

THE SCHOLARS' CORNER
BULLETIN ~ August 27, 2018

Welcome new and returning students to fall semester 2018! The Scholars' Corner Bulletin is The Graduate School's way to inform students of events, deadlines and other news. Look for our emails a few times a semester.

We wish you a great start to a new academic year!

Dates & Deadlines:

August 27: Classes begin; one-credit Extension deadline; last day for non-degree applications to be submitted.

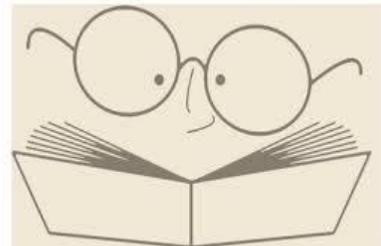
September 20: Last day for graduate students to file [Graduation Application](#) for fall graduation.

November 26: Last day for master's and doctoral comprehensive examination or thesis/dissertation defense if the student plans to graduate fall 2018; last day for approval of thesis, dissertation, or professional paper (if the professional paper is submitted to the library) by the [Formatting Advisor](#).

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

Graduate Student Service Opportunity

University Graduate Council (UGC) is accepting applications for a student member for academic year 2018 – 19. Meetings are twice a month on Wednesdays from 12 – 1pm. Email degreesandcertificates@montana.edu for more information or an application. More info about UGC can be found [here](#).



Professional Development Opportunities for Graduate Students

[MSU Writing Center is Hiring a Graduate Tutor](#)

Applications will be reviewed starting August 24

The Writing Center is currently seeking graduate students from any discipline who are excited to learn about writing and communication within multiple disciplines, to work one-on-one with graduate writers, and to facilitate graduate writing groups. This is a \$14/hour paid position and requires a commitment of 10-18 hours/week. This is not an assistantship position; tuition and fees are not covered. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and one professional reference to erin.strickland@montana.edu.

[Excel Basics \(Level I\)](#)

September 12 from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Renne Library, Heathcote Classroom

Learn the basics of Excel, from general spreadsheet formatting, data formatting (% , \$, etc.), using formulas and functions, referencing cells in formulas, inserting and formatting charts, and printing.

[NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program \(GRFP\)](#)

Applications due Oct. 22 – 26 (deadline varies by program)

The NSF GRFP program recognizes and supports outstanding graduate students who are pursuing full-time research-based master's and doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

The GRFP provides three years of fellowship support in a STEM field. NSF especially encourages women, members of underrepresented minority groups, persons with disabilities, veterans, and undergraduate seniors to apply. Apply [here](#).

[U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Student Research Program](#)

Applications due by 5:00pm Eastern Time on November 15

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science is now accepting applications for the Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR) program (2018 Solicitation 2). The SCGSR program provides doctoral dissertation/thesis research opportunities for graduate students at DOE national laboratories. Details about the program and online application can be found [here](#).

Below are some fun events on campus and around town to welcome you to fall semester!

[Inequality and Deaths of Despair](#)

August 29, 2018 from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Strand Union Building, Ballroom A

Nobel Prize-winning economist Sir Angus Deaton will present a public lecture, "Inequality and Deaths of Despair." Deaton will be joined by Princeton University economist Anne Case, wife and co-author, during the lecture's Q&A session

[MSU SwingCats Back to School Dance](#)

September 1 from 7:00 – 10:00 pm

Romney Studio

Free beginner-friendly lesson from 7 to 8 pm, with DJ'd music following. No experience or partner required. The MSU SwingCats is a student-run club that teaches and organizes vintage swing dances. Many SwingCats are graduate students who have found that social dancing is an ideal activity because it addresses physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs at the same time. SwingCats encourages all graduate students to explore social dancing as a form of stress relief this year. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for information about free Saturday night dances and the Wednesday night intro to lindy hop lesson series, which begins August 29.