
Graduate College

The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College



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Announcements:

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – The Graduate College GSA will have the May 7th meeting by Zoom. Be on the lookout for the email with the following Zoom link <https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/94065012886>. Students from *all* MS- and PhD-seeking programs are welcome and encouraged to join! Visit our website <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Graduate-Student-Association> for more information!

Postdoc Association (PDA) – The OUHSC PDA will meet by Zoom May 11, 2020 from 12:00 – 1:00PM. Be on the lookout for the email with the following Zoom link <https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/97190472473>. All Postdocs are encouraged to join!

For the May 11th PDA meeting, Gillian Air, PhD, Associate Dean, Graduate College will be talking about How to Write a Professional Bio sketch.

The Graduate College congratulates all of the 2019-2020 graduates. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

OU Virtual Commencement will be held Friday May 8 at 7pm
<http://www.ou.edu/commencement>

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.

Announcements *Continued*:

Learn Advanced EndNote features -

Here is a link to webinars and Q&A sessions offered on the End Note web site. Students have very much appreciated Shari Clifton's presentations but some of you have requested more advanced help.

https://clarivate.libguides.com/endnote_training/calendar

Note especially "Advanced features of EndNote (Windows) on May 12 and Expert features in EndNote (Mac) May 19. "Building an output style" might also be useful if the journal style you need is not yet covered by EndNote or is not quite right (happens occasionally).

If you register for any of these, please give Gillian feedback on whether it was useful and what additional aspects you would like to know.

GraphPad/Prism - If you need GraphPad/Prism on your home computer or laptop, here is information we received from Ian Dean in the Library:

It is true that activations are specific to computers, however the group serial number that your graduate students received at the beginning of the year/semester, can be used as many times as needed. They may have been referring to our policy of asking to keep the activations to the minimum required, and I would say that home computers are required under the circumstances. I will include the relevant information from that email they should have received below.

Be aware that we have to add more activations to the group license every now and again so if any of the students receive an error saying there are no activations left, email me (ian-dean@ouhsc.edu) and we will get it fixed ASAP, but I do try and check the activations left everyday so that they won't get that message.

Our Prism 8 serial number is:
GPS-1565513-LHRT-99C03

To download Prism 8 for Windows:

Windows 64-

bit: <https://cdn.graphpad.com/downloads/prism/8/InstallPrism8-64bit.msi>.

Windows 32-

bit: <https://cdn.graphpad.com/downloads/prism/8/InstallPrism8-32bit.msi>.

- OR -

To download Prism 8 for Mac:

<https://cdn.graphpad.com/downloads/prism/8/InstallPrism8.dmg>

Important Links and Information!

Guidance for Graduate Students

- Click [here](#) for the Graduate College Policies related to COVID-19
- Click [here](#) for telecommuting ideas for graduate students
NIH Wellness Links:

Trainee discussion groups for building feedback resilience, assertiveness skills and self-confidence –

May 1, 2020 at 11:00am -

<https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/20/1839>

May 1, 2020 at 12:00pm -

<https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/20/1840>

May 1, 2020 at 2:00pm -

<https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/20/1841>

Faculty/University leadership discussions with OITE Wellness Advisors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjppE17PULM>)

<https://www.training.nih.gov/>

Tips for setting up your Zoom dissertation/thesis defense

Academic Technology has developed guidelines and advice to dissertation defenses on Zoom. You can find it at <https://graduate.ouhsc.edu/Current-Students/Forms-and-Guidelines> under "Guidelines"

Announcements *Continued*:

The Graduate College students and the I-CCEW -

The Graduate College is extremely proud to have Nicole Giordano and Souwelimatou Amadou Amani, representing the Graduate College on the Spring 2020 team and Chetan Ahire, Erin Livingston and Zitha Isingizwe for their selection and inclusion in the Fall 2020 team as well.

Nicole Giordano, Microbiology & Immunology PhD Program -

"I-CCEW has been one of the most profound learning experiences I have ever taken part in. It has given me a completely new way of thinking and I learned so many problem solving skills that I will continue to use in the future. This is a unique opportunity for a graduate student in the basic sciences and I highly encourage other students who may want to go into science consulting or business roles to do it!"

Souwelimatou Amadou Amani, PhD candidate in Microbiology and Immunology. I-CCEW intern and Team leader.

"Irani *K. Center for Creation of Economic wealth (I-CCEW)* is a unique and fascinating growth and innovation-focused management consulting program for students at OU. *I-CCEW* has helped me grow both in my professional life but also my personal one. With *I-CCEW*, I have worked with researchers and institutions such as Dean McGee Eye Institute and the Oklahoma Tobacco research center. My work was to help their research or organizations move forward, which will allow them to create wealth and jobs for Oklahomans. As an intern, *I-CCEW* has provided me various problem-solving tools and frameworks that gave me the confidence to tackle any big and ambiguous problem. Today I use those tools even in my research and I know they will be useful for any career I decide to pursue. As a team leader, I have attended to a semester-long leadership program which significantly improved my problem-solving and people leadership skills. Most importantly, *I-CCEW* helped me identify life science consulting as a potential career path. *I-CCEW* has also created a nurturing environment where I got to meet and work with highly driven and extremely supportive individuals, including students from various colleges on campus that positively impacted my life. Along with all the skills I have learnt, the *I-CCEW* values and principles will always stay with me. No matter where I go after *I-CCEW*, I will always strive for excellence, keep a positive attitude in all times, and radiate possibilities."

