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# The Mentor: A Newsletter for OSU Graduate Faculty

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*The Mentor* is the Graduate School's newsletter for graduate faculty, graduate program coordinators and graduate advisors. We hope to keep you informed of new policies, workshops and general news that may interest you when helping your graduate students.

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Please refer to the Graduate School website to access information on academic deadlines:

<http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/success/deadlines>.

### Graduate Student Travel Award

The Graduate School administers a program that is designed to provide a portion of the cost of graduate students attending and presenting scholarly achievements at prestigious conferences and venues. The deadline is **November 1** for travel between December 1 and April 30. Details about the program can be found at

<http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/finance/travel>

### SAVE THE DATE

**Graduate Program Coordinator Appreciation Coffee and Update**  
Friday, October 17, 2014  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Milam 213

**New Graduate Faculty Orientation**  
Friday, November 7, 2014  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
ALS 3005

Graduate Program Appreciation Lunch and Update, February 18, 2015

Graduate Faculty Orientation and Mentoring Workshop, April 8, 2015

Graduate Program Review Workshop, April 22, 2015

Scholars' Insights, May 6, 2015

Statewide 3MT Competition, May 16, 2015

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The Graduate School is offering an intensive workshop to help OSU students prepare competitive applications for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) award. The first session of the workshop, held on October 2, was attended by over 100 students, and included a brief overview of the GRFP Program, a panel discussion with current OSU GRFP Fellows and faculty reviewers, and exercises to help students draft their Personal, Relevant Background and Future Goals Statements. Session 2, being held on **October 9**, will include exercises to help students from Session 1 draft their Graduate Research Plan Statement.

For NSF-GRFP applicant eligibility, please see the complete NSF eligibility requirements in Solicitation NSF-14-590 at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14590/nsf14590.htm>.

And for more information about the Graduate School's Incentive for NSF Graduate Research Fellows, and our Holistic Graduate Education Initiative, visit <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/finance/nsf-fellows>, <http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/about/hge>.

### The following Graduate School courses will be offered winter term:

Graduate School Preparation (GRAD 420)

Designing a Path for Success: Orientation For Graduate Students (GRAD 511)

Responsible Conduct of Research (GRAD 520)

Research Data Management (GRAD 521)

Intervening the ISMS: Diversity Awareness and Tools for Intervention (GRAD 540)

The Inclusive Classroom: Difference, Power & Discrimination (GRAD 542 / WGSS 542)

Theories of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (GRAD 560)

Course Design and Methods for College and University Teaching (GRAD 561)

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (IST 511)

Applying an Interdisciplinary Perspective (IST 512)

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHING

The Graduate Certificate in College and University Teaching (GCCUT) is pleased to announce additional sections for each of the program's two core courses: GRAD 560 (Theories of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education) and GRAD 561 (Course Design and Methods for College and University Teaching). Previously available only to students admitted to the GCCUT program, each course will now include a second section, available for registration by any graduate student, and will be offered in Winter 2015 (GRAD 560) and Spring 2015 (GRAD 561).

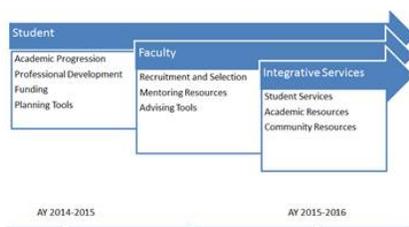
GRAD 560  
(<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/CourseDetail.aspx?subjectcode=GRAD&coursenumber=560>)

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### Holistic Graduate Education (HGE) Initiative – Participants Wanted

In spring and summer 2014, the Graduate School held several conversations with stakeholder groups interested in and committed to graduate education. The groups discussed the needs and best practices for selecting and retaining graduate students, ensuring timely degree completion, enhancing services and providing holistic support for graduate students. Themes emerged within stakeholder groups and from our prior student conversations and surveys. We are now soliciting participants for working groups to begin addressing and moving these themes forward. Have questions or want to get involved? Please contact Karen Hanson, Graduate Student Success Coordinator, at [karen.hanson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:karen.hanson@oregonstate.edu) or 541-737-1464.

#### Holistic Graduate Education (HGE) Initiative



## Graduate Connect Week

Graduate Connect Week, September 15-19, was a resounding success. Five hundred students participated in the Graduate School orientation. Students selected from numerous topics related to academic and professional development, and well-being. The end of the day was punctuated with a barbecue with nearly 1,000 students and family members at the McAlexander Fieldhouse. On Tuesday, new international graduate students participated in an all-day educational program. The Library offered workshops for new students on both Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday afternoon Dean McComb took students on a hike. On Thursday and Friday, graduate teaching assistants were provided learning opportunities by the OSU Center for Teaching and Learning. Special thanks to Assistant Dean Kimberly Johnson and Megan Ferris for their leadership and logistical skills!

