FROM THE DEAN
The academic year is almost over. For many of you this first year in Graduate School is an exercise in multi-tasking, and for others you see commencement and moving on to a new career in your near future. Wherever you are in your time at OSU, we hope that this newsletter will be helpful to you and that you will stop by 300 Kerr if you have additional questions, or if we can assist you in any way. Also, don’t hesitate to contact me at any time. My contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
Spring 2013 Commencement Participation
Students wishing to participate in Commencement must do the following:
- Apply for Graduation: diploma application deadline is April 12th, 2013.
- Your program of study should be submitted fifteen weeks before your final examination, if not already approved by the Graduate School. If you have not submitted your program of study, please do so now, not at the time you schedule your exam.
- Your final oral examinations need to be scheduled with the Graduate School ahead of time – two weeks for both masters’ and doctoral final oral exams. Exam scheduling forms are available on the Graduate School web site.

Students who wish to request a leave of absence must submit the request for leave to the Graduate School 15 working days prior to the beginning of the term. Leave forms are available on the Graduate School web site.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES
Teaching and Learning Symposium III
Tuesday, April 16th, 2013 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
OSU’s Center for Teaching and Learning invites you to its third full-day Teaching and Learning Symposium: April 16th. New sessions and new topics! Previous session topics have included: getting your students to do the reading, research and trends on college students’ use and perspectives on technology, navigating difficult discussions, and reinvigorating an old course. Registration information and more details can be found on the OSU calendar.

Basics of Proposal Writing
Need Money for Travel to a Conference or for Research?
The Graduate School provides funds for up to half of the full cost of attending conferences. The funds are awarded to the graduate students based on the ranking of their submitted proposals. There are four competitions per year and the next deadline is May 1st, 2013. The workshop will explain the basics of proposal writing and how to write a competitive proposal for the Graduate School's Travel Awards. Details of the Graduate Student Travel Awards can be found at http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/travel.php.

What: Graduate School workshop on the basics of proposal writing
Who: For graduate students seeking travel or research funds
When: April 19th, 2013, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
Where: MU Journey Room, Oregon State Campus
Why: If you plan to write a proposal for an OSU Graduate Student Travel Award or for funds for your research, this workshop will increase your chance of success.

To sign up for the workshop, please email Megan Ferris at Megan.Ferris@oregonstate.edu

Career Seminars & Speed Mock Interviews
Career Services offers seminars to get you ready for the job search process. Seminars taking place spring term include:

Friday, April 19th – Valley Library, Willamette Room East & West 3rd Floor
Job Search Strategies
11:00 am-12:00 noon
When you're looking for work, it's important to use a variety of job search strategies. Learn the tools and techniques so that you can find your next job!

Interviewing for Success
1:00 pm-2:00 pm
Prepare for success with lessons on researching organizations, practice questions, and follow-up. Presenter: Loni Hartman, Bridgetown Printing

Beavers Wanted: How to Prepare for Success at the Career Fair
2:00 pm-3:00 pm
Employers come to Career Fairs to hire and network with Beavers. Find out tips on how to make employers want to hire you! Presenter: Nikki Solace, Target

Creating a Stand-Out Resume
12:00 noon-1:00 pm
Discover how you can create a resume that helps you market your message and stand out in a pool of applicants. Presenter: Doug Rice, Enterprise

Speed Mock Interviews
2:00 pm-4:00 pm
A one-of-a-kind opportunity to practice interviewing with Employers and Career Specialist and get great feedback to prepare you for the real thing! Up-to-date resumes are required for practice interviews. Please sign up for a 30 minute time slot (note: when you click the link you will first have to sign in to Beaver JobNet)

Spring Career Fair
Tuesday, April 23rd
11:00 am – 4:00 pm
CH2M Hill Alumni Center
This is the final career fair of the academic year. There will be employers from various industries at the Career Fair to connect with students and alumni, offer jobs and internships, and provide other future career opportunities. Admission is free!!! For more information including the employers attending go to: http://oregonstate.edu/career/career-fairs

Career Services Student/Alum Spotlight
Ready to get inspired for your job, internship, or career search? Each month we will spotlight an OSU student that has inspired us when it comes to their career development. Check out their success stories—besides inspiration, they also show that academic major does not have to restrict your goals and that there are many ways to define success.

