

GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS



NOVEMBER 2019



OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARD

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the **Outstanding Thesis Award**. This award is to recognize and reward distinguished scholarship and research at the master's level.

<https://gradschool.siu.edu/common/documents/forms/Memo-for-Announcement-of-Competition-OTA.pdf>

Completed nominations are due Friday, **November 22, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Bennett, donnab@siu.edu or call 453-4521.

Guidelines:

<https://gradschool.siu.edu/common/documents/forms/Guidelines-for-Outstanding-Thesis.pdf>

Calendars & Events

Fellowship Workshop

November 7, 2 pm – 4 pm
SSB 150/160

Dates and Deadlines

November 8

Deadline to make initial submission of research paper, thesis, or dissertation for December 2019 graduation

November 12

Deadline for October payroll

November 15

Deadline for receipt of Graduate School Tuition Scholarships Applications for Spring Semester 2020

Deadline to make final submission of research paper, thesis, or dissertation for December 2019 graduation

November 22

Last day to add a full-term course with instructor approval through the Graduate Registration Office

Deadline for submission of completed nominations for Outstanding Thesis Award

HEADS-UP

December 1

Graduate assistant re-employment notification: Departments must notify graduate assistants of a decision to re-employ or not re-employ as a graduate assistant for the following Spring semester 2020.

Deadline date for Spring 2020 graduate assistantship contracts due to Graduate School.

PAPER SUBMISSION DEADLINES APPROACHING FAST

The deadlines for students to electronically submit their research papers, theses, and dissertations (in order to graduate this December) are just around the corner! All students must submit initially by **Friday, November 8**. After this submission, they will receive feedback on their formatting via email. All edits must be made and the final version must be approved by both advisor/committee and the Graduate School and submitted by the end of the day on **Friday, November 15**. Oral Defense and Research Paper/Thesis/Dissertation Approval forms must also be delivered to the Graduate School by **November 15**. Please note that current forms contain an Adobe Reader digital signature feature that may be used when committee members are unable to sign by hand. The best procedure is for the digital signer to be the first signer. Then the forms can be printed, and then the hand signers can sign on those pages. We recommend that 2 originals are created and signed for each form, so the program can keep one set of originals and send the other set to the Graduate School. Contact **Dr. Rose Moroz** with any questions.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES WEBPAGES

Please visit <https://gradschool.siu.edu/student-resources/> where you'll find 12 new webpages designed to inform current graduate students and others about the academic, financial, professional development, health/wellness, daily life, involvement, safety, legal, and miscellaneous resources that are available to graduate students. Feel free to link this page to your own program webpage where you offer information for your graduate students. We are striving for these webpages to be as helpful and as comprehensive as possible, so as you visit them, if you notice that any helpful links are missing, please send an email to **Dr. Rose Moroz** at rmtmoroz@siu.edu.

In addition to links to resources, we've added a webpage that highlights Saluki Stories videos <https://gradschool.siu.edu/student-resources/saluki-stories.php> and a webpage that highlights student internships and other professional experiences <https://gradschool.siu.edu/student-resources/internships-and-experiences.php>. We are grateful for the faculty and staff who recommended students to participate in these two student showcase webpages and grateful for the students who participated!

CONTACT ORC WHEN ADVISOR LEAVES

When a student research project has human subjects or uses live vertebrate animals and has been approved with a certain faculty advisor as the supervisor of the research, **the Office of Research Compliance (ORC)** must be notified when the advisor leaves campus through retirement or resignation. A new supervisor must be approved for the project, and that person must be an SIU employee (no 0% contracts). For questions, please contact **ORC** at 618-453-4534 or rcr@siu.edu.

WHEN TO BEGIN USING THE LATEST APA MANUAL

The American Psychological Association (APA) published its latest edition (7th) in October 2019. Several students have contacted the Graduate School asking if they will be required to follow this latest edition for their papers that are due by November 8. The Graduate School will leave this decision to the students' advisors and committees. (The APA anticipates that most people will start using this new edition in spring 2020.) Since not all programs require the use of APA style, the Graduate School will not be altering its research paper, thesis, or dissertation templates based on this latest APA edition.

