

# CGCS Agenda – May 3, 2019

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# International Master's Graduate Scholarship

- > Newly admitted FS19 and SP20 international Master's students will be provided with a \$2,500/semester (for up to 4 consecutive semesters) scholarship
- > To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be self-paying out-of-state/international fees. (students on 25% FTE or higher will NOT be provided the scholarship)
- > Students must maintain a 3.25 GPA to be eligible, maintain full-time enrollment
- > International Affairs will be sending award letters starting today/Monday to eligible students.
- > SFA and Grad Studies will work together to apply scholarship each semester (it will be automatically applied unless the student falls out of eligibility)



# International Student Distance Learning Semester

- > International Master's non-thesis students admitted for FS19 or SP20 in Computer Science, Engineering Management, Systems Engineering, Information Science & Technology, and Business Administration are being offered to take their first semester completely online.
- > Students participating will be considered on-campus international students but will be able to save on housing, travel costs, etc. the first semester. Students will be able to start their program even if they are still working through visa/immigration issues.

# Departments – Updating Admissions Requirements

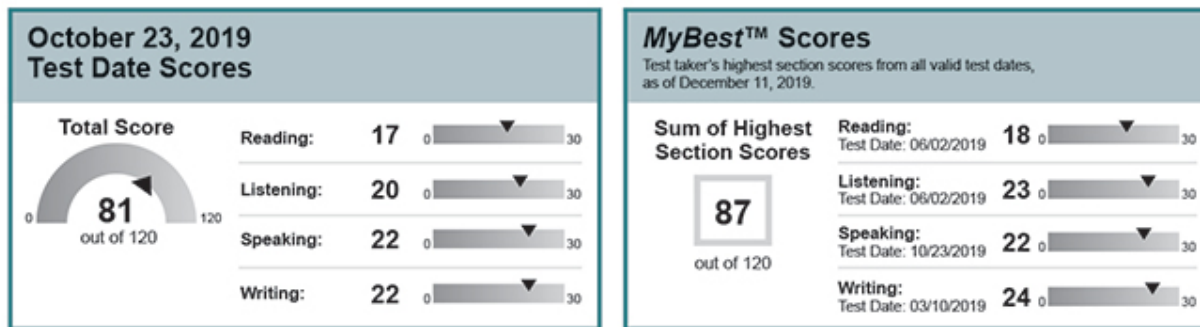
- > Please work with your faculty to evaluate your GRE, GPA, TOEFL/IELTS/PTE scores and other criteria for the next admission cycle!
- > Email reminders will be sent – updates needed by July 15
- > Reminder: for consistency, changes will only be made during summer for the NEXT academic year. Changes must stay in place for the full academic year.
- > Changes (especially increases) will not be made in the middle of the academic year

# TOEFL Scores – MyBest Scores

> Coming in August 2019

## How Do They Work?

*MyBest* scores — sometimes generically called superscores — are the combination of an applicant's best scores for each test section from all of their valid TOEFL scores in the last 2 years. All TOEFL iBT score reports sent after August 1, 2019, will include both the applicant's *MyBest* scores and the scores from their selected test date, like in this example:



## How Are They Helpful?

Here are some important things to know about *MyBest* scores:

- ***MyBest* scores are valid.** Research from the testing experts at ETS shows that *MyBest* scores and single test date scores are both valid measures of English-language proficiency.
- **You can widen your pool of qualified applicants** that meet your English-language requirements when you let students show their best performance with *MyBest* scores.
- **Using *MyBest* scores is easy.** The TOEFL iBT score scale remains the same, and there is no need to change your score requirements.

