**December 2016 PawPrints - Graduate Student Update**

Have something you would like included in the next PawPrints?

Please submit any updates [here](https://go.ncsu.edu/pawprints)!

**Recognition**

The **Graduate Student Research Symposium** is on **March 22, 2017**. Information available at:<https://grad.ncsu.edu/research/symposium/>

The **Graduate Student Research Symposium** is actively looking for judges for the poster session. If you know someone who would like to be a judge, please send their contact information to Dr. David Shafer at dmshafer@ncsu.edu.

Application deadline for the **Spring Travel Award for Conferences**: **February 15, 2017**. Application information: <https://gsa.ncsu.edu/conference-award/>

If you think your program/department's GSA has been great, you can nominate them for the Best Practice award. "The Best Practices award recognizes the GSA which most clearly embodies GSA's mission of improving the satisfaction and scholarship of graduate students at North Carolina State University". [Best Practices Award](https://gsa.ncsu.edu/finance/) (application is under Forms section) - application Due **Jan 30th**

Social Justice Mini-Grant - [apply](https://sg.students.ncsu.edu/legislative/finance/) by end of semester

**Service Opportunities**

**Student Senate:** The graduate student body is underrepresented in the Student Senate-- become a senator and make your voice heard! Details [here](https://gsa.ncsu.edu/ncsu-senate-needs-graduate-students/), email [zalentz@ncsu.edu](mailto:zalentz@ncsu.edu) with questions.

**Graduate School Updates**

Saturday, December 24

Winter Holiday; university closed (Dec. 24-Jan. 2)

Thursday, January 5, 2017

Spring Orientation for New International students

Sunday, January 8, 2017

5:00pm—No Registration Required ETD Review Deadline

(Date by which a thesis or dissertation student must have an ETD review in order to avoid registering for the following semester)

Monday, January 9, 2017

Spring 2017 - First day of classes