
Graduate College

The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College



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Announcements:

OUHSC Graduate Students and Faculty – Thank you for your patience as we and the University work through this unusual situation of a very infectious pandemic virus. Please read the guidelines previously sent from the Graduate College for Graduate Students and Graduate Faculty. The new guidelines are in effect from March 23rd until the end of the Spring semester unless rescinded earlier. Click [HERE](#) for more details. Please see [here](#) for some interesting ideas on how you can continue your research if you are required to telecommute.

OUHSC Postdoctoral Fellows – We wanted to let you know that the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, in the Graduate College, is still here to assist and to advocate for Postdoctoral Fellows at OUHSC.

During this unpredictable time of the COVID-19 pandemic, please keep in mind we are here for you as a resource and you can reach out anytime with questions or concerns that you may have. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

For further information from OU on COVID-19 click [HERE](#).

The Graduate College Office staff are telecommuting at this time and you can continue to reach us via email or phone.

Information about the Coronavirus (2019-cCov) -

The links below contain important information from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and University of Oklahoma administration about the current Coronavirus outbreak, including symptoms, potential health risks, and recommended prevention steps.

Please continue to monitor the following websites for further updates and announcements.

Announcements *Continued*:

Links for information about the Coronavirus (2019-cCov)-
Instructional Update from Interim President Harroz – March 18,
2020

Travel Update from Provost Sanders – March 18, 2020

Centers for Disease Control Coronavirus Information

Please continue to monitor OU Medicine for updates

Employee & Student Health Clinic

Postdoc Association (PDA) – The OUHSC PDA meeting that was scheduled for April 13th has been cancelled and will meet again May 11th from 12:00 – 1:00PM in the Bird Library Faculty Atrium.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – The Graduate College GSA will have the April 3rd meeting by Zoom. Be on the lookout for the email with the following Zoom link <https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/556657237> . 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!

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Spotlight:

Afsheen Hasan

Hometown: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Undergraduate Degree/Institution:

Ibrahim Medical College, Bangladesh

Favorite Food: Biryani

Favorite Book: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, by Ken Kesey

Favorite Quote: "Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try"

What motivated you to apply to grad school, and why OUHSC? Being a physician in Bangladesh, I was almost prepared to apply for residency by taking most of the medical licensing exams. When I enrolled for MPH in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Center with the plan to complete all the necessary exams for residency, I go more inclined to Public Health. I started learning about the disparities that remain in every aspects of health. With the strong urge to work with health disparities, I decided to switch my career and apply for a PhD with the ultimate goal in reducing disparities. I chose OUHSC because they have the perfect opportunity to work with tobacco-related health disparities in the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology that aligns with my career goals.

What are your career goals after Graduate School? After Graduate School, I would like to pursue my career as a research professor. I would like to continue my research on my career field and disseminate my knowledge/research by teaching students at the same time.

What would you tell someone who is interested in pursuing graduate education? If you want to pursue graduate education, go for it. It's never too late. But be prepared for the challenge, be prepared to fail; it will only make you stronger at the end.

What have you enjoyed most about your time as a Graduate College student at OUHSC? The department! The Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in Hudson College of Public Health is more like my family than just a working place. The great opportunities for learning, student activities, and student engagement that are constantly being offered campus-wide are also favorites (highlights: GREAT Symposium, grand rounds in Stephenson Cancer Center).

How will you use your experience in Leadership at HSC to promote graduate education? I have learned that collaboration is utmost important. I intend to promote graduate education by encouraging collaboration across different departments/colleges, while maintaining healthy working environments.



8th Annual Symposium on Structural Biology

June 11, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmed speakers for morning session:

- Natalie Ahn (University of Colorado, Boulder)
- Gloria Borgstahl (University of Nebraska Medical Center)
- Alexandra Deaconescu (Brown University)
- David Taylor (University of Texas, Austin)

Afternoon sessions:

- Improving Crystal Quality (workshop)
- 3-min flash talks (based on poster)
– prizes for best presentations!
- General poster session: abstract required
- Vendor exhibit

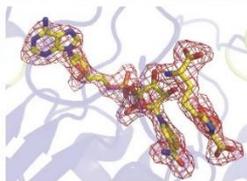
Location: Stephenson Life Sciences Research Center
101 Stephenson Parkway, Norman, OK
<http://www.ou.edu/cas/chemistry>

For more information and registration:

<http://www.ou.edu/structuralbiology/events/symposium>

Online registration opening in early April (no fee)

Contact information: Melanie Norris (mnorris@ou.edu) or Ann West (awest@ou.edu)



Announcements *Continued*:

Free Lists of Global Grants and Fellowships – Three searchable databases provide information on grants and fellowships for early career researchers — one for [graduate students](#), one for [postdoctoral researchers](#) and one for [junior faculty members](#). The lists are updated monthly by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. “We had a choice to reserve the information or make it available to everyone,” says engineer Denis Wirtz, the university’s vice-provost for research. “I reminded myself that the university’s mission is knowledge for the world.” [Nature | 3 min read](#)

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

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
April 2	Graduate Student Association (GSA) Meeting Via Zoom https://ouhsc.zoom.us/j/556657237 12:00 pm
May 11	Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Meeting Bird Library Faculty Atrium 12:00 pm, lunch provided

Student and Postdoc Contributors – *The Graduate College welcomes graduate student and postdoc contributions of ideas and stories for the monthly newsletter. Please contact us at gradcollege@ouhsc.edu to see how you can help out!*

Resources

OUHSC Writing Center

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

OUHSC Student Guide

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

OUHSC Student Affairs

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Academic Resources

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

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