Want to nominate an OSU student or alum for the Student/Alum Spotlight series? Or do you want to share your own success? Then please fill out this quick form and Career Services will contact the person nominated.

Put Your Science to Work: Practical Advice and Proven Techniques to Land the Job of Your Dreams
Peter Fiske, PhD. - CEO of PAX Water Technologies
Friday, April 26th, 2013, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm
MU 109
To register please go to: https://www.123signup.com/register?id=bbq hf

Young scientists in nearly every field are finding today’s job market a challenge. More new PhDs and postdocs are considering a wider range of careers in and out of science.

Learn about and discuss the latest industry topics!
- Current and Future Employment Trends and Your Options
- Overview of Effective Career Planning and Job Hunting
- The TRUE Breadth of Career Opportunities for Ph.D.s
- Sought-after Skills and Experience
- Developing a Compelling CV, Resume and Cover Letter

Startup Weekend Comes to Oregon State University
Of the 1000-plus Startup Weekends held around the world over the years, no collegiate athletics program has played host. Oregon State University Athletics is hosting this event for students, athletes, faculty, alumni and the community at large. Registration is open.

The Big Idea: Your Ideas can Change the World.
Startup Weekend Oregon State gives you a safe environment and a proven method to test your ideas! So bring an Idea or help someone build their idea into a business Prototype in 54 hours!

Oregon State’s Startup Weekend will be May 10th – 12th at the Club Level of Reser Stadium in Corvallis.

Startup Weekends are 54-hour blasts of problem solving and venture building. Participants pitch ideas for possible ventures and break into teams on Friday. Teams consist of whoever has the necessary skills to bring the idea to life, whether they are marketers, programmers or graphic designers. There are no limits.

They work on their idea until Sunday, when leadership and business professionals judge their work. Coaches are available to assist the participants throughout the weekend.

What you get:
A Chance to Change the World with Your Ideas!
Friday and Sunday: Coach Riley, Food and Drinks!
Friday - Sunday: 7 Meals, Coffee, Energy Drinks, Water, Swag, and Snacks
54 hours to build your network

Where: Club Level Reser Stadium
When: May 10th-12th, 2013
Early Bird Price $25 ends April 15.
Regular price $40

Registration is open:
http://oregonstate.startupweekend.org/
http://www.eventbrite.com/event/537832532#

Second Annual Natural Resources Leadership Academy (NRLA)
Oregon State University will host the second annual NRLA on June 17-21, 2013 and June 24-28, 2013.

This academy is a unique opportunity for professionals and graduate students to enhance leadership skills, gain knowledge and connect with others in natural resources fields.
- Enroll in one week, or both, and earn up to 7 credits toward your graduate degree or gain continuing education credits for your profession.
- Expand your professional network by making valuable connections with other students, faculty, decision-makers and industry leaders.
- Study with internationally renowned faculty on topics that are timely and relevant in today’s changing world.
- For information and registration, please go to http://outreach.oregonstate.edu/nrla/

Travel Grants
The Graduate School administers a program that is designed to provide part of the costs
of attending and presenting scholarly achievements at prestigious conferences and venues. For travel between June 1\textsuperscript{st} and October 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2013, the deadline for application is May 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2013. Directors of graduate programs (department chairs/heads, program directors) may submit one application per deadline per graduate program. Applications should be submitted electronically to graduate.scholarships@oregonstate.edu.

Awards are intended to cover up to half of the full cost of attending a conference (air and/or ground transportation, hotel, meals, and meeting registration). Approximately 10 awards will be made per quarter. The maximum award will be $500 for domestic travel and $1,000 for international travel. The Graduate School will select awardees based on the following criteria:

- funds available,
- completeness of the application,
- the strength of the student’s statement of the reason for attending,
- the student’s stage in the degree program,
- reasonableness of the budget and attempts at economizing,
- the strength of the student’s CV,
- stature of conference (major professor’s letter),
- the level of departmental and grant support, and
- a balance of awards across the university.

