Department News

Research Fair - Mark your Calendars

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Fair will be held November 6-7, 2013, with the Faculty Recognition Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7 in the Centennial Room at the Nebraska Union. Please make a note of these dates on your calendar and look for more details about the Research Fair in the coming months.

We are now requesting information for the next Major Sponsored Program and Faculty Awards booklet. As in the past, I would appreciate you forwarding this request to administrators, faculty and staff in your department or college. We also ask that you share this request broadly (e.g., in upcoming faculty meetings, on departmental listservs, etc.) Our goal is to recognize as many of these major faculty accomplishments as possible.

You may submit information via the Research Fair website, researchfair.unl.edu.

Select “Submit Your Successes” on the top navigation bar, to choose from these categories:

- **Books**, either published or copyrighted between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. These books will be on display at the Faculty Recognition Breakfast.
- **Nationally and Internationally Competitive** Honors and Recognitions, received between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.
- **Creative Activity**, created, performed, exhibited or produced in fine and performing arts and architecture, nationally or internationally between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013.

We appreciate your assistance in helping to recognize the outstanding work of our faculty. Showcasing these successes is important! Please mark your calendars now for our Research Fair on November 6-7. Thank you.

Please send your announcements, Bravos and events for the weekly newsletter to Casandra (csiefkes2@unl.edu) by 5 pm on Thursdays.
KRR Open House

September 18
2:00pm - 4:00pm

The Kawasaki Reading Room will be hosting an open house Wednesday, to introduce the new director Madoka Wayoro. Stop by for Tea and Japanese sweets, origami lessons, and take an opportunity to welcome Madoka to the Department.

Call for Nominations - Graduate Recognition

The Office of Graduate Studies requests nominations for its three graduate recognition awards:

The **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant** Award recognizes graduate teaching assistants who have demonstrated special effectiveness in teaching undergraduates at UNL. Recipients will receive a medallion and cash award of $1,000.

The **Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant** Award recognizes excellence in graduate student research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Recipients will receive a medallion and cash award of $1,000.

The **Dean’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Education** honors faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate mentoring have made a significant contribution to graduate education at UNL. Two awards are given; one to a junior faculty member and one to a senior faculty member. Recipients will receive a medallion and cash award of $2,000 Award recipients will be honored during the 2014 spring semester. Nominations will be submitted online. The due date for submission of the nomination form is October 2; the due date for submission of all supporting materials is October 23 and guidelines are attached.

Call for Nominations - Folsom Distinguished Awards

The Office of Graduate Studies requests nominations for the annual Folsom Distinguished Master’s Thesis and Doctoral Awards recognizing the outstanding research and creative accomplishments of UNL graduate students. These awards are made possible through a generous gift from the family of Lowe R. and Mavis M. Folsom to the University of Nebraska Foundation. Award recipients will be honored during the 2014 spring semester.

The recipient of the **Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award** will receive a $500 honorarium. The recipient of the **Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award** will receive a $1,000 honorarium.

Nominations must be submitted online by **October 23, 2013**. Additional copies of the Call for Nominations and the nomination forms are located on our website at http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards We are grateful to the Folsom family and the University of Nebraska Foundation for providing this opportunity to showcase the important scholarly contributions made by our graduate students.

MLA Job List

The MLA Job Information List database will be available for searching on 13 September. Access to the database is free to all users. To search the list, users can log in with their MLA member credentials or create a nonmember log-in. (for department login please see Casandra)

The JIL database is updated weekly to make job listings available in a timely manner. Please visit the MLA Web site for more information about access to the JIL and for tips on searching.

Notice!

We are having some of the hallway walls in our department repainted. In order to help keep these looking nice please do not tape anything to the wall.

If you would like something posted please bring it to 1111 we have materials that will not damage the walls.
**Language Clubs**

- **French Table**
  - Fridays
  - 4pm-6pm
  - Yia Yia’s
  - #UNLTableau

- **Kino Club**
  - **TBA**

- **Portuguese Table**
  - 20 Sept // 5:30pm
  - Yia Yia’s
  - #UNLPortugal

- **Stammtisch**
  - Tuesdays
  - 5pm-6:30pm
  - Panera Bread
  - #UNLStammtisch

- **Spanish Table**
  - Thursdays
  - 6pm
  - Yia Yia’s
  - #UNLMesa

- **Chinese Table**
  - **TBA**

- **Komensky Club**
  - 4 Sept
  - 6:30 Union
  - #UNLKomensky

- **Russian Club**
  - 12 Sept // 10 Oct
  - 30 Oct
  - 7pm // 203 OLDH
  - #UNLRussClub

- **Arabic Table**
  - Wednesdays
  - 3:30pm-5:30pm
  - 1125 OLDH
  - #UNLArabic

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**Bate Papo**

**Presenting the first Portuguese Conversation Table!**

20 Sept. for 5-7pm at Yia Yia’s.

For those who are Portuguese students, it’s a good opportunity to speak the language with native speakers from different parts of Brazil.

