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# Graduate College

*The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College*



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## Announcements:

**Research Money for Native Students** – Fellowships are available for Native American graduate students awarded on an hourly basis (max 20 hr/wk) until completion of research (not to exceed 1,000 hr); applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Sponsored by the Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH), Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and OHSU Prevention Research Center (PRC). To apply, submit the following to Grazia Cunningham, (gcunningham@npaihb.org): (1) Certificate of Blood (BIC) or proof of Tribal Enrollment; (2) cover letter describing your research; (3) name and contact information of your local academic mentor; (4) letter of recommendation from your academic mentor.

**New PHF Funding for Senior Doctoral Students** – The Presbyterian Research Foundation (PHF) recently announced the new Research Support Grant Program to help support senior doctoral graduate students by providing up to \$15,000 in stipend support for senior doctoral graduate students working on an externally funded research project for up to three years. Faculty mentors must serve as the Principal Investigator. Click [here](#) for Guidelines and Application.

**Additional Fellowship Opportunities** - The National Academics of Science, Engineering, and Medicine sponsors awards for Postdoc and senior researchers at participating federal labs and affiliated institutions with generous stipends ranging from \$45-80,000/yr for PhD recipients; limited graduate level awards are also available. Research opportunities are open to US citizens, permanent residents, and for some labs, foreign nationals. Four annual review cycles are open: February, opens Dec 1 & closes Feb 1; May, opens Mar 1 & closes May 1; August, opens Jun 1 & closes Aug 1; Nov, opens Sep 1 & closes Nov 1. See [www.nas.edu/rap](http://www.nas.edu/rap) for more information.

## Announcements *Continued*:

**Professional & Career Development Seminar** – Four members of the OU Price College of Business will discuss a number of opportunities offered on the OKC campus for graduate students and postdocs, including courses on entrepreneurship for science and technology, certificate courses in business and more. This Graduate College sponsored seminar will be held Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm in the Library Atrium; lunch will be served.

**Biomedical & Life Sciences Lectures Collection** – New releases are available, including lectures on stroke in women, vitamin D and autoimmunity, pharmacotherapy for obesity, the impact of genomic architecture and diversity on infectious diseases, and much more. Click [here](#) to access the collection.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North American Mass Spectrometry Summer School** – A 2 ½ day summer workshop will be held in Madison, WI, in July with no cost to participate. Students will experience an engaging and inspiring program covering fundamentals of mass spectrometry and its application to biological systems analysis with tutorial lectures and hands-on workshops planned. Application deadline is March but early applications are encouraged due to rolling application review. Learn more: <https://www.ncqbc.com/summer-school-2019/>

**Proteomics Faculty & Student Workshop** – This workshop will be held April 4-5, 2019, in Little Rock. Lodging and travel will be covered. Learn how to apply online at: [IDeAResourceProteomics.org](http://IDeAResourceProteomics.org).

**Paper of the Year Competitions** – The Paper of the Year competitions for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who published first-author papers in calendar year 2018 is open with submission deadlines February 4th. Visit the [Graduate College / Awards & Honors](#) website for details.

**Graduate College Awards** – Applications are due soon for several prestigious awards for Graduate College students, including the O. Ray Kling Award for Outstanding Graduate student leadership, Outstanding Thesis and Outstanding Dissertation Awards, Robert M. Bird Society Award, and the Graduate College Outstanding Leadership award. Visit the [Graduate College / Awards & Honors](#) website for details.

**Graduate Student Association (GSA)** – The [Graduate College GSA](#) will meet February 7<sup>th</sup> at 12-noon in BMSB 324. Students from all MS- and PhD-seeking programs are welcome and encouraged to attend! Lunch will be served.

**Postdoc Association (PDA)** – The [OUHSC PDA](#) will meeting Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12-noon in the Bird Library Atrium with guest speaker Dr. Kelly Standifer presenting on how to interview and negotiate a salary for your first academic job. All Postdocs are encouraged to attend; lunch will be served.

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### Spotlight:

#### **Shivani Mann**

**Hometown:** London, Arkansas

**Undergrad Degree:** BA in Psychology from U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville

**Favorite Book:** A Memory of Light (The Wheel of Time series)

**Favorite Food:** Hard tie between burritos and pizza

**Favorite Quote:** “Ain’t no rules says a dog can’t play basketball” – Referee #1, Air Bud (1997). It really reminds me that if a dog can play basketball (he doesn’t even have fingers), then I can probably finish my PhD.

