

187th Winter Plenary Zoom

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The Committee serves as a source of professional advice and guidance to the Senate on matters relating to the quality, operation, and encouragement of graduate programs and research. To these ends, the committee may be concerned with the procedures, criteria, and support of existing and new graduate programs within the University. The Committee may review and recommend policies and procedures relating to moral and ethical concerns of research and graduate studies and other matters involving support and furtherance of research and graduate studies within the University.

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Agenda Item #1: Chancellor's Graduate Research Scholarship Training Webinars

- The SUNY Chancellor's Graduate Research Scholarship (SUNY CGRS) is a one-time \$5,000 award to SUNY students who win awards in a Federal predoctoral research-based fellowship competition (e.g., NIH F31)
- CGRS is awarded after eligible students complete one subsequent year of satisfactory progress in a qualifying SUNY graduate program to which they have been matriculated

Agenda Item #1: Chancellor's Graduate Research Scholarship Training Webinars

- Training
 - Goal is to develop and deploy SUNY-wide grant writing webinars/training sessions to aid students in submitting competitive fellowship proposals
 - In collaboration with Dr. Susan Brennan, Dr. Miguel Garcia-Diaz from Stony Brook University recently recorded two instructional webinars for the F30 and F31 NIH fellowship programs. The videos are currently undergoing editing and we are working on identifying an appropriate platform to host the videos and make them available to SUNY students
 - Recording took place in Stony Brook's recording studio and funding was provided by the UFS

Agenda Item #2: SUNY Virtual Research Day Increasing Collaborations Within SUNY

- The goal of this endeavor is to organize a SUNY-wide virtual research conference to give graduate students the opportunity to present their research to a diverse audience of SUNY faculty and students
- In addition to providing students with a platform to showcase their work, the research day could also serve as a catalyst to increase collaborations within the SUNY system by bringing faculty from multiple SUNY campuses under “one roof”
- The committee is currently identifying SUNY and/or Research Foundation resources that can be leveraged to host a virtual event of this scale. The committee will subsequently focus on developing a conference format with the ultimate goal of scheduling the virtual research day for the fall semester

Postponed Agenda Item: Graduate Student Showcase at the Legislative Office Building

SUNY UFS Graduate & Research Committee Presentation to Legislative Aids

Artificial Intelligence, Data Misuse, and Deepfakes

Description/Purpose: The purpose of this program is to help showcase some of the great research being performed by our graduate students from across the SUNY system. The research on artificial intelligence, data misuse, and deepfakes that will be presented offers an opportunity for legislators to learn more about emerging technologies and to ask questions to guide their engagement with these challenges and opportunities.

Hosted by Jim Campbell, Director of
Legislative Relations, SUNY

Took place on February 7th



Abandoned Agenda Items

- International Graduate Student Visas
- Living and Learning Through COVID

One Other Bit of Good News

- Fringe rate for postdoctoral researchers will be reduced to 18% in the ensuing fiscal year