For those who are Brazilian students, it’s a good opportunity to have someone to speak English afterwards.

For everybody, it’s a good chance to meet new people and have some fun!

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**Twitter!**

I will be scheduling tweeted reminders for all language club events. If you are managing a language club or table be sure to let me know if you are skipping or changing meetings.

I will also be using hashtags for each of the clubs and events. Be sure to use these hashtags before and during your event and encourag the attendees to do so as well. Stop by if you have any questions or to create new hashtags for your event or meeting!
Call for Nominations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2013-14 Folsom Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award

Submit nominations for this award online by October 23
http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards

The Dean of Graduate Studies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is soliciting nominations for the UNL Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award. Funded by the Folsom family through the University of Nebraska Foundation, the award recognizes and rewards distinguished scholarship and research at the Master’s level.

Guidelines

1. Each department or interdepartmental area that confers the Master’s degree may submit one nomination for the award. The departmental selection process is the responsibility of each department/area.

2. A nominee must have been awarded the Master’s degree in December 2012, May 2013 or August 2013. Individuals who have received a Ph.D. (or comparable research degree) in any discipline prior to writing the Master’s thesis are not eligible. However, recipients of a first professional degree awarded prior to the writing of the thesis may be nominated.

3. Nomination materials must be submitted online to include:
   a. Written endorsement of the department graduate committee chair;
   b. One-page resume of the nominee;
   c. Abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) describing the research and its significance. This must contain the title of the thesis and name of the author;
   d. Letter from the faculty mentor/advisor; and
   e. Contact information for TWO reviewers from outside the department who have agreed to review and rank the abstract.

4. Submit online nomination by October 23.

5. Outside reviewers will be contacted and their reviews will be completed by December 4.

6. A Graduate Faculty Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations and determine the recipient of the award. At the committee's discretion, additional consultation may be sought.

7. The recipient of the Lowe R. and Mavis M. Folsom Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award will receive a $500 honorarium, a commemorative medallion, and be invited, along with his or her faculty mentor, to attend an awards reception during Spring Semester 2014.

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Call for Nominations
UNL Office of Graduate Studies
2013-14 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Submit nominations for this award online by October 2
http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards

The Office of Graduate Studies recognizes the valuable role that graduate teaching assistants play in enhancing undergraduate learning at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award honors graduate teaching assistants who have demonstrated special effectiveness in teaching undergraduates in a variety of settings.

Recipient(s) will be honored at an awards reception during Spring Semester 2014 and will receive a medallion and a cash award of $1,000.00.

Eligibility:
1. All current graduate teaching assistants at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are eligible for this award.
2. The student must have demonstrated superior teaching skills while serving as an instructor of the classroom or laboratory.
3. The student must have had significant teaching responsibilities for at least two semesters since January 2011.
4. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.
5. Awards will be made on the basis of a) demonstrated excellence in the classroom, laboratory, or studio based on course evaluations and the nomination letter; b) description of innovative or creative teaching techniques, technologies, and methods; and/or c) interest in professional development as a teacher as evidenced by publications related to teaching, attendance at teaching conferences or research conferences with teaching tracts, attendance at local workshops or teaching enhancement activities on campus sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies or the nominee’s individual department.

Nomination Timeline:
1. Submit online nomination form by October 2.
2. The nominee will be contacted to submit supporting materials by October 23.
3. Individuals must be nominated by tenure-line faculty members.

Each nominator must submit:
1. Online nomination form; and
2. Letter of nomination no more than two pages from a faculty member qualified to assess the GTA’s teaching (this letter is important in helping the awards committee determine the nominee’s qualifications).

Each nominee must submit:
1. One-page statement of teaching philosophy;
2. One-page summary of the nominee's teaching evaluations from at least two courses or labs (both qualitative & quantitative); and
3. Two-page vita including descriptions of any creative teaching materials developed, exceptional instructional responsibilities, or innovative instructional techniques used.

NOTE: No videos, binders, or other materials will be accepted.

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2013-14 Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Graduate Research Assistant Award recognizes the excellent quality of research carried out by UNL graduate students.

