

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

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Nicholas Wojtynek

Industry internships offer a new perspective

Graduate Studies leaders have been encouraged by the recent success of several UNMC Ph.D. students in obtaining internships in industry, as well as academia. [Read more.](#)

A message from the dean

I am delighted to welcome all of our new graduate students to campus this fall. This year, we matriculated our highest number of learners, bringing our total graduate student population to 531 -- a 7.5 percent increase over the last academic year.

In this issue, you will discover how our graduate students are thriving in prestigious industry internships. Their success is a testament to the extraordinary training they receive at UNMC -- both in technical skills and the "transferable" or professional skills that are pivotal in one's career, no matter which one it is. Current students will have multiple opportunities to expand these skills through professional development workshops offered here on campus, as well as others offered in collaboration with all the universities in the NU system. You will also hear about the achievements of our alumni, who continue to flourish long after graduation.

Finally, I'm pleased to share information about some recently introduced new training opportunities. The new M.S. in Applied Behavior Analysis has been approved by the Board of Regents and a new innovative track in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences (IGPBS) is open for enrollment.

I hope you enjoy reading this latest issue of Graduate Posts and learning about all the exciting opportunities that we continue to create for our students.

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Dean, Graduate Studies





Wayne Fisher, Ph.D.

Wayne Fisher, Ph.D., delivers keynote at matriculation

Wayne Fisher, Ph.D., H.B. Munroe Professor of Behavioral Research at Munroe-Meyer Institute, delivered the keynote address as 99 students were welcomed into UNMC's Graduate Studies Program. [Read more.](#)



Mark Shriver, Ph.D.

New Graduate Studies programs address needs

New programs will explore bioinformatics and systems biology, applied behavioral analysis. [Read more.](#)



Jamie Gehringer, Ph.D., right, works with a volunteer on his virtual reality game project.

Outstanding alumnus: Jamie Gehringer, Ph.D.

Graduate Studies alumnus Jamie Gehringer, Ph.D., is now a research assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at UNMC's Munroe-Meyer Institute. Dr. Gehringer oversees the Virtual Reality Laboratory, researching how cutting edge VR technology can be applied to help individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dr. Gehringer's work using virtual reality games to help patients practice physical therapy movements was featured in the Omaha World-Herald. [Read the article here.](#)

Upcoming events

Nov. 1: [Grant writing boot camp](#). 9 a.m.-noon, Durham Research Center (DRC1), room 1004. Registration required.

Nov. 21: Professional development event. "Impactful networking strategies for quiet leaders." 12 p.m., DRC 1002. [Click here for a complete list](#) of fall professional development events at UNMC, UNO and UNL.

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day sharing table. The Graduate Student Association is organizing Thanksgiving Day experiences for students far from home this holiday. If interested in hosting or in attending a hosted celebration, email gsapres@unmc.edu. While we would love to pair everyone who would like to attend a Thanksgiving meal, pairing will depend on the number of hosts.

Jan. 7-10: [Dissertation Boot Camp](#). Registration will open in November. Watch for more details.

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