



UCCS Graduate School

Newsletter



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Debut of Graduate School Monthly Newsletter

The Graduate School at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs is proud to announce the launch of our newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep graduate students and faculty informed of announcements, upcoming events, and projects our team is working on to continually provide resources and support to our graduate students. Additionally, we will use this space to showcase the excellent work of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. These newsletters will be released monthly starting in the Fall 2026 semester.

We are excited for this chance to be able to highlight members of our UCCS community and to provide another helpful resource for graduate students.

Thank you for being a part of our UCCS community!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Kelly McNear was recently promoted to Program Manager of Research Development & Student Research!

This position plays a key role in setting a vision for, leading, and coordinating the research enhancement resources offered by the Office of Research.

Dr. McNear has been at UCCS since November 2018, starting as a research associate in the UCCS BioFrontiers Center. In December 2021, they were hired as the newly created Research Development Coordinator, as part of the *NSF ADVANCE Adaptation grant, Project CREST*, and have been in the Office of Research ever since.

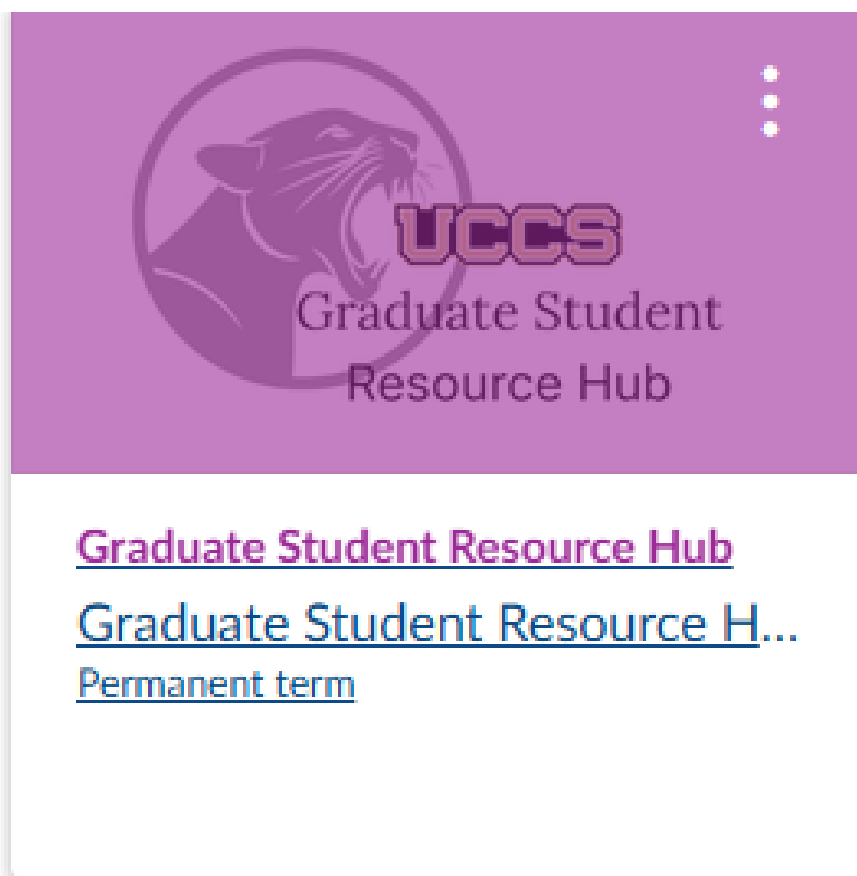
Congratulations Dr. McNear! We appreciate all the hard work you do to support our UCCS students and community!

In the Workshop

Canvas Graduate Student Resource Hub

The Graduate School is always working on ways to enhance support and resources for students. Therefore, we are proud to announce our latest project: a resource hub for graduate students in Canvas. This course in Canvas will host a plethora of resources and contact information accessible to incoming and current graduate students 24/7. Additionally, we will post upcoming events and important deadlines for graduate students in this course.

Our goal is to debut this resource hub at our Annual Fall Welcome Reception on August 17th, 2026. All new graduate students will automatically be added to this course once they are enrolled in classes, and all current UCCS graduate students will be added by the start of the Fall 2026 term.



Announcements

Interested in becoming Senator of the Graduate School within the Student Government Association (SGA) ?

Walat Gozeh, President-Elect of the Student Government Association, is seeking a graduate student who wants to represent their peers, advocate for student needs, gain leadership experience and is interested in applying to the Senator of the Graduate School position within SGA. Please see below for a list of responsibilities of this position.

If you have any questions about this position, please email sga@uccs.edu!

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION :

- Coordinate monthly meetings with the Dean of the Graduate School.
- Serve on respective college committees, including Dean's Advisory Councils, as appropriate.
- Arrange at least two (2) Outreach/Office hours each week to conduct SGA business and meet with students.
- In the event of a college name change, the college's senator title shall change to reflect the name of their respective college.

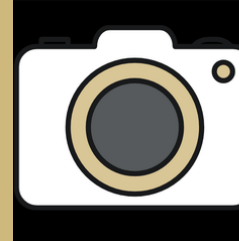
If you are interested in this position, please apply here:
<https://mlc.uccs.edu/submitter/form/start/724594>

GRAD TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Annual Headshot Event was a SUCCESS!



The UCCS Graduate School presents:



FREE Headshots for Graduate Students!

Date: April 2nd, 2026

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: T. Rowe Price Career and Innovation Center in the University Center

For Graduate Student Appreciation Week each Spring, the Graduate School hosts a Free Headshot Event for graduate students.

Graduate students come to get a professional portrait for their resumes, cover letters, indeed profile, etc.

We had a great turnout this year with 54 students in attendance at the event!

If you missed this event this year, do not worry! We plan this event every Spring. Please keep an eye out for advertisements in Spring 2027.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Annual Graduate Student Fall Welcome Reception

The Fall Welcome Reception is held at the beginning of each Fall semester to welcome newly admitted graduate students to UCCS. If you are new to a UCCS graduate program this summer or fall, you are invited to attend. This is an optional event, but is highly recommended, as this is a great opportunity to connect with other students, staff, and faculty. Representatives from a variety of campus resources will be present.

DINNER IS PROVIDED!

Date: August 17th, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:00pm (Doors open at 5pm)

Location: Berger Hall in University Center

***Parking is FREE this week.

RSVP Only Event (Email invitations will be sent out soon)

Events to be on the lookout for:

- Grant Writing Bootcamp this Fall 2026 semester
 - Provided by the Office of Research and consists of multiple sessions that cover important pieces of the grant writing process to help you find and apply for funding.
- GradCO professional development workshops

More information for these events will be available at the beginning of the Fall semester.

* Event reminders will be posted in our September Newsletter and sent out via email to UCCS student emails.