# TOEFL Scores – MyBest Scores

> More info from ETS:

[https://www.ets.org/c/41866/mybest.html?WT.ac=toefl\\_mybest\\_vanity\\_190308&utm\\_source=various&utm\\_medium=vanity&utm\\_campaign=TOEFL\\_MyBest](https://www.ets.org/c/41866/mybest.html?WT.ac=toefl_mybest_vanity_190308&utm_source=various&utm_medium=vanity&utm_campaign=TOEFL_MyBest)

# New Graduate Student Development Programming

- > Updating the old programming model to be more strategic
- > Assessment and Curriculum
  - Survey – Sent to all grad students
    - > 138 responses [Confidence level 95%, Margin of error: 8%]
    - > Notable Trends thus far:
      - Timing of the event needs improvement → 4pm to 7pm
      - Event subjects offered
      - Career Preparation and Networking Events are highly desired
        - > Research Funding & Social Events
    - > Biggest Trend → Grad focused Everything

# New Graduate Student Development Programming

## > Focus Groups –

- 2 student focus Groups
- Informal conversations with staff
- Send Leneisa Parks questions, comments, or concerns ([parkslc@mst.edu](mailto:parkslc@mst.edu))

## > Curriculum

- Based off of the results determined from the assessment stage, as well as guidance from the departmental vision
- Support key events and deadlines with professional development
- Work in collaboration with departments to promote events



# Technical Editing – Spring 2019

- > Statistics
  - 52 editing requests
  - 980 pages edited
  - 53 writing development sessions
  - 119 pages edited in sessions
  
- > Technical Editing Services available year-round
  
- > Thesis & Dissertation Writing Camp
  - May 20 & 21
  - Registration due May 13
    - > FREE and includes lunch!

# Graduate Faculty Updates

- > Next Graduate Faculty Meeting:
  - Monday, May 6 at 4pm in Carver Turner, Havener Center
- > Agenda sent earlier this week
- > Voting on changes to the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations
- > Please attend!

# Graduate Faculty Election Update

- > Officer nominations have been received
- > Make sure to attend the meeting to Vote for the 19-20 officers on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

# Graduate Faculty Council Awards

- > The Graduate Faculty Council requested nominations for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Studies and Graduate Staff Excellence.
  
- > Awards committee members are still needed – contact Dr. Matt Insall if you are interested in serving!
  
- > Awards will be announced at the Graduate Faculty Awards Reception:
  - Friday, May 10, 2019 @ Public House – Rolla
  - One free drink provided; light snacks provided
  - 5pm-7pm (awards announced at 6pm)
  - RSVP to [parkslc@mst.edu](mailto:parkslc@mst.edu) or [http://mst.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3a66hdmA82PBC5L](http://mst.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a66hdmA82PBC5L)



# Commencement Dates

## 6:00PM FRIDAY, MAY 17

*Candidates should plan to arrive by 5 p.m.*

Undergraduate and graduate students in the following disciplines:

- Business & Information Technology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- English & Technical Communications
- Mining & Nuclear Engineering

## 10:00AM SATURDAY, MAY 18

*Candidates should plan to arrive by 9 a.m.*

Undergraduate and graduate students in the following disciplines:

- Biological Sciences
- Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
- Computer Science
- Geological Sciences, Geological & Petroleum Engineering
- Materials Science & Engineering
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Psychological Science

## 3:30PM SATURDAY, MAY 18

*Candidates should plan to arrive by 2:30 p.m.*

Undergraduate and graduate students in the following disciplines:

- Art, Languages & Philosophy
- Civil, Architectural & Environmental Engineering
- Engineering Management & Systems Engineering
- History & Political Science
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
- Physics



# How can we Help?

- > What can the Office of Graduate Studies do to help YOU?
  - Recruiting/Slate
    - > Emailing through Slate
      - Prospects, inquiries, admitted student emails
    - > Intent to Enroll
    - > Queries
    - > Refresher on admitting process
  - Advisor and Grad Staff assistance
    - > Forms
    - > How to read degree audits
    - > T/D Format checking process and specs

# May Events

- > **Writing Workshop**  
Wed, May 8, 12-1pm  
208 Norwood
- > **Stress Relief**  
Thurs, May 9, 12-1pm  
Miner Oasis Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Norwood
- > **Thesis & Dissertation Writing Camp**  
May 20-21, 9am-4pm  
Toomey 250 & 251  
\*Registration Required

**Thank you!**

**Have a great summer and  
we will see you this fall!**

