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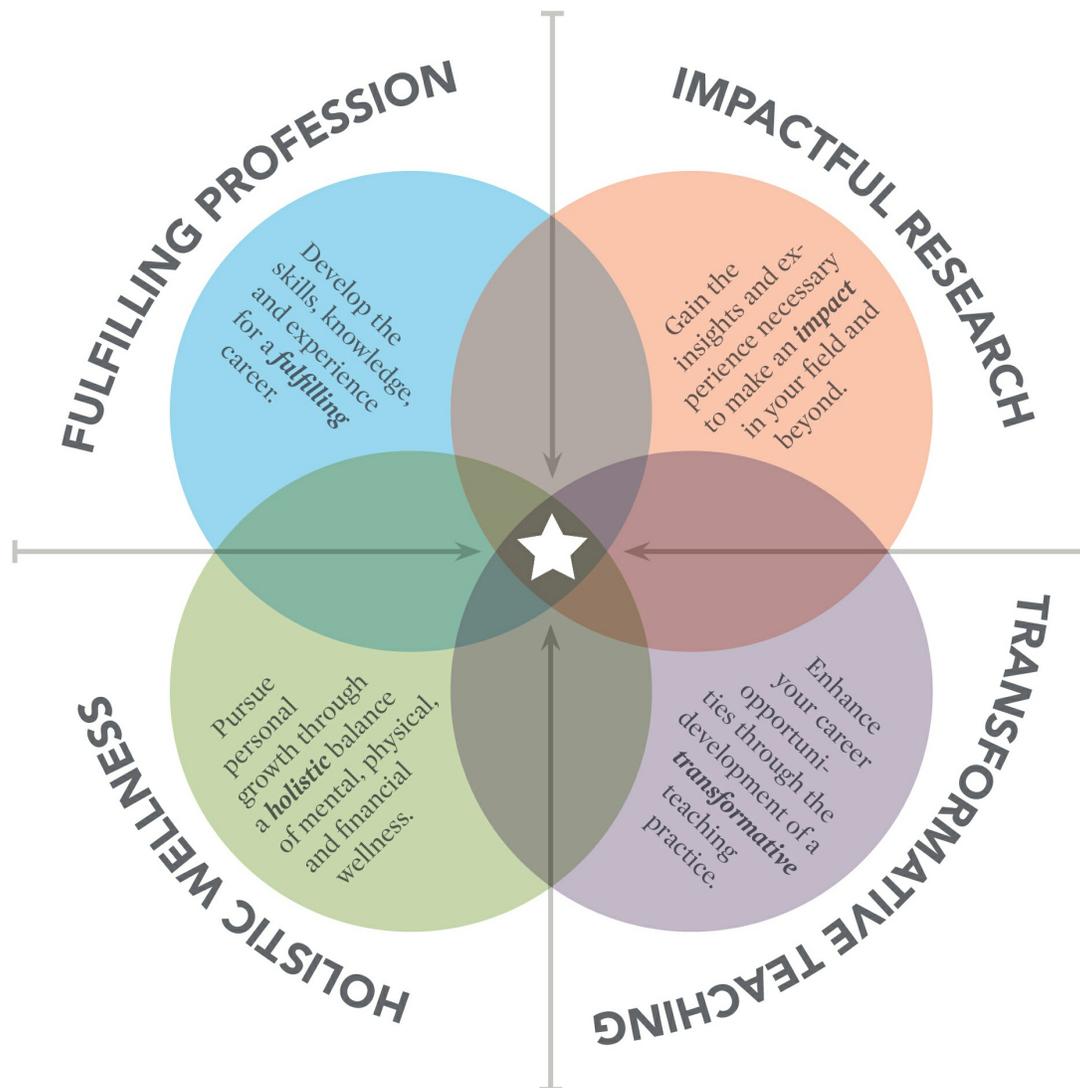
NEW Graduate Teaching Assistant Learning & Teaching Community

every other Thursday, starting Sept. 9, @ 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. EST
5th floor of the Margaret I. King Science and Engineering Library
Contact Person: [Jannell Parsons](#), Graduate Assistant in CELT

Registration Form

Are you a new TA at UK this semester, learning to navigate your first semester of teaching right now amidst the ongoing challenges of Covid-19? Do you want to learn to do that alongside a cohort of other people in the same boat, who get what you are going through? We know this is an incredibly challenging moment to be stepping into the classroom for the first time, and this learning and teaching community is designed to support you through your first semester. We will meet biweekly through the semester as needed and our conversations will be group guided, based on your needs and what is arising in the classroom for you and your students—we will be flexible as this particular moment certainly demands of us. First-time TAs at UK from any department and discipline are welcome. Please register in advance, as seats will be limited to 8-10 per group.

