



DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY COLLEGE OF ARTS + SCIENCES

Update on Unremittable Fees

Dear College of Arts and Sciences graduate student (in particular, those receiving College fee remissions),

I am delighted to announce that the College of Arts and Sciences and the IU Bloomington campus have worked together to create a plan that will reduce graduate tuition fees for students who receive a College fee remission.

Beginning in Fall 2020, this plan will immediately reduce fees for graduate students with College fee remissions. The support will cover all fees not tied to specific campus services, such as technology, transportation, or the student health fee. This step would typically reduce a funded graduate student's tuition costs by \$1,100 per year.

I'm very pleased that we have taken this important first step toward providing better financial support for your graduate student experience. We deeply value your contributions to our research and teaching missions and, as scholars and researchers in your own right, you represent the next generation of intellectual leadership in our nation and beyond.

The decision to cover 100% of tuition costs for graduate students holding College fee remissions was informed by the work of the College's Task Force on Graduate Student Funding, appointed in November, 2018. I thank the committee for the valuable data and insights they provided. Going forward, we will continue to explore new scenarios for graduate funding with our departments and faculty, including ways we might utilize other available resources.

Should you have questions, please contact Padraic Kenney, associate dean for graduate education, and Mitchell Byler, assistant dean for graduate education (pikenney@indiana.edu; mbyler@indiana.edu).

Sincerely,

Rick Van Kooten
Executive Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Have you checked out the Graduate & Professional Student Government (GPSG) website yet? GPSG is committed to advocating for an inclusive and empowered graduate student community. They believe in supporting graduate students personally, academically, and professionally. Find a huge list of resources in Bloomington and on the IU campus. Resources include general info and events, shopping, health & wellness, financial tools, and much more! Browse their resource links [HERE](#)

**Did you know GPSG also provides travel and research awards each semester? Find more information [HERE](#)*



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2020 Graduate Recruitment Weekend

Mark your calendars for Biology's Graduate Recruitment Weekend (GRW). The next event will take place *Thursday, February 13 – Sunday, February 16, 2020*. We really count on our student volunteers to help us have a fun and successful GRW. Keep a look-out for emails from Graduate Recruiter, Tracey Bradley in the near future. We appreciate all your help, and are looking forward to welcoming a new group of applicants to IU Bloomington!

New EEB Program Director

A HUGE thank you to Dr. Spencer Hall for your time as EEB Graduate Program Director. As of October 1st the new EEB GPD is [Dr. Leonie Moyle](#). Please welcome and congratulate her as you see her around!

Congrats to our Recently Graduated students!

Name	Degree	Program	Date Graduate	Advisors
Jeffrey Mazny	MS	Microbiology	June 2019	McKinlay
Matthew Craig	PhD	EEB	June 2019	Phillips
Matthew Helm	PhD	GCDB	June 2019	Innes
Abigail Kimmitt	PhD	EEB	July 2019	Ketterson
Amrita Bhattacharya	PhD	EEB	July 2019	Lively/Bashey
Meng Wu	PhD	EEB	July 2019	Moyle
Gregg Thomas	PhD (Dual)	EEB/ Informatics	July 2019	Hahn/Tang
Joseph Biddle	MS	EEB	August 2019	Ragsdale
Christopher Petersen	PhD	EEB	August 2019	Hurley
Amilcar Perez	Micro	PhD	August 2019	Winkler
Aisha Burton	Micro	PhD	August 2019	Kearns
Michael Rotelli	GCDB	PhD	August 2019	Calvi
Logan Cole	EEB	PhD	September 2019	Palmer

Graduate Student Health Insurance

Have questions about your Health Insurance? Find information online [HERE](#)

There will also be a health insurance information meeting on **Wednesday, October 16 @ 4pm** in the Optometry Building, room 111. Please join us for a meeting with Shana Wigington, Student Insurance Specialist. She will have a brief presentation ready, and will be able to answer all your insurance questions.

Thanks for reading! Please feel free to stop by the graduate office, or email us anytime. We are here for YOU, and we are looking forward to another successful semester at Indiana University, Bloomington.

*Something missing? Email [Katie](#) to suggest additions to our next newsletter or Box Folder

Walter Center for Career Achievement

Need help deciding what to do after graduate school? The Walter Center for Career development will have resources focusing on graduate students by the end of the semester. See their [website](#) for more information on current and future events.

To assist in this mission, the University Grad School has hired [Katie Kearns](#) to be the Assistant Vice Provost for Student Development. She will be working with Graduate Students and Post-docs.

Graduate Student Resource Box Folder

The graduate office has created a new Box folder with information and resources that are useful for Biology graduate students in all PhD and MS programs. You can view the box folder [HERE](#)

Crimson Cupboard

Are you or someone you know facing food insecurity? IU's Crimson Cupboard provides free food for IU Bloomington students who otherwise cannot afford it. Find more information [HERE](#)

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Fall hours:

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m.
Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m.
Fridays, 1 to 5 p.m.

Want to volunteer? Email: cupboard@indiana.edu