

GRADUATE UPDATE

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW OUTSTANDING ESU GRADUATE FACULTY MENTOR AWARD ESTABLISHED

This award was established by the Graduate Council and will be awarded for the first time during the Spring 2015 semester. The award was established to recognize one outstanding graduate faculty member (Regular or Associate) who demonstrates dedication to and mentorship of graduate students and has provided leadership to graduate education. Nominees must be full-time tenured or tenure-track members of the graduate faculty (regular or associate) for a minimum of three years. Faculty members may be nominated by other faculty or may nominate themselves. Nominations must be received by March 13. The recipient will be announced at the ESU Research Day on April 30. The application and guidelines are available at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/graduate-forms/outstanding-esu-graduate-faculty-mentor-award-nomination-form.html>.

Graduate Dates to Remember

Spring Calendar	Due
Thesis and Dissertation Support Award applications	2/13
Scholar's Circle Funding Request	2/27
Intent to Graduate for Summer 2015	3/1
Presidential Graduate Scholarship applications	3/6
Boylan Thesis Award nominations	3/6
GTA Excellence in Teaching nominations	3/6
Boylan Scholar Awards applications	3/13
Outstanding ESU Graduate Faculty Mentor nominations	3/13
Forensic Science Scholarship applications	3/30
First copy of theses/dissertations	4/17
Graduate Commencement—Albert Taylor Hall	5/16

FROM THE DEAN



Graduate Pets

The Graduate School is running a photo contest to display the experience our pets have during the holidays. The contest will run from December 23—January 15th. Prizes will include \$100, \$50 and \$25 prize. You can post your photo entries to Twitter (use #esugradphotos), Facebook (post on ESU Graduate School) or send directly to April Huddlestone in the Graduate School at ahuddles@emporia.edu. We will share all photos submitted on both Twitter and Facebook. Please make sure to include your name and contact information for each photo submitted.

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Fall Commencement

ROBERT GROVER SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Emporia State University has awarded two Robert J. Grover Graduate Student Scholarships for 2015 to Emily Lickteig, a student from Olathe, KS and Rachel Petersen, a student from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Ms. Lickteig is currently working on her master's degree in Mental Health Counseling through ESU's Counselor Education department. Ms. Petersen is currently working on three master's degrees in Art Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, and Psychology with a concentration in Experimental Psychology through ESU's Counselor Education and Psychology departments. Both students will be honored at ESU's 2015 Research and Creativity Day on April 30.

NEW FORENSIC SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

A limited number of \$1,000 (\$500 each semester) graduate scholarships have been established beginning with the Spring 2015 semester. The scholarships are available to graduate students who have been found eligible for the new Master of Science in Forensic Science program. The application deadline is March 30, 2015. The application is available at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/>.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Two Boylan Scholar Awards will be awarded during the Spring 2015 semester. The application deadline is March 13, 2015. Applications are available on line at <http://www.emporia.edu/grad/scholarships-awards/>. Each award recipient will receive \$2125.

Two Presidential Graduate Scholarships will be awarded during the Spring 2015 semester. The application deadline is March 6, 2015. Applicants must be new, first-time master's or doctoral students with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5. The recipients will receive \$4,000 each (\$2,000 per semester). The scholarships are automatically renewable for the 2nd year, provided the recipient maintains a 3.5 GPA.

ONLINE GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS RANKED

Emporia State's online graduate education programs are ranked No. 11 in the United States by U.S. News & World Reports, which analyzes data and ranks public and private educational institutions and their academic programs throughout the year. At No. 11, Emporia State is the highest-ranked school in Kansas.



SEMESTER DATES

Classes begin— January 21
 Last day to enroll—February 3
 Last day to withdraw with full refund—February 3
 Last day of official drop period—February 3
 Spring Break—March 16-20
 Mid-term grades due—March 24
 Last day to withdraw with a “W”—April 8
 Last day of classes—May 8
 Final exams—May 11—15
 Commencement—May 16
 Final grades due—May 19



Happy Holidays from
 the Graduate School



NEW GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR SPRING 2015

Andy Blakemore (Mathematics)	Serena Reynolds (SLIM)
Gina Carlone (HPER)	Ian Ruge (SLIM)
Anthony Cuffe (Counselor Education)	Raquel Ruiz (SLIM)
April Edwards (SLIM)	Charles Santy (Social Sciences)
Sarah Fishel (Mathematics and Economics)	Ashton Schard (HPER)
Ryan LaFerney (SLIM)	Lynn Schwartz (SLIM)
Cynthia Landis (SLIM)	Jaclyn Skelton (HPER)
Shaun Morgan (HPER)	Courtney Standiferd (HPER)
Andrew Potter (English, Modern Languages, and Journalism)	Stephanie Thayn (SLIM)
Brittany Raines (SLIM)	Ashley Jo Will (SLIM)
	Brian Wilson (Mathematics and Economics)

ON CAMPUS INFORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate School Recruiting — 11-1 p.m. — Tuesday, 1/28 — Memorial Union, Main St.

Graduate School Recruiting — 11-1 p.m. — Tuesday, 2/17 — Memorial Union, Main St.

Spring Teacher Career Fair — 9-3 p.m. — Wednesday, 3/4 — Memorial Union, Webb Hall

Boot Camp: How to apply for graduate school — 12-1 p.m. — Wednesday, 3/10 — Memorial Union, Kanza Room — pizza and drinks provided!

Graduate School Recruiting — 11-1 p.m. — Thursday, 3/12 — Memorial Union, Main St.

Boot Camp: How to apply for graduate school — 3-4 p.m. — Thursday, 4/22— Memorial Union, Greek Room — refreshments provided!

Graduate School Recruiting — 11-1 p.m. — Thursday, 4/23 — Memorial Union, Main St.

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GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE AWARDED

Susan Adam, IDT, Colleague 2 Colleague's Summer Institute for Distance Learning, Overland Park, KS—\$150

Jingwei Chen, IDT, Association for Educational Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Guangyi Gao, Biology, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA—\$250

Eva Gyawali, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$125

Weiwei Ji, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$125

Jiyu Jiang, Biology, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA—\$500

Marziah Karch, SLIM, Association for Library and Information Science Education Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$350

Wang Lin, Biology, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA—\$500

Lin Lin, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$125

Ning Liu, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Xianyu Liu, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Lixiazi Lu, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Haishan Luo, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Younan Ma, Biology, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA—\$250

Maya McElfish, Biology, Kansas Herpetological Society Conference, Manhattan, KS—\$250

Ashley Messner, Biology, Kansas Herpetological Society Conference, Manhattan, KS—\$250

MinJi Park, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$125

Emma Pauly-Hubbard, Biology, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$250

Meghan Salsbury, SLIM, Kansas Library Association Annual conference, Wichita, KS—\$250

Abigail Smith, IDT, Colleague 2 Colleague's Summer Institute for Distance Learning, Overland Park, KS—\$150

Kangwon Song, IDT, Colleague 2 Colleague's Summer Institute for Distance Learning, Overland Park, KS—\$150

Jordan Templeton, English, Midwest Popular Culture Association/Midwest American Culture Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN—\$500

Muxin Wang, IDT, Association for Education Communication and Technology International Conference, Jacksonville, FL—\$167

Lora Worden, SLIM, Young Adult Library Services Association's Young Adult Literature Symposium, Portland, OR—\$250

Guang Yang, Biology, American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA—\$250