Graduate Student Success Pathways



Graduate Student Success Pathways is a new initiative designed for students in all stages of graduate study to optimize their educational experience by taking full advantage of the spectrum of professional enhancement and wellness assistance available to them. To help you along your path, we have created an online portal with resources, initiatives, and actionable steps you can take in each of these four dimensions, at any stage of study, to optimize your graduate experience. Click [here](#) to get started!

2021 SOPS Annual Research & Career Symposium

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST

Gatton Student Center, Grand Ballroom (possibility to attend remotely via live stream)

Registration Deadline: September 24, 2021

[Registration Form](#)

All graduate students and postdoctoral scholars are invited to attend the Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SOPS) Annual Research & Career Symposium, which showcases the work of UK postdoctoral scholars and fellows, promotes networking among the UK research community, and encourages discussions on career paths for postdocs and PhD students. For postdocs, especially, the symposium includes opportunities for you to present your research in both the Postdoc Research Talk Competition and Postdoc Science Café Competition. The symposium also features a keynote address by Carl Bergstrom on how to communicate and engage as scientists in an era of mistrust and misinformation, career panels for us to learn from the career paths of established PhD

professionals, and a faculty search workshop. The faculty search workshop is exclusively in person and is intended for postdocs and senior graduate students currently, or soon to be, on the faculty job market. For more information on the symposium and to register, visit [2021 Annual Research & Career Symposium](#).

Chicagoland Postdoc Recruitment Event

Thursday, October 14, 2021 – Friday, October 15, 2021

Location: Online

Contact: chicago.postdoc.recruit@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Friday, September 10, 2021

Advanced graduate students (have passed qualifying exams or are post-candidacy by October 14, 2021), recent graduates, and early-stage postdocs in STEM fields are invited to learn about three postdoctoral programs in the Chicagoland area (Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois Chicago) and the cutting-edge science/research happening at each institution. Selected applicants will participate in two days of virtual programming designed to introduce you to the postdoctoral programs in the Chicagoland area. Participants will be matched with faculty members for informational interviews based on research interests. Participants will also learn how to find postdoctoral opportunities, how to apply for postdoctoral positions, and how to maximize their postdoctoral experiences. Following the two days of programming, participants will meet with matched faculty members for informational interviews to take place through October 31st. There is no citizenship requirement to apply for this event; candidates of any citizenship can apply. However, this event is specifically designed for PhD students and postdocs who identify as a member of marginalized groups that are underrepresented in academia and the sciences. In addition to racial and ethnic minorities, we encourage applications from prospective postdocs with disabilities, who identify as LGBTQIA+, who are veterans, or who are first-generation and/or Pell-eligible. For more information, visit <http://chicagolanddiversepostdocrecruitment.org/>.

COMING SOON: GradResearchLive!



FULFILLING PROFESSION

IMPACTFUL RESEARCH

TRANSFORMATIVE TEACHING

HOLISTIC WELLNESS

UK GradResearch **LIVE!**

*A Public Research Showcase
& 3-Minute Thesis Competition
With Over \$3,000 in prizes*

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting campus-wide competition! In the meantime, check out [the international competition](#) or [watch the winners from last year](#).

Key Dates for Fall 2021

September

- **Monday, September 6** – Labor Day (Academic Holiday)
- **Friday, September 10** – Last day to drop without a W or change grading option.
- **Monday, September 20** – Last day for doctoral candidates for a December degree to submit a Notification of Intent to schedule a final examination in The Graduate School.
- **Wednesday, September 22** – Last day to officially withdraw from the University or reduce course load for a 50% refund.
- **Wednesday, September 22** – Payment deadline of registration fees and/or housing and dining fees or incur a late payment fee of 1.5 percent of the amount past due.

