
Graduate College

The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College



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Announcements:

The 2020 Graduate Research Education And Technology (GREAT) Symposium will be held March 23-26 and will feature oral presentations, poster presentations, and Flash Talk competitions (essentially a 3 minute scientific “elevator pitch” for your research) – as well as a vendor show and awards ceremony for winners of the oral, poster and Flash Talk competitions.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – The Graduate College GSA will meet **March 5th at 12-noon** in BMSB 324. Students from all MS- and PhD-seeking programs are welcome and encouraged to attend! Lunch will be served. Visit our website

<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association> for more information!

Postdoc Association (PDA) – The [OUHSC PDA](#) will meet March 9, 2020 from 12:00 – 1:00PM in the Bird Library Faculty Atrium. All Postdocs are encouraged to come, network with peers and support your postdoc community over lunch.

For the March 9th PDA meeting, Kathy Kyler, MS, MA.AL with the Office of the Vice President for Research will be talking about Grant Writing and Resources.

Professional & Career Development Seminar – Mary Sheets, PhD will discuss, Income Tax Reporting Requirements for US Residents and Non-Residents, Friday, March 13, 2020 from 12-1:00PM in the Bird Library Faculty Atrium. Lunch will be served.

Announcements *Continued*:

Achievements and Honors:

The Cora Verhagen Award – The 2019 Cora Verhagen Prize will be awarded to Md Huzzatul Mursalin, Mentor: Michelle Callegan at Dean A. McGee Eye Institute, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for the presentation entitled “Absence of S-layer impacts pathogenesis of Bacillus endophthalmitis” at the annual Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (AVRO) meeting. This prestigious award honors the memory and scientific contributions of the vision researcher Cora Verhagen and is presented annually to the best ocular immunology poster, or paper presented by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at the annual ARVO meeting.

Congratulations Md Huzzatul Mursalin and Michele Callegan.

Nature Masterclasses – Nature Masterclasses provides training in scientific writing and publishing. The training is delivered by Nature Research journal editors and aims to help institutions support their researchers with writing research papers. Visit the Nature Masterclasses for more info. Nature Masterclasses has a new website and users need to register again on the new site, new users are welcome. Please visit <https://masterclasses.nature.com/register> to register

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Call for Applications – PFF is designed for OUHSC graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who are interested in gaining the knowledge and skills that will help prepare them for academic careers. This program is a didactic and experiential two-course sequence given in the fall and spring semesters. Ten applicants will be accepted.

OUHSC graduate students and postdoctoral fellows selected to participate will have tuition for these four credit hours paid for by the Graduate College (Please note that for those who are non-residents, the Graduate College will pay for non-resident portion of tuition only. Non-residents participants will be responsible for the resident tuition). University related fees are the responsibility of all participants.

Applications open February 14, 2020 and close May 15, 2020.

Dr. Michelle Staudt - will be leaving the Graduate College at the end of March to start a new position as the Assistant Vice President for Research – Research Integrity Officer for OUHSC starting April 1st. The Graduate College wishes her all the best and appreciates all the work she has done here. The Graduate College will host a farewell to Dr. Staudt on March 30th (more details to come).

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Spotlight:

Kritisha Bhandari

Hometown: Nepal

Undergraduate Degree/Institution:

Bachelors in Pharmacy, Kathmandu University

Favorite Food: Mo mos and California rolls

Favorite Book: Chicken Soup for the Soul

Favorite Quote: You are what you believe in!”

What motivated you to apply to grad school, and why OUHSC? During my undergraduate, I was involved in a project that studied anti-cancer drug delivery. This bolstered my interest in research and inspired me to work in the field with biomedical applications. Thus, I decided to apply in a health center to pursue my graduate studies. OUHSC graduate school has interdisciplinary approach through GPiBS. This is really amazing because you get a chance to rotate in different labs and departments to learn new things in the first year. You get enough time before finalizing your research lab and that is what I liked the most.

What are your career goals after Graduate School?

I want to acquire a faculty position after I complete my graduate school. I have been a student my whole life and I understand the role of good mentor in shaping students future. I believe that with all the knowledge that I have and will gain in my grad life, I will be able to become a good faculty member and the thing that I am really looking forward is to join the “Preparing Future Faculty Program: after few years that is offered by the OUHSC Graduate College to get proper training in the field.

