APRIL 2020

As we face these challenging times, the Graduate School wants to thank you for the support you are providing to each other. Returning from Spring Break and adjusting to new modes of teaching, learning (and living), we will look to each other for strength and community.

To keep up with updates and messages from the Graduate School, visit our Announcements page.

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The Grad School Help Desk Newsletter is here to help you with dates, funding opportunities, upcoming workshops, and graduate events. Let us know if there is anything you’d like to see or anything we missed.

Sincerely,
The Graduate School

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CALENDAR

Apr 10 University Day Holiday (no classes; offices operational)

May 1 EXTENDED Last day for comp exam or thesis/dissertation defense for Spring 2020 graduates

May 1 EXTENDED ETD Approval Deadline

May 1 Last Day of Classes

May 4-8 Final Examinations

May 8 Spring Semester Ends
WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

**Gap Fund Information Session - WebEx**
Wednesday, April 1 from 2pm-3pm
WebEx Link found on event page

The MSU Technology Transfer Office announces the availability of technology commercialization “gap funds,” to support the pre-commercialization activities around faculty inventions exhibiting strong market potential.

An information session about this opportunity will be held through WebEx on April 1, 2020 at 2pm. Find the WebEx Link and RSVP on the event page.

**ETD Workshop – Open hour Q&A - WebEx**
Tuesday, April 7 from 5pm–6pm
Thursday, April 9 from 1pm-2pm
WebEx Link: https://montana.webex.com/meet/b94g585

If you’re writing a thesis or dissertation, you can join in on a call with the MSU Library, The Graduate School, and The Writing Center with your questions. The workshops will be live on Webex.

**CampusLabs Course Evaluation Info Session - WebEx**
Wednesday, April 8
WebEx link sent upon registration

This info session on the CampusLabs course evaluation system and the IDEA Teaching Essentials survey instrument will cover the following:

- Strategies for increasing response rates
- How to ask students for constructive feedback
- Important fall course evaluation dates
- What instructors and students can expect and process for conducting course evaluations
- Accessing and interpreting faculty reports

To register for the event, visit the CampusLabs Course Evaluation event page.

**Online Grad Fair with MSU Bookstore**
Wednesday, April 15
Where: Online

The Grad Fair with the MSU Bookstore has been postponed until April 15, and will be online to encourage social distancing. A link will be available on the Commencement website starting April 15th for graduation and commencement-related information.

**Online Appointments with the Writing Center**
Where: Online
The Writing Center is here to support you and your writing in real time! Graduate students can make an online appointment with a tutor. For information on how to make an online appointment and what to expect when it’s time to meet the tutor online, please watch this [video from the Writing Center](#).

**Online Summer Graduate Class Opportunity**

**PSCI 530: Tools of Public Administration**

Tools of Public Administration is an online class that offers practical tools for people interested in government, non-profit agency, or management position. A flyer for the course is attached. If you have any questions, please contact politicalscience@montana.edu.

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**FUNDING & FELLOWSHIPS**

**Food Security Scholarship**

**DEADLINE:** March 31, 2020

Montana State University Campus Food Security Scholarships are available. If you are a graduate student with barriers to accessing enough food or nutritious food, please consider applying.

The MSU Food Security Scholarship provides a limited number of commuter meal passes (25-meal pass) in the form of a scholarship award for the fall of 2020.

If you are interested in applying, follow the link to the [application](#). If you are looking to refer a student to this scholarship, please fill out the [referral form](#).

**MSU Gap Fund Opportunity**

**DEADLINE:** April 30, 2020

The MSU Technology Transfer Office announces the availability of technology commercialization “gap funds,” to support the pre-commercialization activities around faculty inventions exhibiting strong market potential. Available funding level is up to $75,000 in *direct costs* for one year. Smaller proposals (e.g. <$15k in direct costs) are permitted, and in fact encouraged where appropriate for the technology. Funding is limited, so only a subset of proposals will be funded.

For more information, visit the [Gap Fund Opportunity Announcement](#). Additionally, an information session about this opportunity will be held through WebEx on April 1, 2020 at 2pm. Find the [WebEx Link and RSVP](#) on the event page.

For more funding opportunities, visit MSU’s [Research Funding Opportunities](#) or the Graduate School’s [Funding & Fellowships](#) webpage.