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CAMPUS HAPPENINGS - USD

Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 Summer Graduation

Graduate students planning to graduate in the spring of 2018 or summer of 2018 must submit the appropriate graduation paperwork.

All candidates for spring and summer 2018 graduation need to have the following completed by **January 29, 2018**:

- Full admission status to a degree granted
- Final program of study submitted to the Graduate School with committee chair and department chair signatures
- Application for degree submitted to the Graduate School with advisor's signature

All forms and deadlines can be found on the [Graduate School Portal](#).

Spring 2017 Commencement will be held on **Saturday, May 5, 2018** at the Sanford Coyote Sports Center

**Classes Start for
SPRING SEMESTER**

**MONDAY
January 8, 2018**

3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

Be on the lookout for an email coming out early January!

Contact: Graduate School | 605-658-6140 | grad@usd.edu



Yote Life App

Want to stay up to date on all programming news, events and activities? **Download the Yote Life app** and get access to real time information on all programming opportunities.

- Directory
- Campus Dining
- Coyote Athletics
- Schedules, Store and Tickets
- The Volante
- Maps and more...



Stay Connected with USD

Campus programs are open to all students, including graduate students!

Do you want to be in the know with campus happenings? Stay connected with upcoming events by following/liking the USD pages below.

USD Campus Events - [LINK](#) | All USD Social Media - [LINK](#)

Popular Campus Facebook Sites:

[USD-Official Site](#) | [Muenster University Center](#)
[USD Student Activities](#) | [USD Campus Activities Board](#)

EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship Opportunities

1. Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) Program

The Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems (CNH) Program supports interdisciplinary research that examines human and natural system processes and the complex interactions among human and natural systems at diverse scales. Research projects to be supported by CNH must include analyses of four different components: (1) the dynamics of a natural system; (2) the dynamics of a human system; (3) the processes through which the natural system affects the human system; and (4) the processes through which the human system affects the natural system. CNH also supports research coordination networks (CNH-RCNs) designed to facilitate activities that promote future research by broad research communities that will include all four components necessary for CNH funding. There are no eligibility restrictions.

Deadline is January 23, 2018. | [View Details](#)

2. Scalable Parallelism in the Extreme (SPX) program

The Scalable Parallelism in the Extreme (SPX) program aims to support research addressing the challenges of increasing performance in this modern era of parallel computing. This will require a collaborative effort among researchers in multiple areas, from services and applications down to micro-architecture. SPX encompasses all five NSCI Strategic Objectives, including supporting foundational research toward architecture and software approaches that drive performance improvements in the post-Moore's Law era; development and deployment of programmable, scalable, and reusable platforms in the national HPC and scientific cyberinfrastructure ecosystem; increased coherence of data analytic computing and modeling and simulation; and capable extreme-scale computing. Coordination with industrial efforts that pursue related goals are encouraged.

Deadline is January 9, 2018 | [View Details](#)

3. SpecEES program

The National Science Foundation's Directorates for Engineering (ENG) and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) are coordinating efforts to identify bold new concepts to significantly improve the efficiency of radio spectrum utilization while addressing new challenges in energy efficiency and security, thus enabling spectrum access for all users and devices, and allowing traditionally underserved Americans to benefit from wireless-enabled goods and services. The SpecEES program solicitation (pronounced "SpecEase") seeks to fund innovative collaborative research that transcends the traditional boundaries of existing programs.

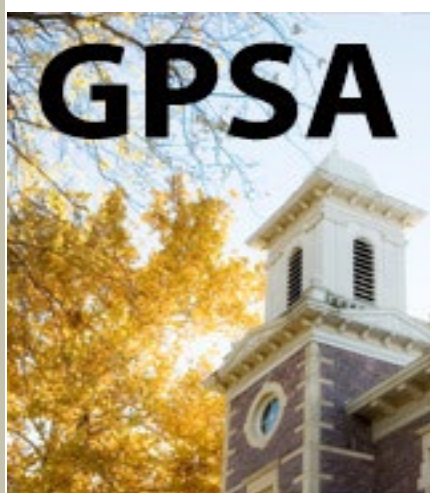
Deadline is January 18, 2018 | [View Details](#)

4. Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry

The Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry at the Chemical Heritage Foundation, an independent research library in Philadelphia, is inviting applications for short- or long-term fellowships in the history of science, technology, medicine, and industry. The research collections at CHF range chronologically from the fifteenth century to the present and include six thousand rare books, significant archival holdings, thousands of images, and a large artifact and fine arts collection supported by more than a hundred thousand reference volumes and journals. Within the collections are many areas of strength, including alchemy, mining & metallurgy, dyeing and bleaching, balneology, gunpowder and pyrotechnics, gas-lighting, books of secrets, inorganic and organic chemistry, biochemistry, food chemistry, and pharmaceuticals. The center supports roughly twenty fellows a year, creating a vibrant community of scholars whose work is in some way tied to the history of materials and materiality, chemistry, and all related sciences. Applications come from people in a wide range of disciplines across the humanities and social sciences.

Proposals are due by January 16, 2018 | [View Details](#)

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION - GPSA



Student officers of SOPA are in the process of getting a professional in the nonprofit sector to come speak to the group.

NEXT MEETING

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

Check our Facebook page for meeting details. To be added to the GPSA listserv or to receive information, contact us at the information below.

Join us @ Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPSA.USD>
NEW Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd.edu/gpsa/welcome> | Email: GPSA@usd.edu

SOPA - STUDENTS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Topics to be discussed include how changes to the U.S. tax code might impact graduate students, as well as what new USD committees / task forces GPSA members can serve on. All are welcomed to attend.

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: TBD

To be added to the SOPA listserv or to receive information, contact us at the information below.

Like us on **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/USDSOPA/>

Follow our **Twitter** page: (@USDSOPA) to stay up-to-date on meetings or any other SOPA-related events, activities, or information.

Email: SOPA President Malachi Petersen at Malachi.Petersen@coyotes.usd.edu



Students of Public Administration

SGA GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER

■ Student Government Associate Senators participated in a campus safety walk led by USD University Police Department officers November 15. Multiple areas on campus that need better lighting were discovered and a list was given to both UPD and USD Facilities Management. Senators are expecting a reply from both departments sometime in January on what improvements from the list are feasible to be made.

■ SGA also formed a Task Force on Sexual Assault Prevention and Policy this past month after a sexual assault was reported off-campus and students voiced concern over how USD administrators handled the situation. Graduate student Senator Malachi Petersen has been appointed by SGA President Teagan McNary as one of the members of the task force and the group is scheduled to have its first meeting in early January.

If you have any issues that you would like brought to the Student Government Association, contact your graduate student senator, Malachi at Malachi.Petersen@coyotes.usd.edu.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Important Dates

01/11/18	Last day to add/drop 1st 8-week course with refund
01/15/18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
01/17/18	Last day to add/drop full term course with refund
02/14/18	Last day to drop 1st 8-week course with "WD"
02/19/18	President's Day
03/02/18	Spring Break Begins
03/12/18	Midterm
03/12/18	Second 8- Week Classes Begin
03/15/18	Last day to add/drop 2nd 8-week course with refund
03/30/15	Easter Recess Begins
04/02/18	Last day to drop full term course with "WD"
04/19/18	last day to drop 2nd 8-week course with "WD"
04/27/18	Last Day of Classes
04/30/18	Final Exams Begin
05/05/18	Commencement-Graduates should arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of commencement.
05/09/18	Final Grades Due

May 2018 Graduation

01/29/18	Final Program of Study (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
01/29/18	Application for Degree (with advisor's signature) due in Graduate School Office
04/27/18	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
04/27/18	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
04/27/18	Complete survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/05/18	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - 3 p.m.

August 2018 Graduation

01/29/18	Final Program of Study (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
01/29/18	Application for Degree (with advisor's signature) due in Graduate School Office
03/23/18	Walk Early Form due in Graduate School Office (Subject to change)
08/10/18	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
08/10/18	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
08/10/18	Complete survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/04/19	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - TBA
	All candidates for graduation from the preceding summer and fall are invited to spring commencement unless Walk Early Form is submitted and approved.

For more information and access to all Graduate School forms, please visit [Graduate School Forms](#).

Please connect with us to receive reminders & updates about Graduate School events.



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