

Graduate Posts

An electronic newsletter from UNMC Graduate Studies

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A message from the dean

As Graduate Studies turns our attention to preparing for the fall semester, I want to extend my congratulations again to all our spring graduates. It was an honor to celebrate your significant accomplishments at the May Convocation ceremony.



We are also excited about welcoming more than 100 new students to our Graduate Studies programs in the fall. The upcoming semester will offer a variety of support for student training grants, as well as networking and training sessions for students to expand their professional skills beyond those learned in the classroom. Further, students will have the opportunity to participate in the next Dissertation Boot Camp on July 31, 2018.

The upcoming year will also see continuation of the work of several committees who are building the structures to guide ongoing comprehensive assessment to ensure we have the systems in place for our programs to be the best in the country.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge our current Purdue Pharma Scholars for their high achievements and welcome our newest cohort of scholars. I hope you enjoy reading about their stories, and more, in this issue of Graduate Posts.

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From left: Purdue Pharma Scholars Swagat Sharma, Eliezer Lichter and Danielle Frodyma

UNMC adds third cohort of Purdue Pharma Scholars

The third cohort of Purdue Scholars has been added to the roster of UNMC graduate students conducting neuroscience, pharmaceutical science or pain research as part of a larger, ongoing partnership between UNMC and Purdue Pharma L.P. [Read more.](#)



Poster presentation winner Constance Mietus, left, and Pamela Carmines, Ph.D., executive associate dean for graduate studies

Graduate students take part in Nebraska Science Festival

Graduate Studies students took part in an April 28 Nebraska Science Festival (NeSciFest)-affiliated event hosted by the UNMC Office of Recruitment and Student Engagement, with the office conducting its first undergraduate and graduate research poster presentation, held at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center. [Read more.](#)



From left: Dele Davies, M.D., Tayla Heavican and Justin Mott, Ph.D., recipient of the Graduate Student Association Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award.

Students honored, hooded at spring convocation

UNMC Graduate Studies honored 51 graduates at its recent spring honors convocation. The M.S. and Ph.D. candidates were hooded by their mentors at a May 4 ceremony at the Durham Museum. [Read more.](#)



Vimla Band, Ph.D.

Faculty members: Work-life balance is key

UNMC faculty members, including Vimla Band, Ph.D., chair of the UNMC Department of Genetics, Cell Biology & Anatomy, offered their perspectives on work-life balance at the April UNMC Graduate Studies professional development "Lunch and Learn." [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Dissertation Boot Camp: UNMC Graduate Studies' next Dissertation Boot Camp is set for **July 31-Aug. 3**. Please go [here](#) to apply -- application deadline is June 28. Held two times a year, Dissertation Boot Camp is designed to help Ph.D. candidates overcome writing obstacles with tips and strategies so you can complete your dissertation. In addition to expertise, the event comes with built-in writing time. The \$75 application fee is waived upon completion.

Ins and Outs of Industrial Research: The offices of postdoctoral education and graduate studies host a discussion on academic training, job applications and daily activities of industrial research scientists **July 9** from noon-1 p.m. Aaron Mercer, Ph.D., of Novo Nordisk Research Center, will lead the talk. For more information contact Postdoctoral Education or Graduate Studies.

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