### Making Data-Driven Decisions in Graduate Education

Whether you are engaging annual program assessment, 10-year program reviews or strategic planning for the future of your department or college, we encourage you to make data-driven decisions as you evaluate, refresh and innovate. Annual data fact sheets will be delivered to all graduate programs by the beginning of winter 2015 via the SharePoint Drive. You can also find data on graduate centered metrics for OSU at-large on our website:

[www.gradschool.oregonstate.edu/about](http://www.gradschool.oregonstate.edu/about). If you are ever in need of additional data or have questions, please contact Courtney Everson, Coordinator of Graduate Program Analytics, at [Courtney.Everson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Courtney.Everson@oregonstate.edu).

### Campus Civility and Inclusivity Campaign

A new Campus Civility and Inclusivity Campaign at OSU has been launched. Check it out here:

<http://oregonstate.edu/main/civility> and view the accompanying video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr3hulEN5A>. At OSU, we are committed to nurturing a climate of compassion and inclusivity for all our students, faculty, staff and visitors. We envision a collaborative campus community that engages civility and embraces diversity. This video features real stories and real people, and reminds us that there's always more to the story if you're willing to look, and listen, more closely.

## Women in Science

Interested in connecting with women in science? OSU's Women in Science group is hosting a happy hour at Red Fox on **Wednesday, October 15** at 5:30 p.m.! All are welcome! Join our email listserv at <http://frontend.science.oregonstate.edu/mailman/listinfo/wis> or like our Facebook page WomenInScienceOSU for updates on upcoming events.

***Mission:** Women in Science provides support and resources for women in science at Oregon State University, particularly graduate students, research assistants, and early-career faculty members. Activities include meetings with featured speakers, networking and workshops on topics relevant to women in science. For more information, email [womeninscience@oregonstate.edu](mailto:womeninscience@oregonstate.edu).*

## Rec Sports

Be Well 5K: **October 17**, 3:30 p.m. Free to OSU community. Pre-register and get a free event t-shirt: <http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/bewell5k>.

Take the 72 Hour Move More Challenge: Students spend an average of 9.8 hours a day sitting. Get moving and earn a free resistance band. Download the challenge card here: <http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/node/950>.

Fall Intramural Sports event, league and registration information is on the web (<http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/leagues-and-events>) for:

Flag Football League  
Volleyball League  
Bowling League  
Wheelchair Basketball League  
Racquetball League  
5k Fun Run  
3v3 Basketball Tournament  
Table Tennis Singles Tournament  
Dad's Weekend Golf Tournament  
Table Tennis Doubles Tournament  
Tennis Doubles Tournament  
College Football Bowl Pick 'Em

## Flu Shot Clinics for Students/Faculty/Staff

– Thursday, **October 9** and Wednesday, **October 15**, in the MU Journey Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. while supplies last. Students: \$20 (charged to student account, or to PacificSource if a grad assistant). Faculty/Staff: \$30 (charged to PEBB Insurance or by cash or check). Bring OSU ID card and Providence or PacificSource insurance cards. FluMist nasal vaccine also

available. Details: 541-737-9355 or <http://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/flu>.

## OMBUDS CORNER

### University Ombuds Office: What's New?

The University Ombuds Office (UOO) provides an informal, impartial, independent and confidential\* means of conflict management to all members of the campus community. To better serve our students and employees, a new team member, Donetta Sheffold, has joined us as the Ombuds Services Coordinator. Donetta has been a member of the OSU community for over 25 years and assists the Ombuds by being the first point of contact for visitors. She can be reached at 541-737-4537 for general information about our services, or to schedule an appointment with an Ombuds.

The UOO recently added a *Videos and Webinar* section to our website which shares information about our office, workplace bullying and conflict management skills. To access these videos please visit our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds/training-videos>.

*\*Confidentiality cannot be promised in all matters. Please refer to our website at <http://oregonstate.edu/ombuds> for more information. Speaking with an Ombuds does not constitute legal notice to the University.*

## UPDATES AND REMINDERS

### Family and Medical Leave Policy for Graduate Students

In commitment to increasing the graduating success rate of graduate students at Oregon State University, as well as the quality and diversity of graduating students, the Graduate School has implemented the Family and Medical Leave Policy for graduate students. This policy is intended to complement the regular Leave of Absence Policy for graduate students as outlined in the Graduate Catalog. For more information, see:

[http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad\\_school/docs/Graduate-Student-Family-and-Medical-Leave-Policy.pdf](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/grad_school/docs/Graduate-Student-Family-and-Medical-Leave-Policy.pdf).

