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The *E-Communiqué* is published monthly with notices of upcoming deadlines, clinics and seminars, and other matters related to graduate education at ASU. Please visit the [Graduate Calendar](#) or the [What's New](#) page for information on events not included in this bulletin. Looking for past issues? The *E-Communiqué* is online at www.asu.edu/graduate/ecommm.

Dear Chairs, Directors, Graduate Directors, and Graduate Support Staff,

Another academic year has come and gone and what a year it has been! I would like to mention a few noteworthy accomplishments that have resulted from the hard work of you, your faculty, and staff.

There have been over 12 new doctoral and masters degree programs approved along with a host of new graduate certificates and concentrations. In addition, ASU received \$1.85 million for graduate fellowships (n=37) in science and engineering from Science Foundation Arizona and many of those fellowships have been awarded and accepted by exceptional doctoral applicants. There has been a 16% increase in graduate applications (over 12, 900 processed) and graduate admissions are up 20% higher than at this same point last year (over 4740). We also anticipate that the number of graduate degrees awarded will be at an all time high. With regard to the national NRC ranking project, 91% of our faculty stepped up to complete the national survey compared to the national average of 77%.

We know you have all had many other notable accomplishments and I would like to thank you, your faculty, and your staff for all good things occurring within graduate education at ASU this year.

Maria T. Allison
University Vice Provost & Dean of Graduate Studies

Outstanding Graduate Mentors Announced

Three ASU professors, Sharon E. Robinson Kurpius, David MacKinnon and N. Joseph Cayer, have been named ASU Outstanding Graduate Mentors for 2006-07. They are featured on our home page www.asu.edu/graduate and you can read their complete mentoring statements at www.asu.edu/graduate/facstaff/mentors.

SAS Reminder: PeopleSoft Conversion beginning mid-summer

As a reminder, conversion of the current iPOS data to the new iPOS in PeopleSoft is scheduled to start mid-summer and the iPOS system will be shut down.

- **Student access to iPOS will be cut off on June 8, 2007.** Any iPOS left in the student's care after this date will be lost, and the student will not be able to submit a program of study until after the new system goes live.
- **Department access to iPOS will be cut off on June 22, 2007.** Departments will need to approve the iPOS by this time. If changes must be made, contact the student, ascertain what fixes need to be made, make the fixes, and approve the iPOS. The department will need to make these changes for the student, as students will be cut off from the system.
- **The Graduation Office and the Graduate College will then approve the iPOS or contact you for fixes by mid-July.** The data conversion will occur between mid-July and when the new iPOS goes live.

Training/Information Sessions for gPortal

GPortal for RA's, TA's, UGF (block grant) awards and other fellowships has recently been redesigned to integrate with the new OASIS/PeopleSoft system. The Graduate College will be holding sessions in May to provide training and information to graduate support staff and any other staff that use the financial support portion of gPortal. The session times and locations are as follows:

- **Thursday, May 17** from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Tempe Campus, Computing Commons 120
- **Friday, May 18** from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Tempe Campus, Computing Commons 120
- **Monday, May 21** from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., West Campus, CLCC 146
- **Tuesday, May 22** from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Polytechnic Campus, Cooley Ballroom A
- **Tuesday, May 24** from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Downtown Campus, UCENT 275

Graduate Support Staff Meetings - Summer Schedule

Graduate Support Staff will continue to meet over the summer. Please see dates and times below. All meetings will be held in the Computing Commons, Room 120

- **Tuesday, May 22** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 26** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 24** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 14** from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

CONACYT Continuing Partnership with ASU

ASU has entered the third year of its partnership with Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT), Mexico's equivalent of the National Science Foundation. The partnership provides a fellowship for Mexican graduate students (master and PhD degrees) to pursue their education at ASU. For more information on CONACYT visit www.asu.edu/opi/conacyt, or contact Claudia Navarro, Director of the Mexico and Latin America Unit within the Office of the Vice President for Global Engagement (conacyt@asu.edu) or [Andrew Webber](#), Associate Dean, Graduate College.