What would you tell someone who is interested in pursuing graduate education?

You need to follow your passion and dreams because that will be the strength to drive you forward. Pursuing graduate education is a very big decision but if you are able to find a right lab and a project you love, go for it.

What have you enjoyed most about your time as a Graduate College student at OUHSC?

I really enjoyed making friends as well as meeting some of the professors within the college. I also enjoyed rotating through the different labs, learning about the unique research that goes on and attending the different professional workshops.

How will you use your experience in Leadership at HSC to promote graduate education?

Through my Leadership at HSC experience, I was able to get a deeper understanding of the resources that exist within our campus. I plan to use the knowledge I have gained to become a steward for the graduate education program and inform prospective students about the opportunities within my program.

Announcements *Continued*:

Air Force Science & Technology Fellowship Program (AF STFP) – The AF STFP is actively seeking highly qualified candidates including recent doctoral recipients and senior researchers. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and should hold, or anticipate receiving, an earned doctorate in science or engineering. Awards are contingent upon completion of the doctoral degree.

Applicant deadline dates (four review cycles):

February 1st, May 1st, August 1st, and November 1st.

Base stipend starting at \$76,542; may be higher based on experience and health insurance.

For detailed program information, visit www.nas.edu/afstfp or email afstfp@nas.edu

Important Dates:

GRADUATION AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS- Spring 2020

Final date to file as a candidate for master's degree 7-Feb

Final date to file application for diploma 1-Mar

Final date to submit thesis/dissertation reading copy 6-Apr

Final date to schedule comprehensive examination 24-Apr

Final date to request thesis/dissertation defense 24-Apr

Final date for oral defense of thesis/dissertation 1-May

OUHSC Graduate College Convocation:

The Graduate College will hold its 2020 Convocation on Saturday, May 9th at 2pm in the Boren Student Union on the Health Sciences Center campus. Graduate College students who have completed degree requirements in Summer 2019, Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 are welcome to walk at the Graduate College convocation. Students who will complete degree requirements in Summer 2020 may also, with the Dean's permission participate in the Spring Convocation.

Students may also participate in the commencement ceremony in Norman and their individual college's graduation ceremonies. Please see the specific requirements for each College and the Norman commencement.

All students graduating from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center must complete an Online Application for Graduation before a diploma will be issued. The online application must be accessed through the [OUHSC Student Self-Service System](#) and be submitted by the following deadlines:

March 1 – Spring Graduates

July 1 – Summer Graduates

October 1 – Fall Graduates

The responsibility for meeting graduation requirements lies with the student. All students are advised to check with their College Student Affairs Office to verify that all degree requirements have been satisfied.

Resources

Graduate College forms/policies & more

<http://graduate.ouhsc.edu>

Student Health and Wellness Clinic-
<https://students.ouhsc.edu/SHWC>

Contact Casey Carter, Senior Clinic Manager, with questions: Office 405-271-9675 x30605; Cell: 405-625-9042; Email: Casey-Carter@ouhsc.edu

Student Counseling Services

David L. Boren Student Union, Suite 300
Phone: (405) 271-7336
Toll-Free: (877) 577-5655
Email: Counselors@ouhsc.edu

OUHSC Writing Center

<https://students.ouhsc.edu/Student-Services/WritingCenter>

OUHSC Student Guide

<https://students.ouhsc.edu/StudentGuide>

OUHSC Student Affairs

<https://students.ouhsc.edu/>

Academic Resources

<https://students.ouhsc.edu/Academic-Resources>

OUHSC Student Services

<https://students.ouhsc.edu/Student-Services>

OUHSC Career Development

<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Career-Development>

OUHSC Forms and Guidelines

<https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines>

OUHSC Academic Calendars

<https://admissions.ouhsc.edu/Academic-Calendar>

OUHSC Student Handbook

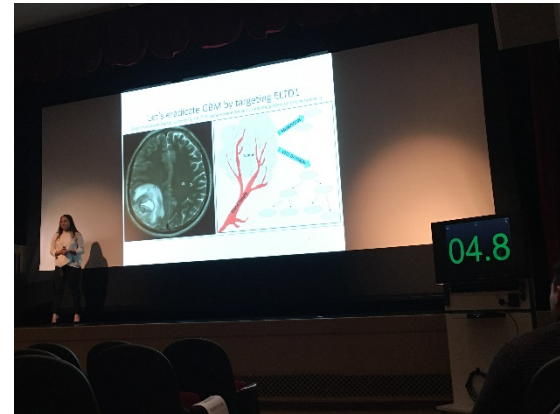
<https://studenthandbook.ouhsc.edu/>

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Three Minute Thesis (3MT) – The Graduate College had three students that participated in the final round of the 3MT competition on Friday, February 21, 2020 on OU-Norman Campus: Michelle Zalles, Layne Rodden, and Clayton Sandel.