### The Grad School has gone mobile with the Grad School App!!

Students, faculty and staff with mobile devices, we encourage you to download our mobile app, OSU Guidebook, to enhance your experience at orientation and during your Graduate School journey. During events like orientation, you'll be able to plan your day with a personalized schedule and browse sessions, exhibitors and maps. You'll also find campus resources; links to forms, checklists, flowcharts, the Graduate School Success Guide, event announcements and schedules; and many more resources to help keep you grounded and on the path to success in Graduate School.

Stay up to date on events and activities and receive other helpful information to better connect to the Graduate School and OSU through the Graduate School and other OSU Guide Apps.

STEP 1) Have OSU APP added to your mobile phone by typing your number in the box at this link

<https://guidebook.com/app/OSUGuide/>.

STEP 2) Download Guides in the OSU APP and search for the OSU Graduate School App.

### Know your Graduate Council

The Graduate Council collaborates with the Graduate School to set the policies, procedures and requirements of graduate education as described in the Graduate Catalog

<http://catalog.oregonstate.edu/Default.aspx?section=Graduate>.

If you have a concern regarding a university policy relating to graduate education, please be sure to contact your Graduate Council member from your college:

- Jim Coakley, Business
- Andreas Schmittner, CEOAS
- Stacy Semevolos, Vet Med
- David Finch, Science
- Ryan Contreras, Ag Sciences
- Lisa Ganio, Forestry
- Theresa Filtz, Pharmacy
- Jay Casbon, Education
- Don Jump, CPHHS
- Janet Lee, CLA
- Greg Herman, Engineering

## Ecampus Courses Counted as On-campus Courses

Again this academic year, Ecampus courses will count toward full-time status for graduate students. We will continue this program as a pilot, with appraisal and renewal decision on a year-to-year basis, in order to understand the economic impact to the university of continuing the program.

## Student Success GRA Call for Applications

The Graduate School is seeking to hire a 0.49 FTE Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) for the 2014-15 academic year to assist with graduate student success, retention and outreach initiatives. The Student Success GRA will serve as a Graduate School student representative in various student success initiatives across campus; will be a point of contact and engage outreach with graduate student leaders and entities across campus; and will engage in the identification, development and implementation of activities, programs, resources and workshops that support graduate student retention, success and graduation. This position will report directly to and work closely with the Graduate School's Student Success Team.

Successful candidates will hold the following qualifications:

1. Be a full-time graduate student at OSU with a major or educational focus in higher education programming;
2. Demonstrate interest and experience in developing and supporting programs, workshops and resources that enhance the graduate student experience;
3. Possess excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills;
4. Possess strong organizational and administrative skills;
5. Have experience and interest in educational outreach, marketing, public relations, event planning and diverse community development; and
6. Demonstrate commitment to inclusivity and understanding of diverse graduate student community needs.

To apply, please submit a Curriculum Vitae and a Letter of Interest to Dean Brenda McComb at [brenda.mccomb@oregonstate.edu](mailto:brenda.mccomb@oregonstate.edu).

Application materials are due by **October 17, 2014**.

Questions about this position can be directed to Courtney Everson at [courtney.everson@oregonstate.edu](mailto:courtney.everson@oregonstate.edu).

## National Research Council (NRC) Research Associateship Programs

The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsors a number of awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at [participating federal laboratories and affiliated institutions](#). These awards include generous stipends ranging from \$42,000 - \$80,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience. [Graduate](#) entry level stipends begin at \$30,000. These awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals.

Detailed program information, including online applications, instructions on [how to apply](#) and a [list of participating laboratories](#), can be found at [www.nationalacademies.org/rap](http://www.nationalacademies.org/rap).

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or [rap@nas.edu](mailto:rap@nas.edu).

There are four annual review cycles.  
**November**; Opens September 1; Closes November 1  
**February**; Opens December 1; Closes February 1  
**May**; Opens March 1; Closes May 1  
**August**; Opens June 1; Closes August 1

Applicants should contact prospective advisor(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

## Graduate School on Facebook

For news announcements highlighting achievements by or services for our graduate students, check out our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/osu.graduateschool.page>

Connect with the Graduate School on LinkedIn!



Search for our Group: **Oregon State Graduate School**

## Check our Webpage for News

The Graduate School frequently updates the "Announcements" on its home page [gradschool.oregonstate.edu](http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu). Please check it for news, workshops, funding opportunities and other events. **Have a great fall term!**  
 Brenda McComb, Dean