
Graduate College

The latest news and updates from OUHSC Graduate College



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Announcements:

Graduate College Summer Outreach Workshop – If you have an interest in scientific outreach or talking to younger students about science, please consider joining us for this year’s Graduate College High School Summer Workshop: Exploring Science and Disease Research, July 16, 2019 from 1-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided at 11:30am and set up begins at noon.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – Congratulations to the new 2019-2020 officers for the Graduate College Graduate Student Association!

2019-2020 GSA Executive Board

- **GSA President:** Brennah Murphy - Pathology, PhD program
- **GSA VP/Secretary:** Nicole Giordano - Micro/Immun, PhD program
- **GSA Social Chair:** Amy Bosley - Pathology, PhD program
- **GSA Treasurer and GREAT Symposium Chair:** Clayton Sandel - Micro/Immun, PhD program
- **GREAT Symposium Vice Chair:** Bethany Williams – Allied Health Sciences/Nutri. Sciences, PhD program
- **Pre-GREAT Workshops Chair:** Lauren Miller – Cell Biology, PhD program
- **GREAT Symposium Career Development Workshop Chair:** Lance Ford – Biostats/Epi., PhD program

2019-2020 GSA Senators

- Chetan Ahire – Pathology, PhD program
- Araya Assfaw – Health Promotion Sciences, PhD program
- Rachel McNamar – Cell Biology, PhD program

Announcements *Continued*:

The Biomedical & Life Sciences Collection – Includes talks on antibody therapy by Professor Herman Waldmann of the University of Oxford discussing the immunogenicity problem and the induction of immunological tolerance, and a new series, The Female Reproductive System: from Basic Science to Fertility Treatments. View the complete collection at <https://hstalks.com/biosci/>

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – The [Graduate College GSA](#) meetings will start in August for the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Postdoc Association (PDA) – The [OUHSC PDA](#) June meeting will be Monday, June 10th at 12-noon in the Bird Library Auditorium (LIB 299). All Postdocs are encouraged to come, network with peers and support your postdoc community over lunch.

Postdoc Travel Award – The OUHSC Postdoc Association (PDA) presents the new \$500 postdoc travel award to attend a scientific meeting outside the OKC metro area.

Eligibility:

- Available to postdoctoral fellows employed by OUHSC
- Only one award per fellow per year
- Postdocs who attend 3 OUHSC PDA meetings between February and July, 2019

Requirements:

- Awardees must be a full-time postdoctoral fellow employed at OUHSC during the time the award is used
- Awardees must present an abstract (oral or poster) at the meeting

Find out required application materials at the next PDA meeting, Monday, June 10th at 12:00PM. Application Deadline: July 15, 2019 at 5:00pm. Please feel free to contact the [Postdoc Association officers](#) with any questions you may have - The OUHSC PDA looks forward to receiving your applications!

Professional & Career Development Seminar – Jeff Moore, Executive Director of the Ronnie K Irani, Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth at the University of Oklahoma – will discuss how to prepare for job interviews and will walk you through a mock interview. Also two of our recent Graduate College students will describe their experiences in interviewing for industry and Federal positions on Friday, June 21st from 12-1pm in the Robert M. Bird Library Faculty Atrium; lunch will be served.

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Spotlight:

Dr. Midhun Malla

Hometown: India

Undergrad Degree: Guntur Medical College, India

Favorite Quote: “The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand” Vince Lombardi

What motivated you to apply to grad school, and why OUHSC? I always wanted to increase the breadth of my knowledge in clinical and translational sciences. Being a physician who takes care of patients with cancer, I am motivated to learn more concepts in translational research and apply them in my own clinical and research setting. My most important goal is to increase survival of the patients living with cancer and develop treatment strategies to reach that goal.

What have you enjoyed most about your time as a Graduate College student at OUHSC? I enjoyed each and every aspect of graduate college as a student. A couple things that stand out for me are the collegial learning environment in and outside the classroom and a good number of friends that I found as a student in graduate college.

What are your career goals after Graduate School? I completed graduate school alongside my training in hematology-oncology as a physician. I plan to start my career as a junior faculty in an academic institution. I would like to take care of the patients suffering with cancer, conduct translational research in the field of gastrointestinal oncology, and be involved in teaching the next generation of doctors.

What would you tell someone who is interested in pursuing graduate education? Absolutely go for it. Chase your dreams and become successful!

What do you like most about Oklahoma?

1. Excellent opportunities to succeed
2. Cultural diversity
3. Great place to raise a family



Announcements *Continued*:



Congratulations to the 2019 Graduate College graduates!
 Good Luck in all your future endeavors!

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) – The Graduate College celebrated another successful year of the PFF program. They received their certificates at a luncheon that was held in their honor. Thank you 2018-2019 class. Good Luck in all you do! Thanks also to Dr. Melissa Medina.



The PFF program is accepting applications for the **2019-2020** year now! Applications will close July 12, 2019. For more information please contact [Carla Shackelford](#) in the Graduate College.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
June 10	Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Meeting 12:00 pm, Bird Library Auditorium (LIB299) Lunch Provided
June 21	Professional and Career Development Seminar Speakers: Jeff Moore, Drs. Alex Crowe and Kim McCullor - 12:00 pm, Robert M. Bird Library Atrium (2 nd floor)

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

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

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>

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