



SPECIAL EDITION!

Our grad students have accomplished so many awesome things this semester!

We want to recognize all their hard work by spotlighting their achievements in this month's newsletter: 3MT Winners, new fellows, scholarships, oh my!

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Graduate School Notes

2023/2024 IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 12/8: Commencement
12/15: Degree conferral

JANUARY

- 1/4: Courses available in Canvas
1/7: Last day for course change w/o fee
1/8: First day of classes
1/11: Last day for course change with fee
1/15: University Closed MLK Jr Holiday



Commencement: Friday, December 8

Commencement is held at the UNO Lakefront Arena. Access all things graduation on the [Commencement webpage](#).

Visit the UNO Bookstore to obtain your regalia. Contact them at uno@bkstr.com or phone at 504-280-6373.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **GRADUATE ASSISTANT IN STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SIL)**
The Office of Student Connection and Belonging seeks a GA to assist with programming and initiatives, manage social media accounts, perform clerical duties, attend events, and other duties as assigned. Contact Brooklyn Jackson at bjackso8@uno.edu for more information and to apply.
Qualifications: 3.0 GPA and full-time (9 hours) enrollment in a graduate degree program. Enthusiasm, motivation, and an interest in working with students required.
Pay: \$16/hour, 20 hours per week
- **OFFICE OF FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS TUTORS**
The Office of First-Year Success hosts individual or small group appointments with students in a variety of subjects. [See job posting for more information and to apply.](#)
Qualifications: 3.2 GPA and enrolled in a graduate degree program. Commitment to ethical conduct and academic honesty, strong communication skills, and a helpful demeanor required.
Pay: \$15/hour base, 10 hours per week
- **GRADUATE ASSISTANT IN CENTER FOR TEACHING INNOVATION**
The Center for Teaching Innovation seeks a GA to assist with a one-semester project aimed at evaluating and responding to issues surrounding student success with digital and online learning at UNO. **If interested, send CV and contact information to cti@uno.edu no later than December 13.**
Qualifications: 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment (9 hours) in a graduate degree program. Commitment to ethical conduct and academic honesty, strong communication skills, and a helpful demeanor required.
Pay: \$25/hour, 10-12 hours per week



Winners!

	1ST PLACE: \$1,000	2ND PLACE: \$500
MASTER'S LEVEL:	Abdullah Naeem Computer Science, M.S.	Shannen Leafs Film & Theatre, M.F.A.
DOCTORAL LEVEL:	Samantha Brieske Integrative Biology, Ph.D.	Hanieh Aghaieranjbar Chemistry, Ph.D.



OVERALL WINNER:

Amanda Rowan
Applied Psychology, Ph.D.

Rowan will receive travel funding to compete in the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools' regional 3MT competition in the spring of 2024.



Graduate Student Spotlight

Have a spotlight student? Email bbarras1@uno.edu to be featured!

Bailey Bullock



Program: Master of Science in Transportation

Event: University Transportation Center Outstanding Student of the Year Awards, Washington, DC

Bailey Bullock will be recognized by the US Department of Transportation as a University Transportation Center (UTC) Outstanding Student of the Year.

She will travel to Washington, D.C. for a special ceremony held by UTC in conjunction with the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) Annual Awards event. She will receive a USDOT Certificate of Achievement, a monetary prize, and travel and lodging expenses to attend the 2024 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting.

Program: Ph.D. Urban Studies

Event: Dissertation defense, "The Impacts of Changing Trade Policies, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and Russia-Ukraine War on Trade Volumes, Jobs, and Economic Growth in Louisiana Port City Regions and the State of Louisiana"

In 2018, President Donald Trump imposed several tariffs and levies on steel, aluminum, and other goods imported from China and ally nations such as Mexico, Canada, and countries within the European Union. "The tariffs have had far-reaching effects, including retaliatory tariffs imposed by affected nations, U.S. agricultural products," explains Faisal Mallum.

Mallum's research "seeks to increase our understanding of how international trade policies can affect the productivity of ports and the economies of the communities that support them."