Graduate Internationalization Grants (GIG)

The Division of International Programs, in collaboration with the Graduate School, is pleased to announce the launch of a new Graduate (student) Internationalization Grants program known as GIG, beginning Spring Term 2013.

Graduate Internationalization Grants (GIG) are designed to encourage and support OSU graduate students who desire to engage internationally either in research or internships that relate to their field of study. Grants are available to masters and doctoral students to help fund international travel to research or internship sites and pay for related expenses. The applicant’s academic unit is expected to share the cost of this investment to promote internationalization across the University.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

CAPS is now offering after-hours crisis counseling services. To access a counselor anytime, all students need to do is call the main number, 541-737-2131.

Students often face urgent concerns that are too overwhelming to wait for a scheduled appointment. Therefore, CAPS worked to identify a resource that will serve the students when their office is closed -- after hours, weekends, holidays, and other times when they cannot be open. When students access after-hours service, they will speak to licensed, mental health counselors who will assess the students’ level of concern, identify appropriate interventions to de-escalate the crisis, plan for safety, and help the students get connected to resources that will help them long-term. In addition, the mental health professionals will be able to work with campus personnel to assure that students, at great risk of harming themselves or others, receive immediate assistance.

As always, students can see a CAPS counselor on a same-day basis for a first-time appointment or for urgent care during regular business hours, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Students can simply call 541-737-2131 to schedule.

Healthy Minds Study

The OSU Healthy Minds Study is dedicated to understanding the emotional well-being of OSU students and mental health services on campus. For the first time in the OSU history, students will be asked to share their voices on this important topic.

Results of the project will impact services offered to all students on our campus. Therefore, your participation is crucial to its success. If you receive an invitation to Healthy Minds Study, I encourage you to participate, knowing that your responses are confidential and will help us to become a healthier OSU.

Teaching and Learning in the Age of Online Education

“If we want more students to succeed in college, we have to turn full attention to the craft of university-level teaching. What’s at stake is not only increasing graduation rates but providing a quality education for those who, a generation or two ago, might not have seen college as possible.” Interested Opinion piece by Mike Rose, a professor in the UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies and author of “Back to School: Why Everyone Deserves a Second Chance at Education.”


GUMP -- Graduate Undergraduate Mentorship Program

Check out the Graduate Undergraduate Mentorship Program (GUMP) offered through the College of Forestry! This is a great way to become more involved with higher education and advance your mentoring skills. To learn more about the Forest GUMP program, visit: http://qsc.forestry.oregonstate.edu/graduate-undergraduate-mentoring-program-gump.

Drive Less Connect! Save money on your commute, win prizes for biking, and more

Now is the time to check out www.DriveLessConnect.com! This is a secure, FREE tool to track your trips by bike, bus, walking, etc. You also can find carpool partners to save money on your commute to campus! It’s easy and free: Create your profile at www.DriveLessConnect.com by clicking “Register Now.” You can win prizes for tracking your trips, such as American Dream pizza gift cards and Starbucks drinks to fuel those late-night study sessions.

To learn more about Drive Less Connect at OSU, visit http://oregonstate.edu/sustainability/rideshare.

Human Services Resources Center (HSRC) at OSU

The HSRC provides a variety of services to OSU students, including: Emergency Housing Consultation and Referrals; Food Pantry; Graduate Conference Registration Subsidy; Student Health Insurance Subsidy; Applications for Food Stamps (SNAP); Mealbux Program; General Resources and Referrals. Visit www.oregonstate.edu/hsrc to learn more.
EVENTS
SECOND Annual Open Forum & Survey on Graduate Education at OSU
SAVE THE DATE! The OSU Graduate School, in collaboration with other graduate student entities on campus, will be hosting an Open Forum event to receive and hear feedback, concerns, and ideas for the improvement of graduate education at OSU. Join with fellow graduate colleagues to share your views! Topics include graduate teaching/research assistantships, funding, program quality, and much more! The 2013 in-person Open Forum will be held Monday, May 20th from 2:00pm – 3:30pm in Memorial Union 209. Free refreshments provided! There will also be an equivalent online survey available throughout the month of May 2013 so all graduate students have the opportunity to share and have their voice heard! More information to come soon; please check the Graduate School website frequently for updates. Questions? Contact Courtney Everson, Graduate Student Liaison for the Graduate School, at Courtney.Everson@oregonstate.edu.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT
Sigma Xi
Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, offers “Grants in Aid of Research” of up to $1,000 to graduate students in all areas of science and engineering. Students can use the funding to pay for travel expenses to and from a research site, or for purchase of non-standard laboratory equipment necessary to complete a specific research project. Deadlines are March 15th and October 15th annually. More information is available at: http://www.sigmaxi.org/programs/giar/.

