainees at the UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Register by [logging into Aurora here](#) with your Linkblue credentials.

[More information about the conference can be found here](#) (ignore the information about tickets!).

News from The Graduate Student Congress

GSC “Civic Engagement Saturdays” Conversation on 09/26

Invited Guest: Representative Nima Kulkarni

Saturday September 26, 2020, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. EST via Zoom webinar

Moderator: Rilwan Oyetunji

Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/o5GrF5AtSLCReLpj9>

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) at the University of Kentucky(UK) has started a new series of events called “CivicEngagementSaturdays.” On the last Saturday of the month during the academic year, the GSC will invite prominent BIPOC politicians and activists to campus to speak with all undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, and postdocs about recognizing yourself in politics, how to get involved in politics, and effecting change in your community(ies). This month’s invited guest is Representative Nima Kulkarni from Louisville, KY. Representative Kulkarni serves in the Kentucky House of Representatives for the 40th District and she is the first Indian-American elected as a state representative in Kentucky. The moderator for this conversation will be Rilwan Oyetunji, a third-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering. Rilwan serves as Co-Chair for the GSC’s Professional Development & Networking Committee and as Vice President for the Black Graduate and Professional Students Association (BGPSA).

Check out [the GSC’s website](#) for more information!

GSC Awards Cycle 1 Closes on 09/30

Deadline: Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST

Awards Committee Chair: [Lan Jiang](#)

Awards Available During Cycle 1:
7 Conference Awards (\$500 each)
2 Research Awards (\$500 each)
1 Professional Development Award (\$250 each)

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) provides awards to University of Kentucky graduate and professional students to attend conferences, conduct research, engage in professional development, and purchase or rent graduation regalia. We do not place specific restrictions on the types of research, conferences, or professional development that we will fund. Successful applicants should be able to make a strong case for how their proposed research, conference, or professional development will contribute to their personal and professional growth. Due to the competitive nature of the awards, and our desire to fund as many students as possible, applicants are only eligible for funding once for each type of award per academic year.

See the GSC's [website](#) for more information and links to each application!

GSC October General Assembly Meeting on 08/01

President: Katherine Counts

Thursday, October 1, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/91588452854?pwd=ak5jbUF2Vk8vQVNOVk9QZDVpRzQzQT09>

Password: 856780

The Graduate Student Congress's (GSC's) General Assembly Meetings take place on the first Thursday of the month during the academic year. The purpose of the General Assembly Meetings is to bring together the GSC Executive Board and Leadership Team members with all GSC Representatives from across UK to discuss matters affecting our quality of life, and to provide updates and seek feedback from our constituents on the GSC's outreach programming, advocacy, and community enhancement efforts. All graduate and professional students, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate faculty are invited to attend.

Visit the GSC's [website](#) for a copy of the agenda!