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Good afternoon, all.

The Graduate Division hopes that everyone has been having a great month of March so far. Below are the latest updates from the Graduate Division for March 2016.

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Updates, Reminders, and Announcements

Reminder, R-Grades

As a reminder, IUSM graduate rules state that doctoral degree students should have at least two committee meetings per year. During these meetings it is important to discuss the student's research, advancement towards degree completion, and individual development plan (IDP). The student should leave with a clear understanding of the next steps and expectations required as they progress towards degree completion. Using your department's committee meeting report form, the IUSM Graduate Division should be provided with an official update regarding the aforementioned items after each committee meeting. Note, research grades are to be assigned by the advisory/research committee. **No "R" grades are to be assigned.** Instead, the "I" grade will be assigned if a meeting is not held or if the work/discussion will carry forward for completion to ensure a timeline for both the student and faculty to follow. All "I" require completion one year from assignment per University policy.

Faculty Endorsements

We have received communications recently from the IUPUI Graduate Office regarding endorsements for Graduate Faculty members. We are asking departments to check the endorsement status of their faculty to

ensure they are endorsed and able to chair student committees. You may do so via this link to the Graduate Faculty listing <http://graduate.indiana.edu/faculty-staff/membership.shtml>, and clicking the PDF link titled **List of Graduate Faculty and Endorsements**. This is the official list used by the Graduate Office to determine if a students' Research Committee is valid. Invalid committees due to lack of endorsements will slow the students' progressions, and we want to do our best to ensure efficient student progressions. The official Graduate Faculty listing is only updated once per year, but the Graduate Office keeps a detailed listing of all faculty who have been endorsed since the last update so you may also contact their office at gradrec@iupui.edu to check the status.

Those who are not endorsed must use this link <http://graduate.iupui.edu/faculty-staff/membership.shtml> and follow the instructions on **How to Secure an Endorsement**. According to Dr. Blum, the paperwork is processed within 48 hours, and faculty status is immediately updated in her office.

Please contact Valerie Winbush at vwinbush@iu.edu or the Graduate Office at gradrec@iupui.edu with any questions you may have regarding the above.

Document Formatting Help

Brandy Wood did a session on Formatting Formal Documents for students and postdocs in December 2015 that was well received by attendees and has been working one-on-one with individuals that have requested assistance in resume and cover letter formatting as well as understanding figures, tables, indexes, and other elements in the thesis. Please let your students know that they can request 30-45 minute sessions with Brandy (bsw@iu.edu) to go over formatting elements with Microsoft Word that will help them present a professional document. If there is enough interest, she will do another larger session later this year.

IUSM Graduate Student Travel Grants – Deadline April 13, 2016

Graduate students may apply now for the IUSM Graduate Student Travel Grant by April 13th at 4 PM eastern time to cover conferences attended between April 1, 2016 thru October 31, 2016! Directions, eligibility, and criteria may be viewed at <http://grad.medicine.iu.edu/TravelGrant>.

Need money to attend
a conference?

visit:
grad.medicine.iu.edu/travelgrant

GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS*



*To cover a conference attended between
April 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016.
Eligibility requirements apply.

Tax Questions for Students on Fellowships

All students: Because tax liability depends on a student's particular circumstances, students are advised to contact a personal tax advisor or the IRS with any questions or concerns, as the University does not give tax advice. IRS Live Telephone Assistance is Toll-free: 1-800-829-1040. See [IRS Tax Publication 970](#) for more details. For more information, please visit: <http://graduate.indiana.edu/admissions/financial-support/taxes.shtml>. General questions can be directed to the IU Tax Department at taxpayer@indiana.edu or (812) 855-5657.

International students only: Residents of certain countries may be entitled to reduced tax rates or exemption from tax under a tax treaty between their country and the U.S. Review the appropriate list of tax treaty countries to determine eligibility. Follow the directions at <https://fms.iu.edu/tax/international/tax-treaty-countries> to apply for treaty benefits with IU.

2nd Annual Elite 50 Celebration Dinner – Sponsorship and Ticket Information

The following information is provided by the Graduate and Professional Student Government. Also, please see the attached form related to purchasing tickets and/or sponsorship.

The Graduate and Professional Student Government is hosting the [2nd Annual Elite 50 Celebration Dinner!](#)

The purpose of the **Elite 50** is to recognize and reward achievement outside the classroom among our 8,100 graduate and professional student population. The Elite 50 represent the top one half of one percent of the graduate and professional student body at IUPUI. Since awards for academic accomplishments already exist, the Elite 50 will mainly focus on achievements outside of the classroom.