2013 Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge
Our world is changing faster than ever before--technology is developing at an unprecedented rate and the world faces extraordinary challenges with solutions based in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). What is needed to prepare STEM graduate students to meet these modern day challenges? Fundamental changes are also occurring in the career options for STEM professionals. What is necessary to navigate the career pathways of the future?

The Division of Graduate Education at the National Science Foundation challenges STEM graduate students across the nation to submit innovative ideas to prepare them for tomorrow’s opportunities and challenges. Entries are solicited for ideas with the potential to improve graduate education and professional development. Ideas can be directed toward, for example, students, faculty, departments, institutions, professional societies, and/or federal agencies. Make your voice heard on STEM graduate education!

Be sure to include the following elements in your submission:
1. The title of your submission (150 characters or less)
2. The issue in graduate education you wish to address
3. Your solution or idea
4. How your idea will change graduate education

- Who: Currently enrolled STEM graduate students (see additional eligibility criteria)
- What: A 1000 to 1500 word submission responding to this challenge
- When: Entries must be submitted by 11:59 pm Pacific Time on April 15th, 2013.

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in the Directorate for Biological Sciences (DDIG)
The National Science Foundation awards Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in selected areas of the biological sciences. These grants provide partial support of doctoral dissertation research to improve the overall quality of research. Allowed are costs for doctoral candidates to participate in scientific meetings, to conduct research in specialized facilities or field settings, and to expand an existing body of dissertation research.

This program provides educational opportunities for Graduate Students. Individuals interested in applying for funding should see the program guidelines above.

Full Proposal Deadline Date: November 8th, 2013. Second Friday in November, annually thereafter.

For more details, please go to http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5234

Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching
Effective Fall 2013, the Graduate School is offering a Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching. This 18-credit hour graduate certificate is designed to provide advanced coursework and experiential learning opportunities to current OSU graduate students who plan to pursue careers in teaching and instruction in higher education settings or who plan to pursue careers that require similar skill sets in facilitation. While seeking their respective degrees, OSU graduate students can now earn a certificate in college and university teaching which can offer an advantage in competitive hiring environments. This certificate program is an important investment in the quality of undergraduate instruction at OSU as well as in the future of the teaching professoriate. Congratulations to all who developed and reviewed this proposal. For more information, please go to http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/gccut

Graduate Writing Center
The OSU Graduate Writing Center (GWC) supports all OSU graduate student, post-doc, and faculty writing needs. The Graduate Writing Center is open for sessions on Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm in Waldo Hall 125.

For graduate students who are working on their thesis/dissertation or who are producing seminar papers, essays, and other course-related writing, the GWC provides one-on-one consultations. Although graduate students are themselves the content experts, the GWC can help with writing issues including brainstorming, argument development, organization, clarity of expression, and citation/documentation.

To schedule an appointment, contact the Writing Center at 541-737-5640 or make an appointment online at http://cwl.oregonstate.edu/making-appointment

For more information, contact Writing Center Director, Dennis Bennett, at Dennis.Bennett@oregonstate.edu or GTA Erin Harrington at Erin.R.Harrington@oregonstate.edu

The Graduate School on Facebook
To keep up with news about OSU graduate students, and make other connections, consider adding our Facebook page to your Favorites and “liking” us.
Check our NEW and IMPROVED Web Page for News
The Graduate School frequently updates the "Announcements" on its home page. Please check it for news, workshops, funding opportunities, and other events.

Have a great Spring Term!!!

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