Graduate College Professors' Book to be Updated

We will be updating the GC Professors' Book during the months of May and June. When you receive our request for your updates, please respond as quickly as possible with your updated information. Your contact will be Noel Anderson and you will be hearing from her in the next few weeks. Thanks everyone!



— Other Announcements/Reminders/Updates —

Name Change: As announced in the "Special Edition" May 1st, the Division of Graduate Studies will be returning to its former name of the Graduate College. July 1st is the "official" date. Between now and then you will see both names as we make the transition. The Graduate College website will roll out on July 1st and all changes should be complete at that time.

Teaching Assistant Development (TAD) program (formerly TA Training/Orientation) for FALL 2007. TAD ... A partnership with the Graduate College and the Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence (CLTE) which has produced an exciting new development program format for TAs. For more information and registration, contact Contact [Dr. Judy Grace](#) in the CLTE or [Jennifer Cason](#) in the Graduate College with questions; or go to www.asu.edu/graduate/TAD.

SAS notes on summer defenses: Students planning to defend a thesis or dissertation during the summer sessions must be registered for at least one credit hour during the summer. Please also note that students who have minor or major revisions must

— Upcoming Deadlines/Events —

May 10 (Th) ASU Commencement

May 28 (M) Memorial Day — University Holiday

May 29 (Tu) First Day of Summer Classes

July 2 (M) deadline to apply for August 2007 graduation. Please visit the Graduation Deadlines and Procedures webpage for detailed instructions on applying for graduation: www.asu.edu/graduate/generalinfo/GradDdIns/index.html

July 27 (F) last day to hold a defense for August 2007 graduation.

July 31 (Tu) deadline to submit revisions for Final Format.

Aug.1 (W) deadline to submit the pass/fail form for the Dean's signature. Must be submitted by 2pm. The pass/fail form must have all the required signatures, including the Head of the Academic Unit's signature.

Aug.2 (Th) deadline to submit a document to the Bookstore for binding by 3pm. Students must be in line at the Bookstore by 3pm, or they will not be an August graduate.

August 13-14 (M-Tu) Teaching Assistant Development (TAD) program/orientation. For more information including

stay enrolled until they have completed all revisions and are eligible for the Graduate College dean's signature.

Interim Defenses: If a student is defending during interim period, the student will need to register for the summer if he/she does not complete all degree requirements by the start of the 1st summer session. Students will need to pass the defense, obtain Final Format Approval and the Dean's signature on the pass/fail form, and submit their document to the Bookstore by May 25th.

—2007 National Graduate Fellowship Workshops—

Aug. 29 (W) 10:00am-12Noon

Aug. 31 (F) 1:30-3:30pm

Sept. 4 (Tu) 11:00am-1:00pm

Sept. 6 (Th) 1:00-3:00pm

Check the Fellowship web page for updates in July.

www.asu.edu/graduate/financial/index.htm

National Fellowships

www.asu.edu/graduate/financial/national.htm

Diversity Fellowships

www.asu.edu/graduate/financial/diversity.htm

Dissertation/Thesis Fellowships

www.asu.edu/graduate/financial/thesis.htm

Postdoctoral Fellowships

www.asu.edu/graduate/financial/postdoctoral.htm

time/location, and registration information, please go to www.asu.edu/graduate/TAD

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GC Online Forms for Students. To ensure students are using the most recent version of a GC form, please direct them to download forms directly from our website:

www.asu.edu/graduate/forms

Graduate Student Profiles: GC features graduate students on our website. Please go to www.asu.edu/graduate/profile to read about these outstanding students. If you have students in your programs that you would like us to feature, please notify Kathy Douglas at kdouglas@asu.edu

Graduate Students in the News: If you see stories or articles on any of our grad students, whether in print or on a website, please contact kdouglas@asu.edu and michele.stgeorge@asu.edu with the information so we can link to the story.

The "Dean's Message" many of you use in your packets to prospective students can be found on the GC website on the "Faculty and Staff Resources" page, under "Program Information and Forms." It is a pdf file and is ready for you to download and copy.

www.asu.edu/graduate/generalinfo/DeanMssg/DeansLtr.pdf

