

*Issue 1, Spring 2021*

*Welcome Back! - The Graduate School*



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## **Fellowship Opportunities for the 2021-2022 Academic Year**

Students seeking funding can visit the [Graduate School Fellowship web page](#) to view various fellowship opportunities and application deadlines.

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## **SGA Spring 2021 Elections**

Applications for Spring elections to the Student Government Association (SGA) are currently open! Students can run for:

- Student body President & Vice president
- College-specific senators
- Undergraduate at-large senators
- Graduate at-large senators

Filing for official candidacy will conclude on **February 8th at 12 pm.**

Apply here: <https://uky.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/461092>

An info session for all students will take place on February 2nd at 7:00pm via Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/82036393757>

For questions, please contact [sga.elections@uky.edu](mailto:sga.elections@uky.edu).

## UK Women's Forum - New Award For Graduate Students

Sarah Bennett Holmes was a distinguished Dean of Women at the University of Kentucky, who tirelessly championed the rights of women throughout her career. Widowed at a young age, Holmes raised four children while completing her own education. She then began a successful career at UK where she inspired young women to persevere in the face of hardship and pursue their career goals. Among her accomplishments, Holmes developed work programs for women during the Depression.

Peer or self-nominations for individuals or teams who exemplify the qualities and legacy of Sarah Bennett Holmes will be accepted through **February 14th, 2021**. For complete nomination information and eligibility requirements, please visit the [UK Women's Forum website](#). Submit nominations here:

[https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9soFJIWbmQEEcl](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9soFJIWbmQEEcl)

Questions about these awards can be directed to [UKWF@uky.edu](mailto:UKWF@uky.edu).

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## 2021 Global Health Case Competition

Applications are live for the UK Global Health Initiatives February 20th, 2021 Global Health Case Competition (GHCC).

Apply now: [GHCC Application](#)

Registration is occurring now through **Sunday, February 14th, 2021**.

The GHCC is an innovative student competition that rallies graduate and undergraduate students to participate on interdisciplinary teams to develop strategies that address a critical global health challenge. These strategies are presented to a panel of judges and the top team will be awarded \$1500.00, in addition to receiving an invitation to represent UK at Emory University's International Case Competition.

All students from any UK college are welcome. For more information please check out the UK Global Health Case Competition website:

<https://international.uky.edu/GHI/Solve/Case>

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## Female Runners Needed for Physical Therapy Study

The Biomotion Lab Runner's Clinic is looking for female runners with patellofemoral pain (runner's knee) to participate in a research study. The study involves two physical therapy visits per week for 10 weeks in the Biomotion Lab at UK and is completely free of charge to participants (no charge for physical therapy visits, parking will be validated, and all runners will get a 2D and 3D running gait analysis by the completion of the study).

- Runners will be eligible to participate in the study if they meet the following criteria:
- Females between ages 18-50 years
- Have knee pain around or behind the knee cap
- Have knee pain that is aggravated by running and either jumping, squatting, or going up/down stairs
- Have knee pain that has been present for at least 2 months
- Pain rating of at least 3/10 during running
- Run at least 10 miles/week (currently or just prior to current knee injury)

View the research study flyer [here](#).

If interested, please email Lauren Erickson at [Lauren.Erickson@uky.edu](mailto:Lauren.Erickson@uky.edu).

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## Fellowship

Considering a master's or Ph.D. program in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment? Apply for their Diversity Fellowship by **March 1**. Details can be found at <https://administration.ca.uky.edu/diversity-fellowships>

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### How to Apply for a Degree/Certificate

Effective with the May 2021/August 2021 graduating class, all students can now complete the Degree Application process in one of two methods as noted below.

**Method #1** - Apply through Degree Audit in myUK GPS (Graduation Planning System)

**Method #2** - Apply through the Student Services Tab in myUK

For detailed instructions on the above methods, [click here](#).

Students should apply for each degree and/or certificate by the established deadlines. For example, a student seeking an undergraduate degree and an undergraduate certificate would complete two applications. **NOTE:** Students seeking a Doctoral Degree within the Graduate School must use Method #2 as they DO NOT have a Degree Audit in myUK GPS.

### Other Helpful Links

[Don't Forget Your Daily Screenings](#)

[Parking and Transit Update for Spring 2021 Semester](#)

[UK Students: Pick Up Your Wellness Kit Today](#)



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### News from The Graduate Student Congress

#### GSC Seeking Feedback on Legislative & Financial Autonomy

**Survey Link:** [https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6MDoUmEGO7Pgu4R](https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6MDoUmEGO7Pgu4R)

On Thursday, December 3, 2020, the Graduate Student Congress (GSC) Congressional Body reaffirmed its **Statement of Autonomy** by a majority vote (90% approve, 0% against, 10% abstain). This statement affirms the GSC's commitment to becoming recognized by UK as the autonomous governing organization for all graduate and professional students and postdoctoral scholars in two ways: (1) through legislative separation from the undergraduate focused SGA and (2) by securing regular access to graduate/professional student government fees that are currently controlled by SGA. Securing legislative and financial autonomy has been an important part of the GSC's **2018 - 2020 Strategic Plan**. Before moving forward, we would like to gather opinions from all graduate and professional students and postdocs at UK concerning the GSC's financial and legislative independence goals.

If you have not done so already, please fill out our [survey](#)!

Spring Ice Cream Social on 02/03

**Committee:** Professional Development & Networking

**Co-Chairs:** Parul Suri & Sara Qian

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST via Zoom**

**Registration Form:** <https://forms.gle/gCrCQhMsEqVYPjw47>

All graduate students, professional students, and postdoctoral scholars are invited to attend the Graduate Student Congress's (GSC) Spring Ice Cream Social, which is a great opportunity to meet and network with other graduate and professional students and postdocs across campus. If you register to attend this event, you'll also receive a free scoop of Crank & Boom ice cream!

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

## GSC February General Assembly Meeting on 02/04

**President:** Katherine Counts

**Thursday, February 4, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST via Zoom**

Zoom Link:

<https://uky.zoom.us/j/91588452854pwd=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!*

## GSC Awards Cycle 4 Opens on 02/07

**Deadline:** Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. EST

**Awards Committee Chair:** Lan Jiang ([lan.jiang@uky.edu](mailto:lan.jiang@uky.edu))

**Awards Available During Cycle 4:**

- 17 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!*

# Upcoming Spring Semester Events

## February

02/03: Spring Ice Cream Social

02/04: General Assembly Meeting

02/13: "Civic Engagement Saturdays" with Senator Reginald Thomas

02/15 - 02/19: Future Graduate and Professional Student Leaders Conference

## March

03/04: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Nominations Open)

03/08 - 03/12: Life After Graduate School Conference

TBD: Networking Hangout

TBD: "Civic Engagement Saturdays"

## April

04/01: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Elections)

04/12 - 04/16: NAGPS Midwestern Regional Conference

TBD: Networking Hangout

TBD: "Civic Engagement Saturdays"

TBD: DGS Luncheon

04/26 - 04/30: Graduate Student Appreciation Week

## May

05/06: General Assembly Meeting (Executive Board Transitions)

TBD: End-of-the-Year Gala

TBD: Lunch with the President

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