Expanding the Horizons of Graduate Studies

The Graduate Studies Office has undergone some new and exciting changes, such as moving all theses submissions to online format, using the platform “BePress” which is facilitated by the Library staff. Read more on page 3 . . .
New Thesis & Project Submission

There is a new submission process for theses and projects beginning Fall 2016. HSU will now require graduate students who complete a thesis or project as their culminating experience to submit their work to Graduate Studies through the Digital Commons @ HSU platform. This will streamline the approval process because it eliminates the need for a hard copy Thesis/Project Approval Form.

All committee members and graduate coordinators can now log on to the Digital Commons @ HSU website and give their approval of a student’s work electronically. This saves paper and time, and allows for distance learners and out of town committee members to more easily complete the steps in the submission process.

The transition has gone smoothly to date, but if you have any issues or questions, please let us know right away.

The Submission Process
- Advancement to Candidacy
- Intent to Submit Form
- Attend Formatting Workshop
- Request a Courtesy Format Review
- Committee & Coordinator Approval on Digital Commons @ HSU
- Official Format Review through Digital Commons @ HSU

Upcoming Events:

CSU Student Research Competition
The competition is held to promote excellence in undergraduate and graduate research, scholarly and creative activity by recognizing outstanding student accomplishments throughout the twenty-three campuses of the California State University. Each campus may select up to ten entries to send to the final round which will be held at CSU Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, on April 28th and 29th, 2017. To be considered at the HSU level, a student will need to submit a written summary of their presentation. The written summary must be submitted electronically to the Office of Research by 5:00pm, Friday, January 27, 2017.

2017 ideaFest Research Poster Symposium
The Office of Research, HSU Library, and Marketing & Communications would like to invite you & your students to participate in the 4th Annual HSU ideaFest! More than 100 students and faculty from HSU’s three colleges will showcase research, performances, digital projects, and more.

The next ideaFest will be held on Friday, April 21st 2017. If you or your students are interested in presenting, registration for ideaFest 2017 will open early November! This will be a great venue for students to display previously presented professional posters or multimedia presentations at this campus-wide research symposium.

The deadline to register for ideaFest will be in March. Please note MarCom will be available to reprint your poster should you need to prior to the event. If you have any questions, please contact Kacie Flynn at (707) 826-5159 or email kacie.flynn@humboldt.edu

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Helpful Resources:
- Institutional Review Board
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  http://www2.humboldt.edu/iacuc/ (707) 826-3256
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- Academic & Career Advising Center
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Marisa Schmitz graduated from the Environment and Community M.A. program, which helped her mature as a researcher when she designed her own research project and produced manuscripts for publication. She is now a doctoral student in Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota, where she studies forest economics and policy, including non-timber forest products and landowner participation in carbon sequestration markets. She enjoys using qualitative methods and critical theory to understand natural resource management. Marissa and her Environment and Community advisor are currently publishing papers from her thesis, with one article appearing in Global Environmental Politics and another with Geoforum.

Nicole Medaxian graduated in 2015 with an MBA with a focus in Accounting and Finance. She chose Humboldt because of the small class sizes and the amount of professors who went the extra mile to encourage their students to succeed. Her first internship was with the HSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program under the direction of Sandra Rowan where she had the opportunity to apply the skills she learned in class to real life tax returns. Her second internship was with a local CPA firm, Aalfs, Evans and Company, LLP where she prepared individual tax returns and property tax returns. Both of these internships helped prepare her for her current position as a staff accountant with another local CPA firm David L. Moonie & Company, LLP.