Faisal Mallum



Alexandra Holliday



Program: Master of Science in Transportation

Event: Women's Transportation Seminar Greater New Orleans (WTSGNO) Student Scholarship

WTSGNO is dedicated to fostering the development of women in the transportation field. Alexandra Holliday was selected for a highly competitive scholarship which is awarded based on the applicant's specific goals, academic record, and skills.

Graduate Student Spotlight, continued!

Amanda Kirkland



Program: Ph.D., Integrative Biology

Event: 2024 Class of the John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship Program, Washington, DC

Amanda Kirkland researches the effects of global change on marine calcifiers such as corals, oysters, clams and shrimp. Her research includes examining the effects of warming and acidification on artificial reef ecosystems.

“Moving forward with my career, I would like to work on science that can affect national policies in an ocean-positive manner,” Kirkland said. “This fellowship will give me a unique opportunity to be placed in the offices where policy is made and enforced, allowing me to work at the intersection of policy, science and outreach.”

Sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Sea Grant College Program, the highly competitive fellowship program is a one-year paid opportunity for students of advanced degree programs to apply their scientific knowledge and experiences to lasting careers in the sciences, policy, and public administration.

The Grad Team

The Graduate School staff are so proud our students! We wish you all a merry and restful holiday break. See you in Spring 2024!

From: Dante, Kate, Brittney, Mackenzie, Kent, & Nancy



Summits, Research, & Fellowships



NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE POSTDOCTORAL AND SENIOR RESEARCH: FEBRUARY 1

We are seeking highly qualified candidates who hold, or anticipate earning, a doctorate in a variety of fields of science or engineering.

Application deadline dates (four annual review cycles):
February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1

Awardee benefits

- Stipends ranging from \$45,000-\$97,490
- Health insurance, paid relocation and professional travel allowance



NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE: GULF RESEARCH PROGRAM (GRP) SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIP: FEBRUARY 7

Graduate students, predoctoral, and postdoctoral students gain first-hand experience at the interface of science and policy as they spend one year with decision-makers at agencies across Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in a doctoral program or hold an eligible degree (MA, MS, MPH, etc. See website for details) in an area of research
- U.S. Citizen
- Not employed by U.S. federal government

Awardee benefits:

- Stipends ranging from \$58,000-\$63,000
- Health insurance and relocation stipends



KNAUSS FELLOWSHIP: FEBRUARY 15

A one-year, paid experience for graduate students interested in marine, coastal, and Great Lakes science and policy.

Applicants will need to register for eSeaGrant at www.laseagrantdb.org before s/he can begin an application.



FELLOWSHIP & GRANT OPPORTUNITY: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

AAUW has awarded over \$135 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 scholars and organizations, one of the largest scholarship programs for women in the world. **Visit [this page](#) to learn more and to view priority deadlines.**

GRADUATE STUDENT RESOURCES

All graduate students are eligible to receive on-campus and online UNO resources. See a list of student resources here.

SGA Funding: Academic travel funding

Writing Center: Make an appointment with a coach in-person or online to receive writing support

Purdue Website: Graduate writing resources, citation and grammar information, and more for free

Counseling Services: Career testing, counseling

Ochsner Clinic: Wellness exams, immunizations, lab tests and screenings

Center for Teaching Innovation

The Center for Teaching Innovation (CTI) offers a range of events, services, and consultations throughout the year. Anyone in the UNO community who teaches, aspires to teach, or supports instructional activities at UNO is welcome to participate.

CTI WORKSHOPS:

The CTI has several Canvas workshops this fall. [See the list here.](#)

Funding Opportunities

LA BOARD OF REGENTS (BOR):

Find deadlines for notices of intent and proposals on [this website](#) and information about grant writing requests and proposal form [deadlines](#). Visit the BoR's [Grant Guide at-a-Glance](#) page.



GRANT RESOURCE CENTER (GRC):

See the Office of Research's attached newsletter. (Weekly newsletters are archived on the [Funding Opportunities](#) page.) Several funding opportunity databases available for UNO students. Additional information [available](#) here. Instructions and links to the [funding databases](#) are found [here](#).



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