The fall session will be offered online in an accelerated format (only 6 weeks) and will be held on Thursdays (12-1:30 p.m.), October 8 - November 12. The goal of the program is to help participants understand the steps to move their innovative ideas/research from concept to commercialization or implementation. The program is open to SIU faculty, staff, students, and innovators throughout southern Illinois.

**Topics include:**
- DEVELOPING YOUR IDEA
- IDENTIFYING FUNDING AND INVESTORS
- DEFINING YOUR TARGET MARKET/MARKET RESEARCH
- TESTING YOUR BUSINESS MODEL
- ENTERING AND CAPTURING THE MARKET
- PLANNING FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS
- BUILDING YOUR TEAM
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
- IDEA PITCH DEVELOPMENT

Other than your time, there is no cost to participate in this program. Those who complete the program will receive benefits including no-cost idea development assistance, 3-month business incubator membership, and up to $500 toward expert research and development services and consultation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, VISIT RESEARCHPARK.SIU.EDU
**Workshops for DOGS (Directors of Graduate Study)**

On September 16 and 17, Directors of Graduate Study (DOGS) and others who handle graduate student issues joined the Graduate School staff (virtually, via Microsoft Teams) to review policies and procedures for admissions, registration, final paper submissions, records, graduation, and other topics. Participant questions helped to guide the presentation. Thank you to all who attended! If you missed the sessions and want to watch a recording of the Sept. 16 session, visit [https://gradschool.siu.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/](https://gradschool.siu.edu/faculty-and-staff-resources/) and look under the STAFF TRAINING heading. There are other training documents on this webpage, including a link to the Graduate School Staff Manual.

**Ph.D. Co-op Programs with SIUE, Annual Fall Meeting**

Stakeholders from SIUC and SIUE who collaborate to offer Ph.D. Co-op Programs met via Zoom on Monday, September 21 to re-connect, discuss procedures, and share research endeavours with each other. Ph.D. Co-op Programs are offered in Historical Studies, Engineering Science, Environmental Resources & Policy, Computer Science, and Pharmacology & Neuroscience. Participants appreciated the opportunity for conversation, while requesting system support for the programs, especially in the form of graduate assistantships.

**Graduate School 2020 Assembly of Fellows Ceremony**

On September 23, 2020-2021 fellowship recipients were invited to a virtual ceremony in their honor via Microsoft Teams. Provost Komarraju, Dr. Gary Kinsel, and Dr. Stephen Shih offered remarks of congratulations and appreciation. Family and friends of the fellows were invited, and they were joined by Deans and other administrators, faculty, and staff from across campus. After each fellow’s name and award was read, the awardee was given the chance to say a few words. Many used the opportunity to thank the faculty and staff who had been supportive of them. Last year’s ceremony was held at Morris Library and included time to mingle and enjoy refreshments. Despite COVID-19 preventing in-person interactions and refreshments this year, Ms. Crystal Harris of the Graduate School managed to facilitate an online event that honored the students’ efforts and brought positive feelings of hope for the future to everyone in attendance.

Visit [https://gradschool.siu.edu/cost-aid/fellowships/](https://gradschool.siu.edu/cost-aid/fellowships/) for guidelines and applications to nominate students for 2021-2022 awards.
Final Paper Formatting & Submitting Info Sessions to Be Held on Oct. 6 and 7

Graduate students were sent an email invitation for two information sessions to be held on Tuesday, October 6, Noon – 1:00 P.M. and Wednesday, October 7, 5:00 – 6:00 P.M. via Microsoft Teams. Information will be presented on formatting and submitting final papers to the Graduate School. Students at any point in their programs are welcome to attend. Interested faculty and staff are also welcome. Contact Dr. Rose Moroz if you would like the links sent to you. Guidelines are posted at https://gradschool.siu.edu/current-students/thesis-dissertation-researchpaper/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-uoEzhtcso

Fall 2020 Plan
https://siu.edu/coronavirus/fall2020/

Coronavirus Information
https://siu.edu/coronavirus/

Active COVID Cases
https://siu.edu/coronavirus/active-cases.php

Campus Contacts Regarding COVID-19 Questions
https://siu.edu/coronavirus/campus-contacts.php

Wishing you a healthy and productive October!