JUNE 2020

Summer in Montana is upon us. We hope that the nice weather brings new opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and get some fresh air.

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

CALENDAR

June 10 Last day for graduate students to file the Graduation Application for Summer 2020.

July 3 Independence Day holiday observed (no classes; offices closed)

July 21 Last day for comprehensive exams or thesis/dissertation defense for Summer 2020 graduates

July 21 ETD final approval deadline
WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

New Dates for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

As announced by the Office of the President on May 15, the Fall 2020 calendar has been adjusted. The Fall 2020 semester will now start on Monday, August 17 and the last day of the semester will conclude on Wednesday, November 25.

TRAILS Webinar – Creating Online Learning Content

Monday, June 8 at 1pm
Where: Online

To assist with the sudden demand for online learning, TRAILS will offer a free webinar on how to create instructional video content. The session will be in a sandbox format to provide people with a chance to converse, share tips, advice, and information on how to get up and running with online instruction quickly, but smartly. Find more information/registration on the TRAILS Workshop.

Graduate Student Wellness Initiative

Fall 2020 semester

Are you interested in helping create and build a new initiative in graduate student well-being? The Graduate School is going to launch a new Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fall semester of 2020. If this grabs your interest, we are looking for graduate students to help on one of our implementations teams (wellness awareness, ready tools for students, student mentoring support, and support for basic needs). Please contact Barbara do Amaral barbara.doamaral@student.montana.edu if you are interested.

CPS – Virtual Care Package and online resources

Where: Virtual

Feeling overwhelmed? CPS has created a virtual care package for students. It lists resources available to students this summer as well as mental health self-care strategies for students navigating summer classes and our online world. CPS also offers online options for connection. View CPS’s page for more information.

CPS – Virtual connection space just for Graduate Students

Weekly, Wednesdays at 11am
Where: Virtual

Uncertain about funding and research opportunities for the summer and fall? Struggling with loneliness, a lack of structure, or frustration at not knowing what the future holds? Connect virtually with other graduate students and discuss ways to navigate this uncertain time.

Email laura.thum@montana.edu for the link to attend. A flyer is attached.
Summer Tutoring 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.

FUNDING & FELLOWSHIPS

MSU’s NSF-funding, year-long STEM Storytellers Fellowship
DEADLINE: June 15, 2020
This fellowship is an active learning opportunity that allows STEM graduate students to:

- Learn to cut jargon from their presentations and connect with a diverse audience.
- Record podcasts to illuminate cutting-edge science and improve communications skills.
- Work with a professional actor to learn improvisation and stage presence.
- Craft their research into a compelling story and present it live!
- Work with a cross-disciplinary cohort of graduate students to develop broader perspectives.
- Attend the 2021 Association for the Advancement of Science conference (for free!).

Find out more about the STEM Storytellers Fellowship.

Grants for Art Projects
Grants for Arts Projects is the National Endowment for the Arts’ principal grants program. Through project-based funding, they support public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation, the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, learning in the arts at all stages of life, and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life. Projects may be large or small, existing or new, and may take place in any part of the nation’s 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. Find out more about the Grants for Arts Projects guidelines.
For more funding opportunities, visit MSU’s Research Funding Opportunities or the Graduate School’s Funding & Fellowships webpage.
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