Dear graduate students,

In this newsletter, we are excited to announce that the Graduate Research Forum will return this spring to the Ford Alumni Center. This Forum will feature panel presentations, a poster session, and interdisciplinary networking. We encourage all graduate students to consider participating to showcase your research and learn from your peers.

Please also consider nominating your excellent mentors, coordinators, and directors for the Graduate Education Excellence Award. New award this year for graduate students who are excellent mentors!

Sincerely,
Division of Graduate Studies

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**Events**

**Graduate Research Forum 2024**
Friday, May 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Ford Alumni Center
Proposal submissions due Wednesday, April 17
The Graduate Research Forum is back and you are invited to the yearly showcase of research from graduate students working across more than 35 disciplines. Join us for this one-day conference to celebrate the work, scholarship and creative expression of UO graduate students through a poster session, panel presentations, and interdisciplinary networking.

All graduate students are invited to participate and maybe win a cash prize! Whether you are at the beginning of your program, looking beyond graduation, or new to presenting, now is your chance to get your message out, practice your pitch to future employers or investors, and get ready for your conference this summer. Submit a proposal to present a poster or participate in a panel presentation!

**gradCONNECT Film Festival**
Thursday, March 14 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in McKenzie Hall 125

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**Social Media**

Follow us on Instagram
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**Grad Flock in the News**

UO grieves loss of Virginia Beavert, Native scholar and linguist
A Legacy Honored: The oldest person to earn a PhD from the UO is remembered. Virginia Beavert has mentored generations of students and worked to preserve the Ichishkiin language.

**GE Opportunities**

Computer Science Education Researcher
Apply by March 15

Costume Shop GE
Apply by March 15

Teaching Graduate Employee
Apply by March 24

Teaching Assistant
Apply by March 29
RSVP by Monday, March 11
Take a break and enjoy films from the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival in a relaxed and welcoming environment as the Division of Graduate Studies' gradCONNECT Film Festival returns for its second year. Food and plenty of seating provided.

Opportunities

**Graduate Education Excellence Awards**
*Nominate by April 12*
Four awards are available: Faculty Mentors; Graduate Student Mentors; Graduate Coordinators; and Directors of Graduate Study.

Anyone can nominate! Nominations are welcome from UO faculty, students, and staff. Nominators are asked to share how award candidates exceed expectations by making a positive impact on their graduate programs and/or graduate students' experiences.

**Hiring Programs (New Webpage!)**
Introducing our new webpage that provides a meticulously curated list of company hiring programs that include traditional academic career paths and paths outside of academia as well as networking events.

Funding & Support

**Graduate Student Assistance Fund (New Qualifying Events)**
This fund supports the wellbeing of graduate students facing financial hardship due to a qualifying event. Expanded coverage now includes: pregnancy, new child, care for a medical condition, loss of a spouse or equivalent, child, or parent, unexpected housing displacement (GEs only), and childcare expenses (GEs only). Awards range from $300 to $1,000.

**Future Stewards Award (New Expanded Eligibility for 2024)**
*Apply by July 1*
This annual scholarship (up to $5,000) is awarded to undergraduate and graduate students who have an interest in health and family related matters, particularly in health preservation and enhancement, health education, nutrition, or family health and well-being. Learn about eligibility and apply for these 2024-25 funds.

**Fernland Studios Residencies**
*Apply by April 8*
Summer residencies and writing retreats are offered at no cost to participants and include an additional $1,000 for use toward travel and professional development. Ecological arts funding up to $2,500 available for ecological justice projects.