**What do you do for relaxation?** Video games, reading non-science, and petting dogs

**What do you like most about OKC?** OKC is a wonderful size. It’s big enough to have variety shops and fun things to do if you look for them, but not so big that you have to schedule your whole day around rush hour. The dating pool isn’t that great though (no offense to my current significant other).

**What motivated you to apply to grad school, and why OUHSC?** I knew since my first Honors Psych class in undergrad that I wanted to do research. I wanted a career that would potentially avoid a midlife crisis ~20 years down the road, and the idea of getting paid to pursue knowledge in a field I am thoroughly interested in while contributing to humanity’s knowledge and advancement as a whole seemed fulfilling. I chose OUHSC because I heard wonderful things about the GPIBS program, it’s a high quality and well-rounded program with a variety of research possibilities, and the stipend to cost of living ratio is great compared to other universities.

**What have you enjoyed most about your time as a Graduate College student at OUHSC?** Everything, no regrets. The graduate program here is both demanding and supportive, and the collaborative nature of the campus provides a phenomenal opportunity for growth as a student and scientist. You work hard and learn a lot while having a strong support structure of faculty, staff, and peers to fall back on if needed. I think the thing I enjoy most about being a Graduate College student is looking back on where I started, seeing how far I’ve come, and knowing that the graduate program itself set the foundation for that. An also, obviously, all the friends I’ve made.

**What would you tell someone who is interested in pursuing graduate education?** Stay focused on your goal and love what you do because graduate school is a difficult, soul-sucking marathon, but you are awesome enough to do it! Try to find your balance between working hard, staying healthy (physically and emotionally), keeping your stress down, and working hard as early as you can. The growth you will gain from experiences, collaborations, and knowledge is priceless. Also, remember that you’re not a “failed scientist” if you don’t stay in academia.

**2019 GREAT Symposium** – The 2019 Graduate Research Education And Technology (GREAT) Symposium, will be held April 1-4. Abstract submissions are live now through February 22. There are 3 Workshops scheduled in February on how to write an abstract, create a poster, and give an oral presentation. Visit the [GREAT website](#) for more info. GREAT is open to all students who are conducting research (graduate and professional) and postdoctoral fellows.

### Successful Dense of MS Thesis:

#### Kaysha Sleet – *Nutritional Sciences*

*The Impact of Healthy Feeding Practice Training on Provider Behaviors: The FRESH Study*

#### Ashma Shiwakoti – *Radiological Sciences*

*Implementing Peter M. Joseph's Method for Image Based KVP Calculation*

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
February 4	Final date to file as a candidate for Master's Degree
February 4	Submission deadline for the Postdoc Paper of the Year competition
February 4	Submission deadline for the Graduate Student Paper of the Year
February 5	Pre-GREAT Workshop: Dr. Alix Darden, "How to Write an Abstract", LIB 299, 12pm
February 6	Submission deadline for Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis competition
February 7	Graduate Student Association meeting, BMSB 324, 12pm
February 11	Submission deadline for Robert M. Bird Society Award competition
February 11	Submission deadline for O. Ray Kling Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership
February 12	Pre-GREAT Workshop: Dr. Rebecka Bourn, "Poster Presentation Skills", LIB 299, 12pm
February 15	Professional & Career Development Seminar, "Foundation of Business and MBA" Library Atrium, 12pm
February 15	Last date to pay fees/tuition without Service Charge
February 16	Bridges to Access conference, Samis Education Center in Children's Hospital
February 19	Pre-GREAT Workshop: Dr. Brenda Smith, "Flash Talk Skills", LIB 299, 1-2pm
February 22	Final 3 Minute Thesis competition, OU Norman, Meacham Auditorium, 1:30-3:30pm
February 26	Pre-GREAT Workshop: Dr. Sanjay Bidichandani, "Oral Presentation Skills", LIB 299,
March 1	Final date to file application for diploma for Spring 2019 graduates

**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](mailto:gradcollege@ouhsc.edu) to see how you can help out!*

## Resources

**Graduate College forms/policies & more**  
<http://graduate.ouhsc.edu>

**Student Health and Wellness Clinic-**  
<http://students.ouhsc.edu/SHWC.aspx>  
 Contact Casey Carter, Senior Clinic Manager, with questions: Office 405-271-9675 x30605; Cell: 405-625-9042; Email: [Casey-Carter@ouhsc.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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**  
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### Postdoc Association:

**Facebook**  
[facebook.com/groups/OUHSC.PDA/](https://facebook.com/groups/OUHSC.PDA/)

### Graduate Student Association:

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### GPiBS:

**Twitter** - [ouhsc\\_gpibs](https://twitter.com/ouhsc_gpibs)

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