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 meet November 7 at 12-noon in BMSB 324 for a potluck lunch. Students can sign-up to bring a dish. 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 November 4, 2019 from 12–1:00PM in the Bird Library Atrium. Dr. Helen M. Gaudin, from Oklahoma City University, will discuss – How to pursue a faculty career. All Postdocs are encouraged to attend – enjoy lunch with other postdocs, learn about upcoming events and resources!

Professional & Career Development Seminar – Alex Crowe, PhD, from USC School of Pharmacy - will discuss – Transitioning from grad school to industry, Monday, November 11, 2019 from 12-1:00PM in the Bird Library Atrium. Lunch will be served.

Shari Clifton, MLIS, AHIP, Professor Health Sciences Library Information Management, Graduate College, Associate Director and Head, Reference & Instructional Service for Robert M. Bird Library - will discuss – Making Endnote Work for You, Friday, November 15, 2019 from 12-1:00PM in the Bird Library Atrium. Lunch will be served.
Announcements Continued:

Robert M. Bird Library Art Exhibit – The Robert M. Bird Health Sciences Library has put together An Exhibit of Photographs by Huzzatul Mursalin at its 3rd floor art gallery. Having moved to Oklahoma City from Bangladesh Huzzatul Mursalin, a PhD candidate at the University Health Science Center, presents to us a work of photography that represents the people, places, and cultures that he has encountered. Come discover these views. A reception will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 12:00-1:00 p.m. by the Feretti Lounge - located to the right of the elevators on the 3rd floor.

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) – Enter OU'S Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition sponsored by the OU Norman Graduate College on the Norman Campus. Open to OU and OUHSC masters and doctoral students in good standing who will be enrolled in the Spring 2020. Prizes will be awarded! Register by January 15, 2020.

Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) – We are excited to share the latest Immunology and Microbiology content that has been added to the Jove collection which is available free to all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows through the Robert M. Bird Library. The Immunology collection covers many staple techniques of immunology labs, including the labeling and sorting of immune cells. It also demonstrates proliferation methods for immune tissue and cell samples. The Microbiology collection demonstrates the key tools of microbiological investigation, including proper sterile techniques and plating, how to use selective media and enrich samples, and culturing methods for mixed or pure samples. Additionally, it looks at common methods for identifying microbial isolates, as well as procedures for the genetic manipulation of bacteria. You can see them here: Immunology and Microbiology

Graduate College Spotlight:

Christina Bruxvoort

Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas, but moved to Edmond, OK 20 years ago

Undergraduate Degree/Institution: Bachelors of Science in Biology – University of Central Oklahoma & Masters of Science in Biochemistry, OUHSC

Favorite Quote: “When there is no vision, people perish” Proverbs 29:18 and Ralph Waldo Emerson

Favorite Food: Seafood

Favorite Book: The Time Machine

What motivated you to apply to grad school, and why OUHSC? I had a dream to try something no one in my family has ever done. I chose OUHSC because this campus is filled with brilliant scientists that invest in the lives of their students on a daily basis. Our OUHSC mentors work along-side us to help make our dreams a reality.

What are your career goals after Graduate School? Pass on the legacy of being a lifetime learner through scientific research.

What would you tell someone who is interested in pursuing graduate education? A graduate education is obtainable. Do not give up, be diligent, and be patient while working towards completing your goals.

What have you enjoyed most about your time as a Graduate College student at OUHSC? The camaraderie between classmates as we work towards completing our educational and professional goals.

How will you use your experience in Leadership at HSC to promote graduate education? By being an encouraging voice to those who cross my path and showing people compassion.

What do you like most about Oklahoma? The pace of life and the genuine kindness of its citizens.
Announcements Continued:

Wacky Games — The Graduate College participated in the 29th Annual Wacky Games. Wacky Games are the kickoff for the OUHSC and OU Medicine community fundraising event for the United Way of Central Oklahoma. The Graduate College team (Grad Crew) received the Gold medal in the Tri-Wack-A-Thon game. Dr. Melissa Medina represented the Graduate College in the CEO Challenge and won. Thank you to all that participated!

Fellowship Opportunity - Are you a doctoral student in second or third year who wants to use research to shape policies that improve health equity? If you are a US citizen or permanent resident from a historically underrepresented population and/or disadvantaged background, think about applying for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation "Health Policy Research Scholars" Program https://healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org/

Who is Health Policy Research Scholars for?
Doctoral students from all disciplines that have a direct impact on health policy—from economics to political science. Each year, the program selects up to 60 applicants.

Applicants must be:
• In 2020, we will accept up to 60 rising second- and third-year doctoral students. We expect to enroll up to 40 rising second-year doctoral students each year after 2020.
• From historically underrepresented populations and/or disadvantaged backgrounds.
• Pursuing a research-focused discipline.
• Interested in health policy and interdisciplinary approaches.

What do scholars receive?
• An annual stipend of up to $30,000 for up to four years.
• A four-year leadership development program.
• Training in health policy and population health.
• Professional ties to leaders in public health, equity, and many other fields and professions.
• Dissertation support and mentoring.
• Opportunity to compete for an additional dissertation grant of up to $10,000.

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
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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/

OUHSC Graduate College Brochure
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The Graduate College is pleased to announce the defense of the following degrees:

**Md. Riaj Mahamud**
Cell Biology | GATA2 Controls Lymphatic Endothelial Cell Junctional Integrity and Lymphovenous Valve Morphogenesis through MIR-126
Committee in Charge: Sathish Srinivasan, PhD; Eric W. Howard, PhD; Florea Lupu, PhD; Lorin E. Olson; Lijun Xia, PhD; Xin Zhang, PhD

**Avery Claire Gill**
Graduate Orthodontics | Development of a Systematic Checklist for Reviewing CBCT Images in an Orthodontic Population
Committee in Charge: G. Frans Currier, DDS, Chair
Committee Members: Onur Kadioglu, DDS; Farah Masood, DDS

**Hooman Yari**
Graduate Pharmaceutical Sciences | Prostate Specific Membrane Antigen Targeted Theranostic Liposomes from Active Targeting of Prostate
Committee in Charge: Vibhudutta Awasthi, PhD, Chair; Nathan Shankar, PhD; Michael A. Ihnat, PhD; Alamdar Hussain, PhD; Rheal A. Towner, PhD

**Erich A. Schnell**
Department of Radiological Sciences | High Dose Rate Brachytherapy for the Treatment of Gynecologic Cancers
Committee in Charge: Tania De La Fuente Herman, PhD, Chair; Salahuddin Ahmad, PhD; Spencer Thompson, MD; Hosang Jin, PhD; Daniel Zhao, PhD; Jagadeesh Sonnad, PhD

**Kimberly Perrella Veirs**
Allied Health Sciences | Evaluation of the Effects of First Metatarsophalangeal Joint Mobility on the Young Ballet Dancer’s Ability to Assume the En Pointe Position Using a Multi-Segment Foot Model
Committee in Charge: Carol P. Dionne, DPT, PhD, Chair; Andrew Fagg, PhD; Amgad Haleem, MD, PhD; Lynn Jeffries, PT, PhD; Kenneth E. Randall, PT, PhD; Susan Sisson, RD, PhD
**Upcoming Events**

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