

Graduate College Update

**(September 4, 2024)**

* **New GradCAS Cycle:** Launches September 5 – accepting applications for Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026.
* **New Application for Accelerated Graduate Programs:** We are thrilled to introduce a brand-new, streamlined application for our accelerated graduate programs. This new in-house application system will take **less time** for students to complete, require **less information** than a traditional graduate application, and will have a **lower application fee** of $40 (a 55% discount from the traditional graduate program application fee). In short, it will be easier, faster, and more affordable for our MSU undergraduate students!

The accelerated graduate program application will be housed in My Missouri State on the Graduate College – Admissions card. Additional details will be distributed to Graduate Program Directors and Academic Unit Leaders this week.

* **3 Minute Thesis (3MT).** The [university-wide 3MT competition](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/3-minute-thesis.htm) will be held on Friday, November 8 at 5:00 p.m. in Glass Hall, Room 101. Each college dean (or designee) can nominate students to present at the university-wide competition, usually after holding a college-wide competition. Each college can nominate up to four (4) students, ranked. Should we have more than 20 names submitted, the top 20 students will be accepted into the competition. College nominations must be sent to [GradCollegeServices@MissouriState.edu](mailto:GradCollegeServices@MissouriState.edu) by October 25.
* **Academic Advisor Forums:** The Graduate College continues to partner with the Academic Advising and Transfer Center (AATC) to provide graduate-specific academic advising forums. The Fall 2024 Academic Advisor Forum Series schedule is now available at: [missouristate.edu/Advising/forum-schedule.htm](https://www.missouristate.edu/Advising/forum-schedule.htm)
* **Faculty funding deadlines**
  + - * **Faculty Research Grants**: A workshop on Preparing a Successful Internal Grant Application will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 2:30 in PSU 313 (Traywick Parliamentary Room). Fall deadline - October 1. Spring deadline - February 1.   
        More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/FacultyStaff/FacultyResearchGrants.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/FacultyStaff/FacultyResearchGrants.htm).
      * **Summer Faculty Fellowships**: Proposals are due in the Graduate College on October 30. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/FacultyStaff/SummerFellowships.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/FacultyStaff/SummerFellowships.htm).
* **Student scholarship/award deadlines**
  + - * **Masterson Family Graduate Student Research Award:** Students must submit the MSU Annual Scholarship Application by March 1. More info: [missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm](https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm).
      * **Aileen & Keith Ford Endowed Scholarship** and **Basil & JoAnn Boritzki Scholarship:** Students must submit the MSU Annual Scholarship Application by March 1. More info: [missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm](https://www.missouristate.edu/FinancialAid/Scholarships/msu-annual-scholarships.htm).
* **Student funding deadlines**
  + - * **Thesis and Non-Thesis Research Funding**. Deadlines: Spring – February 1; Summer – July 1; Fall – September 3. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/Funding.htm](http://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/Funding.htm).
      * **Graduate Student Travel Funding.** Applications accepted all year; should be submitted no later than 1 month prior to the travel. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/Funding.htm](http://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/Funding.htm).
* **Other award deadlines**
* **MSU Distinguished Thesis Award.** Deadline for submission of nominations is September 15. Every department with a graduate program in an appropriate category may submit **one nomination** for the award and must **designate the preferred category**. The categories include: Biological/Life sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Physical Sciences/Mathematics. The nominated student must have earned his or her master’s degree between July 1 2022 to June 30, 2024. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/ThesisAward.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/ThesisAward.htm).
* **Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award** & MAGS nomination. Deadline for submission of nomination is October 1. Each academic unit that hires teaching assistants may submit one nomination for the award. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/TeachingAward.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/currentstudents/TeachingAward.htm)
* **Award for Excellence in Graduate Advising.** Any current MSU graduate student may submit a nomination. Deadline for nominations is December 2. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/GraduateAdvisingAward.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/GraduateAdvisingAward.htm)
* **Outstanding Graduate Mentor.** Any current MSU graduate student may submit a nomination. Deadline for nominations is February 18, 2025. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/outstanding-graduate-mentor-award.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/outstanding-graduate-mentor-award.htm)
* **Outstanding GA Awards.** Any MSU faculty, staff, or student may submit a nomination. Deadline for nominations is February 18, 2025. More info: [graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/GraduateAssistantAwards.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/GraduateAssistantAwards.htm)
* **Graduation Deadlines**
  + - * Due Now - - applications for FA24 graduation. The deadline to apply to have name included in the Commencement program is October 31, 2024.
      * November 18, 2024 - - Deadline for all assignments to be completed and the **Thesis** to be submitted in the Thesis & Dissertation Brightspace course.
      * November 18, 2024 - - Deadline for submission of **Seminar Report Form** to Graduate College (for programs requiring form).
      * December 5, 2024 - - Deadline for submission of **Comprehensive Exam Results** to the Graduate College.
      * December 13, 2024 - - **Commencement**

10:00 a.m. College of Education

McQueary College of Health and Human Services

Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities

1:30 p.m. Darr College of Agriculture

College of Business

College of Natural and Applied Sciences

Interdisciplinary Academic Programs

* **Graduate College Calendar:** [graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/graduate-calendar.htm](https://graduate.missouristate.edu/CurrentStudents/graduate-calendar.htm)