Editor’s note: Graduate Student News is a newsletter for graduate students that is distributed early each month. The newsletter contains news from the Graduate Student Council and the Graduate School as well as information about international programs and graduate student announcements.

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**GSC colloquium on Feb. 9 to focus on grant writing**
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is hosting a colloquium on grant writing on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 12-1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Tony Ventimiglia from the Office of Proposal Services and Faculty Support will provide grant writing resources and tips for graduate students. A free pizza lunch will be provided.

**Free breakfast for graduate students Feb. 22**
The Graduate Student Council is sponsoring a free breakfast for graduate students on Monday, Feb. 22, from 8-10 a.m. in room 2222/2223 of the Student Center. Only a limited amount of food is available, so get there early. The menu includes: freshly-cut fruit, assorted muffins, pastries and
breakfast breads, fluffy scrambled eggs, crispy apple-wood smoked bacon, savory sausage patties, buttermilk biscuits with sawmill gravy, assorted bottled juices and iced water, and regular and decaffeinated coffee.

**Arun Gandhi to speak at Auburn Feb. 9**
The Office of International Programs, or OIP, will host Arun Gandhi, grandson of the legendary Mohandas Gandhi, for a public lecture titled “Lessons Learned From My Grandfather: Nonviolence in a Violent World,” on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. in Foy Hall Auditorium as part of OIP’s Year of India. The Auburn University Indian Music Ensemble will provide a special performance as part of the event and a reception will follow in the lobby. For more information about the Year of India and the Office of International Programs, go to [www.auburn.edu/international](http://www.auburn.edu/international).

**Student Symposium registration ends Feb. 23**
Auburn University students will have the opportunity to showcase their research during the “This is Research: Student Symposium 2016” scheduled for April 12 and 13 in the Student Center. Abstracts are being accepted until Feb. 23. Graduate students are invited to participate through oral presentations, posters and creative scholarship displays. The symposium will include judging of students’ presentations and opportunities for prospective students and potential employers to view and discuss students’ research. An awards ceremony will be held the week following the symposium and will feature a keynote speaker and reception.

**WriteFest on using Zotero to be held Feb. 12**
The Miller Writing Center is hosting [WriteFest](#), a program to support graduate student writing in all disciplines, on Friday, Feb. 12, from 1-4 p.m. in the ePortfolio Project Studio, located in the RBD Library 2nd Floor Learning Commons. The focus of this WriteFest will be on using Zotero as a research tool. Structured time will be provided to set goals and work on writing, and participants will have the opportunity to meet with Writing Center consultants and participate in discussions with Auburn faculty and staff on writing issues important to graduate students. Questions may be directed to the Office of University Writing at 334-844-7475 or via email at writctr@auburn.edu.

**Workshop on interviewing scheduled for Feb. 15**
The Career Center will hold a workshop on interviewing from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 15, in room 2326 of the Student Center. This workshop will go over several strategies to empower graduate students to conduct their best interview. What better way to prepare for the job search than brushing up on your interviewing skills? Please RSVP to Wade Manora Jr. at
wzm0004@auburn.edu, as there are only 40 seats available. Inquire if you would like more information on the presentation.

**GSC Senate meeting to be held Feb. 24**
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) monthly Senate meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in 239 Broun Hall. GSC senators representing over 45 AU departments will gather to make important decisions regarding graduate student life. If you are not a GSC senator but would like to voice your opinion about an issue, take advantage of the open floor time available to the general graduate student body.

**BGPSA monthly meeting to be held Feb. 10**
The Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPSA) will hold its monthly general meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 6-8 p.m. in room 2216 of the Student Center. For more information about BGPSA, please contact Jessica Bailey at jjb0039@auburn.edu.

**Next deadline for Research and Travel Fellowships is March 15**
The next deadline for the Graduate Research and Travel Fellowships program is Tuesday, March 15. Students who wish to apply for travel funds and are presenting their thesis or dissertation research at conferences during April or May must apply by the aforementioned deadline. Guidelines and the application form can be found on the Web page.

**Office of University Writing seeking graduate assistants**
The Office of University Writing is currently accepting applications for three graduate assistantships. Positions include an ePortfolio Project Graduate Program Assistant, Communications & Marketing Graduate Assistant, and a Graduate Assistant for Research & Assessment. Assistantships are full-time (20 hours per week, 12 months) and include tuition remission. Applications will be reviewed on March 15 for assistantships beginning in the summer. Visit the website for full descriptions and application details.

**ePortfolio Project seeking student ambassadors**
The ePortfolio Project is seeking creative and outgoing students to join its team of ePortfolio Ambassadors. As ambassadors, students will present information, create resources and attend events as representatives of the ePortfolio Project. Students from all majors and years are invited to participate, including graduate students. Prior experience with websites or portfolios is not necessary. Information sessions for interested students will be held on Feb. 2 and 3 at 5 p.m. in the ePortfolio Project Studio, located in the RBD Library 2nd Floor Learning Commons. Positions begin next fall, and applications are due by noon on Tuesday, March 1.
Donate to “With Hearts in Mind” Feb. 1-29
The Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPSA) has set up a charity initiative called “With Hearts in Mind.” In recognition of Valentine’s Day, BGPSA will be collecting hats, scarves, socks and blankets for hospitalized cancer patients at the East Alabama Medical Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham Cancer Center from Monday, Feb. 1, until Monday, Feb. 29. All items received/donated must be brand new. Donation boxes will be set up in these designated locations: Student Center Multicultural Center (RM 1330); RBD Library; Spidle Hall; Foy Hall front desk (from Feb. 2-13 only); Chemistry building main lobby; Ross Hall reception area; Comer Hall; and outside of the Cary Library in Greene Hall (College of Veterinary Medicine campus). For more information about “With Hearts in Mind,” please contact Katarena Ford at kif0001@auburn.edu.

Register Now: Communicating Science 2016
Applications are now open for the Communicating Science 2016 workshop to be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts on June 9-11, 2016. Graduate students at U.S. institutions in all fields of science and engineering are encouraged to apply. The application will close on March 1. Acceptance to the workshop is competitive; attendance is free and travel support will be provided to accepted applicants. Participants will build the communication skills that scientists and other technical professionals need to express complex ideas to their peers, experts in other fields and the general public.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

This area is designated for graduate students in all disciplines to submit any news or announcements from their departments to be added to the monthly newsletter. Students can add announcements to this section by sending them to gradcom@auburn.edu. Announcements should be limited to 125 words. Announcements longer than 125 words are subject to editing for length. All announcements are subject to editing for grammar and clarity. Deadline for submissions will be the last Tuesday of every month. Sorry, no exceptions for late entries.

* Go online to view the full Graduate School Calendar and Calendar of Events.
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