Recipients will be honored at an awards reception Spring Semester 2014 and will receive a medallion and a cash award of $1,000.00.

Eligibility:
1. All current graduate research assistants at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are eligible for this award.
2. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.
3. Awards will be made on the basis of outstanding contributions to research, future promise as a researcher, and originality, imagination and significance of research or creative activity.

Nomination Timeline:
1. Submit online nomination form by October 2.
2. The nominee will be contacted to submit supporting materials by October 23.
3. Individuals must be nominated by tenure-line faculty members.

Each nominator must submit:
1. Online nomination form; and
2. Letter of nomination no more than two pages, outlining the research and creative activities, submitted by the faculty advisor or other faculty member qualified to assess the nominee’s research (this letter is important in helping the awards committee determine the nominee’s qualifications).

Each nominee must submit:
1. One-page summary of research activity/project in non-specialist language—written by the nominee—emphasizing the timeliness, significance, and uniqueness of the project; and
2. Two-page vita including descriptions of research and creative activities.

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Call for Nominations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2013-14 Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award

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The Dean of Graduate Studies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is soliciting nominations for the UNL Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award. Funded by the Folsom family through the University of Nebraska Foundation, the award recognizes and rewards distinguished scholarship and research at the doctoral level. Nominated dissertations should represent original work making an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. Both methodological and substantive quality will be judged.

Guidelines

1. Each department or interdepartmental program may submit one doctoral dissertation for consideration. Department guidelines for selection are up to each department/area.

2. The dissertation must have been received in December 2012, May 2013 or August 2013. The degree award will be confirmed by the graduate dean.

3. Nomination materials must be submitted online to include:
   a. Abstract (not to exceed 10 pages) of the dissertation, prepared by the nominee. In addition, appendices containing non-technological material, such as charts or tables, may be included. This must contain the title of the dissertation and the name of the author;
   b. Three letters from referees evaluating the significance and quality of the dissertation work. The nominee should request one of these letters from the dissertation supervisor, another from a member of the dissertation committee, and the third from an expert scholar of the nominee’s choice from within or outside the University of Nebraska who did not serve on the nominee’s supervisory committee;
   c. Two-page vita; and
   d. Contact information for TWO reviewers from OUTSIDE the University who have agreed to review and rank the abstract. These reviewers may not have been involved in the dissertation writing process, either as committee members or as collaborators.

4. Submit online nomination by October 23.

5. Outside reviewers will be contacted and their reviews will be completed by December 4.

6. A Graduate Faculty Awards Committee will evaluate the nominations and determine the recipient of the award. At the committee’s discretion, additional consultation may be sought.

7. The recipient of the Lowe R. and Mavis M. Folsom Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award will receive a $1000 honorarium, a commemorative medallion, and be invited, along with his or her faculty mentor, to attend an awards reception during Spring Semester 2014.

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Call for Nominations

UNL Office of Graduate Studies
2013-14 Dean’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Education

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http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards

The Dean’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Education honor faculty members whose dedication to graduate students and commitment to excellence in graduate mentoring have made a significant contribution to graduate education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Two awards will be made, one for Assistant or Associate Professors and the other for Full Professors. The recipients will be honored at an awards reception during Spring Semester 2014 and will receive a medallion and a cash award of $2,000.00.

Eligibility:
1. Nominees must be Graduate Faculty.
2. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible.
3. Awards will be made on the basis of demonstrated excellence and lasting impact in areas such as: distinguished scholarly/creative activity; successful graduate research mentoring, as evidenced by a pattern of research collaboration and co-authored publications with graduate students; successful graduate instructional performance; and/or special graduate advising or mentoring efforts.

Nomination Timeline:
1. Nominations will be accepted from students, faculty, administrators, and alumni.
2. Submit original nomination for each nominee online by October 2.
3. The nominee will be contacted to submit supporting materials by October 23.
4. Graduate Studies will distribute the selected nominations to the Awards Committee who will then select the campus-wide winner of each award.

Each nominator must submit:
1. Online nomination form;
2. Letter of nomination no more than two pages;
3. Name and email of a peer graduate faculty member, that person will be contacted to provide a letter of support.

Each nominee must submit:
1. Nominee’s curriculum vita;
2. A statement (1-2 pages) describing the nominee’s goals, methods, and accomplishments in mentoring graduate students.

NOTE: No videos, binders, or other materials will be accepted.

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Spanish Tutoring Center

Tuesdays 11-12.30pm
Thursdays 10-11.30am

WHERE
Modern Languages & Literatures
Oldfather Hall 1126

Website: http://go.unl.edu/spanishtutoringcenter

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