This dinner will not only recognize the elite 50 graduate and professional students, but also awards will be given out to the top student from each school, the top ten overall students, and will culminate with the Dr. Charles R. Bantz Award for Excellence. New to Elite 50 2016 is a \$500 scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the Dr. Charles R. Bantz Award for Excellence.

Join us as we celebrate graduate and professional students achievements.

Where: Campus Center 450

420 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202

When: Wednesday April 13th, 2016 6pm-8pm

Tickets on sale NOW in Campus Center 340B

\$35 for Students

\$40 for Staff, Faculty & Alumni

*****This dinner has LIMITED SEATING*****

Questions, comments, or table/ticket purchases, please contact us at gpsgvpro@iupui.edu.

Upcoming Events

Postdoctoral Recruitment Weekend – March 24 & 25

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) is excited to announce that we will be hosting the first Postdoctoral Recruitment Weekend at the IUSM on March 24-26, 2016. We are asking for IUSM faculty, postdoc, student and staff participation to make this a successful event! We have several events for which we would like your participation. Take a few moments to sign up to attend one or more (or all!) of the events planned.

Please indicate your interest in attending these events by filling out this RSVP by Friday, March 18th – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PostdocWeekend>. We ask that you RSVP using the link provided so we may account for the proper amount of food and beverages as well as have your name badge ready for the event(s).

Friday, March 25th

- Science Short Talks from candidates and IUSM scientists in R3 303/305, 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
- Reception with IUSM Faculty, Postdocs, Graduate Students and Staff in R3 Atrium 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Please feel free to let others know about this event and share with others, including faculty, postdocs, students, and staff!

MSTP 2nd Visits

Second visits will take place for the MSTP program on March 23-25, 2016.

1st Annual IBMG White Coat Ceremony May 13th

New this year, the IBMG Program for Ph.D. Study will be hosting a white coat ceremony and dinner for 1st year students, their new faculty mentors, and additional invited guests. This invitation only event will be important recognition of their completion of 1st year and kick of their new relationship with their faculty mentor. Additional details will be provided next month.

End-of-the-Year Celebration! Save-The-Date May 20th

The IUSM Graduate Division is working with the Indianapolis Indians as part of the IUSM End-of-the-Year Celebration! We want you to join us for a ballgame! Details below!

What: Enjoy an Indianapolis Indians baseball game (at a discount!)

When: Friday, May 20th at 7:00 PM

Where: Victory Field

Cost: \$1 .50 per person (box seats at \$13/person plus \$1.50 processing fee) for friends and family
---- 1st year IBMG students to be covered by the IUSM Graduate Division!
Children 2 and under are free if they sit in an adult lap and don't require their own seat.

We will share sign-up information in the coming weeks! Seats will go fast as we have reserved 100 seats!

Kudos and Recognition (#IUSMScientistsRock)

This Month's Kudos and Recognition

- Congrats to Emrin Horgusluoglu (Genetics) and the Saykin lab for their recent publication in the American Journal of Medical Genetics. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ajmg.b.32429/pdf>
- Congrats to Leah Padgett (Pharmacology) on contributing to this Bone article, Serum fibroblast growth factor 23, serum iron and bone mineral density in premenopausal women. <http://www.thebonejournal.com/article/S8756-3282%2816%2930060-6/abstract#.VuWvAwR49TM>
- It's pretty awesome to see an article in The Wall Street Journal that mentions an alumna. Woot! Woot! Go Dr. Alyssa Sprouse (Pharmacology)! <http://www.wsj.com/articles/what-you-should-know-about-how-your-supplements-interact-with-prescription-drugs-1456777548>
- Shout out to Leah Padgett and Joe Varberg (both in Pharmacology) for having their science featured on the first cover of the new journal, mSphere! Article: <http://msphere.asm.org/content/1/1/e00088-15>
Cover Image: <http://msphere.asm.org/content/1/1.cover-expansion>

Share Your Kudos!

We would love to highlight more of the IUSM community and our successes. Please send Brandy Wood (bsw@iu.edu) an email about recent accomplishments of faculty, postdocs, students, staff, and/or alumni for inclusion in social media and marketing efforts! Also, we would love science pictures, so send them too!

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