Dear Graduate Faculty and Graduate Students,

We are in the seventh week of the semester and I hope that everyone has settled in to a comfortable rhythm with courses, instruction and research in spite of the challenging times. I would like to thank the Graduate Student Association (GSA) Leadership for engaging graduate students on both the Starkville and Meridian campuses with the recent Graduate Student Welcome Week and activities. The events hosted by the GSA were a great success. This Fall, the Graduate Student Association in collaboration with the Graduate School will be hosting the Graduate Research Symposium (October 24th, 2020) and the 3 Minute Thesis Competition (November 12th and 13th, 2020). These are incredibly important and exciting events for graduate students. In participating, students become eligible to receive travel grants and cash awards for the top performances. Most scholarly meetings and symposiums are being held virtually, and we provide funding to register for these events. Hopefully in the summer of 2021 we will return to in-person conferences and symposiums. I wish you all continued success with your studies and research this semester. Please know that the Graduate School staff are here to assist you and ensure that your experiences as a graduate student at Mississippi State University are productive and positive.

Best Regards,
Dr. Peter Ryan

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3 Minute Thesis Competition applications close October 30th. Click here for more information. Graduate Student Research Symposium will take place on October 24th. To learn more about Graduate Student Research Symposium click here. Questions: contact Lilli (lharris@grad.msstate.edu).

Need Funding?

Apply for GRAGS by clicking here. Proposal deadline is Oct. 5. Questions: contact Lindsey Shelton (lshelton@grad.msstate.edu).

Kudos

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September Highlights

Campus Tours

Need assistance with campus tours? Contact Lindsey Shelton (lshelton@grad.msstate.edu) or Natalie Parrott (nparrott@grad.msstate.edu).
McNair Scholars

“The McNair Scholars Program is a federal TRIO program funded at 151 institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are either first-generation college students with financial need, or members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education and have demonstrated strong academic potential. The goal of the McNair Scholars Program is to increase graduate degree awards for students from underrepresented segments of society” (Scholars).

The Graduate School is proud to celebrate our current McNair Scholars. We are honored they have chosen to pursue their graduate studies at Mississippi State University and look forward to watching them achieve their goals. Go Bulldogs!

Alexis Jackson
Washington State University

Porsche Chambers
Delta State University

Fernando Paredes
University of Arizona

Leah Simmons
University of Louisiana Lafayette

Markelia Roberson
University of Southern Mississippi

Ryan Reynolds
Baylor University
McNair Scholars

Timothy Sellers
Alcorn State University

Shaylin Williams
University of Mississippi

Courtney Welch
Tougaloo College

Scholars, M. N. About.
https://mcnairscholars.com/about/
Please help us recognize all of these outstanding students!

Deadlines

Fall 2020 Degree Application Deadline Information

October 5th: GRACs proposal deadline
October 16th: Thesis/dissertation defense
October 23rd: Last day to apply for graduation without $100 late fee

Help us spotlight deserving students, faculty, and staff by contacting Natalie Parrott, nparrott@grad.msstate.edu