# **Important Dates**

Monday, March 2

- Drop/Revision deadline
- Last day to withdraw or drop a course without a W grade
- Wednesday, March 11
  - Schedule for 2020 fall term published

Friday, March 27

- Registration required ETD review deadline
- Apply to graduate deadline for spring 2020

Wednesday, April 8

Graduate student research symposium

Friday, April 10

• Final error free ETD deadline

# Admissions

- Access to the old NextGen Admissions system will no longer be available through the Admissions tile in MyPack. Instead, if you need to access the search page, you can use the navigator in the top right corner (SIS>Student Admissions>Grad Admission Evaluations>Application Search). Keep in mind that if you only want to access admission documents for your previously admitted students, those are available on the Documents tab in the Student Services Center.
- Do you need to request a new query or email template? Do you have a suggestion for future enhancement? Please send it our way by using the Slate request form located on our training site: <u>go.ncsu.edu/slate</u>.
- Fall 2020 admits will matriculate on Feb 18th. This is when new students for the term become active in MyPack

# **Potential Delays in Exams**

ETS and the Chinese National Education Examinations Authority (NEEA) have decided to cancel all TOEFL and GRE test administrations in Mainland China through the end of February. Furthermore, all IELTS tests are currently suspended in China, Hong Kong and Macau. This is due to concern for the health and safety of test takers in response to the escalation on January 26, 2020 to a Level One Public Health Emergency Response by the Provincial Governments in China.

Because of this situation, many applicants will be delayed in testing and sending scores to institutions. Please take this delay into consideration when reviewing applications and understand that this delay will be through no fault of their own.

# Staff Updates

The following personnel changes are occuring in the Graduate School:

- Pierre Gremaud has assumed the position of Associate Dean for Program Evaluation & Assessment
- Savita Sharma has assumed the position of Assistant Dean of Operations & Fiscal Affairs
- Caroline Ortiz-Deaton accepted a job with OIRP, and her last day with the Graduate School will be February 21st. Please direct any IT questions to gradschool-it@ncsu.edu.
- Annie Erwin accepted a position with the College of Engineering Financial Division, and her last day will be Feb. 14th. Please direct any GSSP questions to gradschool-gssp@ncsu.edu.

# Workshop/Short Course Support Grant

These grants are designed to support students that are attending workshops critical to their academic and career development associated with conferences or other venues. Applicants can request up to \$500, and there will be \$5000 available per semester. These awards can only be used for future travel; we are unable to cover costs for travel expenses incurred prior to the decision deadline.

Note: This does NOT cover funding for students looking for travel to conferences.

Deadline for this cycle: Feb. 15, 2020 with decisions likely in late February to cover workshops from March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. The link to the Google form where students can submit their applications <u>here</u>

## Postdoc Research Outreach Event

The NCSU Postdoctoral Association and the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, in collaboration with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, are organizing an outreach event featuring postdoctoral research that will take place March 21 at the museum's Daily Planet Theater.

<u>Register now</u> to present your research to the general public in the form of a 5 minute lightning talk or a demonstration table. Here are <u>examples</u> of similar presentations. A practice round and communication workshop will be offered to all participants on March 6.

Registration will close on February 16. Presenters must be postdocs of any discipline at NC State University. We encourage the broad NC State community to attend!

## **Preparing the Professoriate Info Sessions**

<u>Preparing the Professoriate</u> is a nationally recognized program designed to give exceptional doctoral students and postdoctoral scholars an immersive mentoring, teaching, and future faculty preparation experience. Attendance to an information session is mandatory for those who intend to apply. Register for an <u>information session</u> to learn about the application process for the 2020-2021 academic year! Direct questions to Vanessa Doriott Anderson at vkdoriot@ncsu.edu.

## Spring 2020 Workshops

Registration is open for our Spring 2020 Workshops. The Graduate School Professional Development Initiative regularly offers workshops for graduate students and postdocs to take deeper dives into teaching, communication, and career preparation. Spring topics include workshops on How to Deliver a Job Talk, Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Overview, Accessibility in the Classroom, and more! Workshops are free and open to graduate students and postdocs in any discipline. Visit <u>our website</u> to learn more and register.