

THE SCHOLAR'S CORNER  
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**Dates & Deadlines**

May 16 – One-credit extension deadline

June 10 - Last day for graduate students to file "[Graduation Application](#)" for Summer 2016

July 19 - [Last day for master's and doctoral comprehensive examination or thesis/dissertation defense if student plans to graduate Summer 2016.](#)

July 19 - Last day for approval of thesis, dissertation, or professional paper (if professional paper is submitted to the library) by [formatting advisor](#).

[Click here to review future deadlines.](#)



**Revised Graduate Representative Policy**

Effective March 2, 2016: The University Graduate Council, with Faculty Senate support, has approved the elimination of the role of the Graduate Representative on doctoral committees. This ruling is effective immediately. Graduate Representatives are now **optional** for doctoral committees. See [Optional Graduate Representative](#) on our policy page.

**Open Access Funding**

Graduate students are invited to apply for funding through the MSU Library's Open Access Author Fund. Mini-grants of up to \$2,000 per person per fiscal year are available to authors who are publishing open access articles. Articles should be accepted at the time of application. For more information or to apply head to: <http://www.lib.montana.edu/services/publication/#author-fund>. If you have any questions, please contact Scholarly Communication Librarian Leila Sterman, 406-994-4519 or email her at [leila.sterman@montana.edu](mailto:leila.sterman@montana.edu).

**Montana Girls STEM Collaborative Project**

On Thursday, May 19, the Montana Girls STEM Collaborative Project will host two events of interest to Montana State graduate students. Both are designed for those committed to informing and motivating girls to pursue careers in STEM and who want to improve collaboration and inter-program communication. The events are:

Role Models Matter, 10 a.m. to noon, SUB Ballroom D

A hands-on workshop for STEM professionals who want to learn strategies for engaging girls and underrepresented youth in STEM. The workshop is free and offers graduate students the chance to gain hands-on skills for sharing their careers and research with young people.

Girls STEM Collaboration Forum, 1-5 p.m.; Networking reception 5-6 p.m., SUB Ballroom D

Participants will hear about successful programs in the state, develop a plan for a

collaborative project and learn about the activities of the Montana Girls STEM Collaborative. The forum is \$5 for students.

To register, visit <http://ngcproject.org/node/9459/events>. For more information, contact [Suzi Taylor](#) with MSU Extended University or visit <http://ngcproject.org/collaborative/montana-girls-stem-collaborative>.

**Save June 23, 2016 for a community volunteer project!**

The Graduate Student Network will be partnering with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank on a volunteer project. This will be a great chance to take a research break, meet other graduate students and serve your community. Details will be announced once they are finalized.

*The Graduate School is committed to helping students at all points throughout their education. Feel free to visit us in 108 Montana Hall. We're here from 8 am-5 pm Monday through Friday throughout the summer. You can contact us at 406.994.4145, [gradschool@montana.edu](mailto:gradschool@montana.edu) or you can check out our [website](#).*