Biomedical & Life Sciences Lectures Collection – New releases are available, including interviews on the COVID-19, lectures on genomic architecture and diversity on infectious diseases, approaches to diagnosis of viral infections, and much more. Click [here](#) to access the collection.

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/>

The Graduate College congratulates the following Doctor of Philosophy:

Agnieshka Maneesha Agasing

Department of Microbiology & Immunology | The Impact of Type 1 Interferon on B Cells in Two Distinct Neuroinflammatory Disorders: Neuromyelitis Optica & Multiple Sclerosis

Committee in Charge: Robert C. Axtell, PhD; Lauren A. Zenewicz, PhD; Madeleine W. Cunningham, PhD; William H. Hildebrand, PhD; Robert H. Scofield, MD

Kathleen A.N. Aithinne

Department of Occupational & Environmental Health | Determination of Anaerobic Endospore-forming Bacteria Cultivability Losses and Evaluation of Novel Media Collection Efficiencies using Impingers

Committee in Charge: David L. Johnson, PhD, Chair; Margaret L. Phillips, PhD; Robert A. Lynch, PhD; Bradley S. Stevenson, PhD; Chao Xu, PhD

Md Huzzatul Mursalin

Department of Microbiology & Immunology | Bacillus S-Layer Contributes to the Pathogenesis of Endophthalmitis by Triggering TLR2/4-Driven Inflammatory Responses

Committee in Charge: Michelle Callegan, PhD, Chair; Allison F. Gillaspay, PhD; Zachary D. Dalebroux, PhD; Darren J. Lee, PhD; Michael H. Elliott, PhD

Dawn Bender

Department of Cell Biology | Mechanisms of ESCO-Dependent Cohesin Regulation

Committee in Charge: Susannah Rankin, PhD; Gary Gorbosky, PhD; Chris Sansam, PhD; Eric Howard, PhD; Karla Rodgers, PhD; Sanjay Bidichandani, PhD

Amanda Roehrkasse

Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology | Receptor Engagement and G Protein Recruitment by the Cardioprotective Peptide Adrenomedullin 2/Intermedin

Committee in Charge: Augen Pioszak, PhD; Rodger McEver, MD; Ann Louise Olson, PhD; Paul DeAngelis, PhD; Mary Beth Humphrey, MD, PhD

Christopher Michael Hoover

Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology | Podoplanin Prevents Formation of Brain Aneurysms at Midgestation by Regulating Activity of Primitive Megakaryocytes

Committee in Charge: Lijun Xia, MD, PhD; Ann Louise Olson, PhD; Augen A. Pioszak, PhD; Guangpu Li, PhD; Courtney T. Griffin, PhD

The Graduate College congratulates the following Master's Thesis and Non-Thesis Students:

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Fei Qi

Biostatistics & Epidemiology

Joshua Williams

Clinical & Translational Sciences

Sin Yin Lim

Genetic Counseling

Melanie Goodman

Jessica Kottmeier

Bailey Severe

Alora Terry

Elizabeth Ward

Nutritional Sciences

Melissa Fairman

Melissa Henniger

Sarah Patel

Amber Rinestine

Amanda Tucker (Non-Thesis)

Occupational & Environmental Health

Alissa Benson

Courtney Redmond

Radiological Sciences

Jonthomas Box

Regan Hime

Melton Parham

Adam Salazar



Congratulations 2020 Graduate College Award Winners

Postdoc Paper of the Year



Stefano Tarantini, PhD
Reynolds Oklahoma Center on Aging
(mentor Zoltan Ungvari, MD/PhD)

Graduate Student Paper of the Year



Dawn Bender, PhD
Cell Biology
(mentor Susannah Rankin, PhD)

Graduate College Students honored at the Campus Awards Ceremony on April 20th

Joseph J. Ferretti Award for
Outstanding Senior Leadership



Jaanam Gopalakrishnan, Pathology
(mentor Patrick Gaffney, MD)

SGA Member of the Year



Brennah Murphy, Pathology
(mentor, Priyabrata Mukherjee, PhD)

Graduate College
Outstanding Senior Leadership



Fauziyya Muhammad
Microbiology & Immunology
(mentor Darren Lee, PhD)

O Ray Kling award for
Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership



Jaanam Gopalakrishnan, Pathology
(mentor Patrick Gaffney, MD)

Outstanding Doctoral
Dissertation Award



Rabab Sharif-Sandel, MD, PhD Cell Biology
(mentor Dimitrios Karamichos, PhD)
"Potential Role of Prolactin-Induced Protein as a
Disease Biomarker and the Effect of Corneal
Cross-Linking on Keratoconus Microenvironment"

Robert Montgomery Bird Society Award

Sherri Longobardi
Microbiology & Immunology
(mentor Darise Farris, PhD)

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

Alexander Stubblefield, MS
Biostatistics & Epidemiology
(mentor Sixia Chen, PhD)
"Selected Problems in Survey Sampling Design
and Survey Missing Data Analysis"

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
May 7	Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting Via Zoom https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/94065012886 12:00 pm
May 8	OU Virtual Graduation Ceremony http://www.ou.edu/commencement 7:00 pm
May 11	Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Meeting Via Zoom https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/97190472473 12:00 pm

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Graduate Student Association:

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