

Office of Graduate Studies & Research
Calendar of Events
Fall 2011 – Summer 2012

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 12:00 - 2:00 BA 290	IRB Full Board Meeting	Full Board Meeting to review IRB protocols.
1st Wednesday of every month 12:00 - 1:30 BA 142 Conference Room	Doctoral Coordinators' Meeting	Meeting of the Graduate School and the doctoral coordinators to discuss issues related to doctoral students and doctoral faculty advisors.
Thursday, September 22, 2011 11:00 - 1:00 Student Center Visions Room	Grant Administration	This workshop addresses the post-award administration of grants and includes: information on the logistics of spending grant funds, account setup, subcontracts with other agencies, and procedures for reporting throughout the cycle of the grant
Tuesday, October 11, 2011 1:00-3:00 Student Center Conference B	Protection of Human Subjects	This compliance training activity covers protection of human subjects in research and provides information regarding informed consent and policies and procedures.
Thursday, October 13, 2011 9:00 - 11:00 Student Center Traditions	Grant Writing 101	Overview of the grant development process and most common elements included in grant proposals. This workshop is intended primarily for those new to grant writing who desire information on external funding to support research and institutional change. Focus of the two-hour seminar includes: review of typical proposal criteria and guidelines, tips for collaborative planning and development of ideas, and creating budgets to support the grant project. Participants will learn the entire "big picture" of grant seeking and proposal development leading to a successful grant award.
Wednesday, October 19, 2011 12:00 - 1:30 Master's / 1:45 - 3:00 Thesis Alumni Center Boardroom	Master's/Specialist Advisors' and Thesis Roundtables	An open discussion of masters' programs and how the Graduate School works in the whole process from inquiry to graduation. Also a session on thesis processing and procedure.
9:00 - 11:00 Student Center Traditions	Grant Writing 201	This two-hour workshop follows up on content presented in Grant Writing 101 is targeted for those with some grant experience or knowledge of the grant process. The focus of the seminar is on the most critical aspects of successful proposal writing including development of goals and objectives. Participants will have the opportunity to practice writing actual grant components for their specific research interest. Use of the logic model, ideas for evaluation and creating charts and tables for grant proposals will be presented. (Grant Writing 101 is not a prerequisite.)

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Friday, October 28, 2011	Final Dissertation/Thesis Defense date for December 2011 graduates	This is the final date a student who wishes to graduate in December 2011 can defend their final dissertation or thesis. The schedule form for the final dissertation defense is due in the Graduate School no later than the 20th of the month before.
Friday, November 4, 2011 BA 142	Submission deadline for Comprehensive Exams, Final Dissertations and Theses	
Friday, November 11, 2011 All Day TAMU College Station	9th Annual Pathways Student Research Symposium	Texas A&M University System graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to present results (oral or poster presentations) from their current or past research projects, even if preliminary.
Monday, November 14, 2011 8:00 - 4:30 Student Center	NSF Day	In-dept. look at the National Science Foundation--its mission, priorities, programs, and proposal review process. Representatives from the seven NSF directorates will make presentations on their programs and be available for discussions of potential research proposals.
Thursday, February 09, 2012 10:00 - 11:00 am BA 339	Funding Opportunities	This workshop addresses many aspects of finding the funds to support research and other university activities. Topics to be addressed include: searching for grant opportunities, signing up for automatic funding alerts, the best websites that are helpful when searching for grant funds, and how to review a funding announcement to determine if it is a good match for your needs. The format for the workshop is practical hands-on training in a computer lab where participants will be able to conduct their own searches and review grant funding announcements.
Friday, March 23, 2012 BA 142	Final Dissertation/Thesis Defense date for Spring 2012 Graduates	
Friday, March 30, 2012 BA 142	Submission deadline for Comprehensive Exams, Final Dissertations and Theses	
Monday, April 23, 2012 11:00 - 1:00 Student Center	Graduate Research Assistants Symposium	Graduate Research Assistants will display posters of the research they have conducted over the fall and/or spring semester (s).
Spring 2012 TBA	Junior Faculty Workshop	
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Additional workshops, training and events will be added throughout the academic year. To register for a workshop, please visit <http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/gradschool/research/>

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Spring 2012 TBA	Research Compliance	Overview of research compliance - Animal Care & Use, Biosafety, Export Control, Protection of Human Subjects, Responsible Conduct in Research and Scholarship
Spring 2012 TBA	Federation of North Texas Area Universities - Graduate Student Research Symposium	At the Symposium, graduate students from Federation disciplines across the three universities will present posters of their research findings.
Spring 2012 TBA Metroplex Center, Mesquite	Graduate EXPO	At the EXPO, prospective students have the opportunity to talk to different departments about their programs, talk directly to faculty, and learn about funding opportunities.
2nd Tuesday of every month 3:00 AM Alumni Center Boardroom	Graduate Council Meetings	
20th of every month BA 142	Schedule forms for proposal and final dissertation defenses due	