The Graduate College congratulates first place winner Michelle Zalles, Graduate Program in Neuroscience and her mentor Rheal A. Towner, PhD and runner-up winner Layne Rodden, Graduate Program in Neuroscience and her mentor Sanjay Bidichandani, MBBS, PhD.

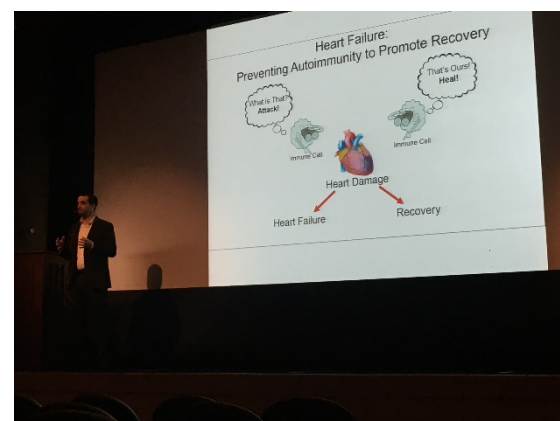
The OU-Norman Graduate College will sponsor the winner, Michelle Zalles, to compete April 1-3, 2020 in the 3MT Competition at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



*Michelle Zalles, Graduate Program in Neuroscience
Mentor: Rheal A. Towner*



*Layne Rodden, Graduate Program in Neuroscience,
Mentor: Sanjay Bidichandani, MBBS, PhD*



Clayton Sandel, Graduate Program in Microbiology and Immunology, Mentor: Madeleine W. Cunningham, PhD

Upcoming Events

March 5	Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting BMSB 324 12:00 pm, Lunch provided
March 9	Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Speaker: Kathy Kyler, MS, MA.AL Topic: "How to Write a Grant" Bird Library Faculty Atrium 12:00 pm, Lunch provided
March 13	Professional & Career Development Seminar Speaker: Mary Sheets, PhD Topic: "Income Tax Reporting Requirements for US Residents and Non-Residents" Bird Library Faculty Atrium 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch will be provided
March 13	GREAT – Submit your static PowerPoint file and Oral Presentation PPT's to Carla-Shackelford@ouhsc.edu by 4:00PM, on Friday 3/13/2020
March 23-26	2020 GREAT Symposium Graduate Research Education and Technology (GREAT) Symposium
March 23	GREAT Symposium Begins, Bird Library (LIB 299) Postdoc Oral Competition, 8:00-12:15PM Interdisciplinary Research Workshop, 12:30-1:30pm (lunch) Flash Talks, 2:00-4:50PM
March 24	GREAT Symposium day 2, Bird Library (LIB 299) Graduate Student Oral Competitions, 8:15AM-11:45AM Implicit Bias Discussion, 12:15-1:15PM (lunch) Graduate Student Oral Competitions, 1:30-3:15PM Flash Talks, 3:45-4:30PM
March 25	GREAT Symposium day 3, Bird Library (LIB 299) Graduate Student Oral Competitions, 8:30-11:30AM Career Panel Discussion, 12:00-1:15PM (LIB 299) (lunch) Graduate Student Oral Competitions, 1:30-5:15PM Poster Competitions, 1:30-5:00PM (LIB Atrium)
March 26	GREAT Symposium final day! Vendor Show, 10:00AM-1:00PM, Bird Library (Foyer) Poster Viewing, 10:00-1:00PM, Bird Library (Atrium) GREAT Lunch, 12-1:00PM, Bird Library (Patio) GREAT Keynote Address, 1:30PM, Samis Auditorium GREAT Awards Ceremony, 2:15PM Samis Auditorium
April 17	Professional & Career Development Seminar Speaker: Angela Copeland, Copeland Coaching Topic: Interview Techniques Bird Library Faculty Atrium 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch will be provided

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