

# PROFESSIONALIZATION

## *Your Role as a Graduate Student*

Success as a graduate student depends in large measure on your conduct, motivation, and willingness to accept academic and professional challenges. Graduate school is a process of learning new methods and skills of researching, analyzing, writing, and communicating with your professors, faculty mentors, and peers. Graduate school also requires professionalization, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Acknowledging and respecting GINSP and University standards.
- Accepting responsibility for your own work, time management, and meeting requirements.
- Asking for clarification, assistance, and mentoring, while remaining respectful of others' time and responsibilities.
- Participating in orientations, training, and activities for professional development.
- Recognizing that faculty are eager to help and assume responsibility for challenging, teaching, and monitoring your intellectual progress and achievements.

## *GINSP Brown Bags*

Throughout the year, GINSP offers a variety of sponsored and co-sponsored Brown Bag presentations that address a variety of relevant and significant topics affecting the lives of Indigenous Peoples. Invited faculty from other universities, visiting and KU faculty, as well as graduate students are invited to present their research work and papers.

## *University Services*

The University of Kansas offers a number of important student services that will assist you in your research, writing, and professional skills.

### Libraries

<http://www.lib.ku.edu/>

GINSP faculty introduce a variety of useful research and technical information and skills to students in the core courses. GINSP students are encouraged to meet individually with KU librarians and information technology specialists to ensure that they have mastered skills and software programs associated with, among others,

- Search strategies for subject and database guides.
- Evaluating and citing sources.
- Using Endnote and other relevant computer software.

The University has assigned a librarian to work individually with each department and program on campus.

#### *GINSP Librarian*

Nikhat Ghouse, [nghouse@ku.edu](mailto:nghouse@ku.edu) or (785) 864-8994, has proven invaluable to our students in their research process.

## Writing Center

<http://www.writing.ku.edu/>

The KU Writing Center provides you with a safe, non-evaluative environment in which to develop as an academic writer. You may visit Writing Center locations or make an appointment for writing assistance at <http://www.writing.ku.edu/~writing/contact.shtml>.

## Graduate Writing Classes

The Applied English Center offers several writing classes designed specifically for all graduate students.

- [GS 700: Thesis & Dissertation Writing Class](#)
- [GS 750: Professional Writing](#)
- [GS 710: Thesis & Dissertation Tutorials](#)
- [GS 706: Professional Presentations](#)

For more information, consult <http://www.aec.ku.edu/grad/grad.html>.

See **Appendix F: Additional Thesis/Non-Thesis Information** for a full description of these courses. Note that these courses do not fulfill the GINSP Thesis/Non-Thesis requirement but have proven helpful to students who need to improve their writing, complete their theses, and present their work at professional conferences.

## Graduate Student Writing Groups

The KU Writing Center staff also provides assistance with the creation and mentoring of Graduate Student Writing Groups. These Writing Groups provide graduate student writers with a community of writers and several complimentary types of support, including:

- Feedback on your writing.
- Encouragement to set and accomplish goals.
- Resources for resolving conflict and solving problems.
- Aid in overcoming "writer's block" and other writing challenges.
- Finding helpful contacts for writing partners and writing groups.

For more information regarding Graduate Student Writing Groups, see [http://www.writing.ku.edu/graduate\\_students/grad\\_student\\_writing\\_group.shtml](http://www.writing.ku.edu/graduate_students/grad_student_writing_group.shtml) or call 864-2399, or email [writing@ku.edu](mailto:writing@ku.edu) to sign up for updates via email.

### Graduate Student Paper Presenter Fund

The Office of Research and Graduate Studies has funding to assist you if you have been selected to present papers at a national or regional meeting of a learned or professional organization held out-of-state. For information on applications, see [http://www.graduate.ku.edu/02-01\\_ppf.shtml](http://www.graduate.ku.edu/02-01_ppf.shtml).

KU offers many resources for students with a wide variety of interests and needs. Please contact the offices below for additional services.

### Disability Resources

<http://www.achievement.ku.edu>

### Emily Taylor Women's Resource Center

<http://www.etwrc.ku.edu/>

### Informational Technology

<http://www.technology.ku.edu/>

### Academic Achievement and Access Center

<http://www.achievement.ku.edu/>