The logo for Slate training, featuring the word "slate" in white lowercase letters on a blue square background.

SLATE TRAINING

Radius access will be shut off at the end of the day on November 15. If you have not signed up for **Slate training** you need to do so ASAP. Please email koushik@siu.edu for training dates/times.

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

All international admissions for SP20 should already be submitted to Graduate School. If you have an applicant who is overseas, and you wish to offer admission for Spring 20, please submit their admission recommendation immediately.

SPECIAL UPLOADS IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION

If your program requires specific uploads, such as statement of purpose or thesis extract, you need to let Graduate School know ASAP or they will not be included in the online application.

GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOP

Thu., November 7th
Student Services Building, Rooms - 150/160
2-4 p.m.



For more information, please visit:
<http://gradschool.siu.edu/cost-aid>

Doctoral/Morris Dates & Deadlines

Friday, 4:00 pm, January 17, 2020
Deadline for submission of fellowship nomination materials to the Graduate School

Friday, February 7, 2020
Fellowship offers are to be announced

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Deadline for acceptance of offers

Master's Dates & Deadlines

Friday, 4:00 pm, January 24, 2020
Deadline for submission of fellowship nomination materials to the Graduate School

Friday, February 14, 2020
Fellowship offers are to be announced

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Deadline for acceptance of offers

Grad Dean/PROMPT Dates & Deadlines

Friday, 4:00 pm, January 24, 2020
Deadline for submission of fellowship nomination materials and department nomination materials to the Graduate School

Friday, February 21, 2020
Fellowship offers are to be announced

Monday, April 15, 2020
Deadline for acceptance of offers

Dissertation Research Award (DRA)

Friday, 4:00 pm, March 20, 2020
Deadline for submission of nomination materials the Dean's Office

Friday, 4:00 pm, April 3, 2020
Deadline for the College to submit a rank ordered list to the Graduate School

Friday, April 17, 2020
Recipients will be notified by Graduate School

**KNOW
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Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Held Annual Gower Research and Award Symposium



Through the generous donation of Dr. Bob Gower and Mrs. Mary Elisabeth Gower, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry awards fellowships annually to the outstanding graduate students in the program. The fellowship provides full stipend support for summer and a monetary award to each student. Thirty-five Gower Fellowship recipients have been supported over the past 14 years. The department holds Gower Research Symposium every year in the fall semester. Each fellowship recipient is invited to present his/her research to the department. The symposium also includes a poster presentation, highlighting the departmental research. This 2019 Gower Research and Award Symposium took place on Sept. 20.

The picture (above) shows three 2019 Gower Fellowship recipients from left to right: **Tianyu Zhang** (Ge), **Hannah Giang** (Sun), and **Jeirui Yu** (Deria) with Dr. Qingfeng Ge (far left) and Dr. Bob Gower (far right), and the picture on the right is the poster presentation.





2020 SIUC Local 3MT Competition

Sponsored by the Graduate School,
Office of Vice Chancellor for Research, and
Office of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs



The Graduate School, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research, and Office of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will co-sponsor the 2020 SIUC Local 3MT (Three-Minute-Thesis) Competition. **The announcement with details will be sent out soon.**

WHAT IS 3MT?

This research communication competition originally developed by The University of Queensland (UQ) in 2008. Over time the contest has exploded in popularity, and 3MT contests now occur worldwide at over 600 universities/institutions across 65 countries. SIU Carbondale is one of the participating institutions.

The 3MT competition challenges students to summarize their research or scholarship for a non-specialist audience using only three minutes of speech using pre-determined guidelines and a single PowerPoint slide. A panel of judges scores each student to determine a winner.

Active SIUC PhD and Professional Doctorate (Research) candidates who have successfully passed their confirmation milestone (including candidates whose dissertation is under submission) by the date of their first presentation are eligible to participate in 3MT competition. Graduates are not eligible. Three awards will be given:

- The first-place award: \$700 for travel to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS) Annual Meeting plus \$500 in cash
- The second place award: \$500 in cash
- The third place award: \$300 in cash