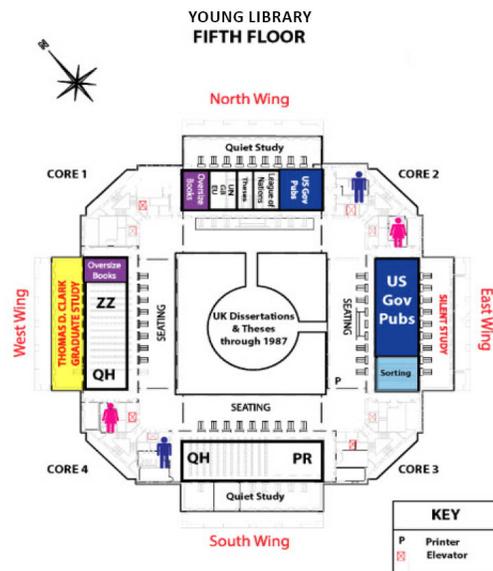
October

- **Monday, October 11 through Monday, October 25** – Midterm Grading window is open until midnight on October 25.
- **Monday, October 25** – Midterm of 2021 Fall Semester (end of ninth week of classes).
- **Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26** – Fall Break (Academic Holiday)

Find more key dates for the rest of the semester on the [Registrar's website](#).

Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study Open

The Thomas D. Clark Graduate Study is *a dedicated study space exclusively for graduate students (master's and PhD/EdD) and postdoctoral fellows/scholars!* The study includes six desktop computers, sixteen study bays, and twelve private study "pods" with outlets for your personal devices, along with eight lounge chairs for reading, a large table for group work, and a stunning view looking west over the campus. Visit the Clark Study on the fifth floor of William T. Young Library, in the west wing. The Clark Study is accessible via UK ID card tap. All graduate students' and postdocs' IDs should be programed to grant access. If your ID does not work or you have any trouble accessing the study, please contact [Melissa Barlow](#) with UK Libraries for assistance.



Essential Campus Resources

Below are links to some essential campus resources for graduate and professional students and postdocs:

- [Academic Ombud](#)

- [Admissions Officers](#)
- [Big Blue Pantry](#)
- [Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives \(CGPDI\)](#)
- [Center for Support and Intervention](#)
- [Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching \(CELT\)](#)
- [Counseling Center](#)
- [Disability Resource Center](#)
- [Graduate Student Congress](#)
- [International Student & Scholar Services](#)
- [Main UK COVID-19 Page](#)
- [Office of Diversity and Inclusion](#)
- [Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement](#)
- [Office of Institutional Equity & Equal Opportunity](#)
- [Office of Postdoctoral Affairs](#)
- [Office of Student Conduct](#)
- [Stuckert Career Center](#)
- [Student Organizations & Activities](#)
- [UK Healthcare COVID-19](#)
- [UK Libraries Graduate Student Survival Kit](#)
- [University Health Services \(UHS\)](#)
- [Veterans Resource Center](#)
- [VIP Center](#)
- [Wildcat Wardrobe](#)

News & Updates from the



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

September General Assembly Meeting

Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. EST

Location: Seay Auditorium in Ag. North

Interim President: Staci McGill

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.

****During this first meeting the GSC will be electing a President, Vice President, External Affairs Officer, and Institutional Affairs Officer. If you are interested in running for one of these positions or have any questions, please email gsc@uky.edu.***

Fall Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

All new graduate students, professional students, and postdoctoral scholars are invited to attend the Graduate Student Congress's (GSC) Fall Ice Cream Social, which is a great opportunity to meet and network with other new graduate and professional students and

postdocs across campus. Check out the GSC's [website](#) for more information.

Seeking Mentors for Start-to-Finish Mentoring Program

The Start to Finish mentoring program is a joint effort between the Graduate Student Congress (GC), the Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI) and the Graduate School (GS) as a multi-tiered intervention and support strategy for the University of Kentucky's historically underrepresented populations in undergraduate, graduate, and professional fields of study. The first tier of the mentoring program includes graduate and professional students paired in either a small group with a faculty fellow or partnered with a faculty member for a one-to-one experience. The second tier of the program affords graduate and professional students the opportunity to practice mentorship by mentoring undergraduate URM students. If you are interested in being a faculty or graduate/professional student mentor, please email [Edward Lo](#) and [David Robinson](#) for more information.

