



Graduate Student Lecture Series at the Andrew B. Conteh Student Academic Conference (SAC)

Criteria and Call for Applications 2018-2019

Application Deadline: January 25, 2019

- **Description:**
 - MSUM's SAC provides student researchers with an opportunity to present their work to faculty, administration, peers and the community in a formal academic setting.
 - Each year the University Graduate Council solicits applications for the Graduate Student Lecture Series. The Graduate Lecturers will present their work at the Student Academic Conference (SAC) on **April 16, 2019** either in person or via distance technology.

- **Criteria for Applying**
 - Any current graduate student or alumni who have completed their graduate program within the last year are eligible to apply.
 - Must be in good standing in the graduate program (cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and not on probation/suspension).

- **Application Process**
 - Complete the following:
 - **Statement:** One page statement submitted by the graduate student that addresses:
 - Significance of the work to the student's field of graduate study.
 - Relationship of the project/presentation to the student's career preparation.
 - Appeal to a broad audience (beyond the student's field of graduate study).
 - **CV/Resume:** Current curriculum vita or resume'.
 - **Endorsement:** A brief endorsement statement (100 words or less) by a Graduate Faculty chair, advisor, or program coordinator that includes support for the student's appropriateness for student lecturer and significance of the student's work within her/his field of study.
 - **Video Elevator Speech:** A short (<3 minute) video "elevator speech" by the student.
 - While summarizing their work, students should demonstrate:
 - Professionalism
 - Good communication skills
 - High-level scholarship.
 - Note: The focus is on the content and professional delivery not on the type of video platform. Students may use technology of their choice to record and submit the video (via LINK preferably). Suggested platforms include YouTube or utilizing Kaltura media space <https://www.mnstate.edu/instructional-technology/mediaspace.aspx?terms=kaltura> (all students have a Kaltura account through MSUM). Please contact support@mnstate.edu (ask for Brandyn Sauer) if you need help with your video.

- **Submission Process**

- See deadline at the top of this document.
- The applicant should electronically forward the complete application package (with all four items listed above) to Karla Wenger in the Graduate Office (karla.wenger@mnstate.edu).
- In addition, the applicant submits the regular online application required by the SAC: <https://my.mnstate.edu/SAC/form/index>
- Note: For applicants not chosen to be a featured Graduate Lecturer, your application to the online SAC website serves as the avenue to present as a regular speaker at the conference, or you may change to a poster session by contacting the conference planners at acconf@mnstate.edu

- **Selection Process**

- The University Graduate Council appoints at least three Graduate Council faculty to serve on the Graduate Student Lecturer Committee
- The Graduate Student Lecturer Committee evaluates applicants based on the following factors:
 - Content of one page statement including:
 - Significance of the work to the student's field of graduate study.
 - Relationship of the project/presentation to the student's career preparation.
 - Appeal to a broad audience (beyond the student's field of graduate study).
 - Content of the nominee's resume'.
 - Content of letter of endorsement from graduate faculty member.
 - Content of the video:
 - Professionalism
 - Good communication skills
 - High-level scholarship.
- Typically, 2-3 students are selected.

- **Delivery**

- Students selected as the Graduate Student Lecturer should prepare a presentation to share research or project completed during the nominee's graduate studies at MSUM. The information shared should be useful to the field of study and usually involves a formal lecture, however depending upon the major area of study a creative presentation, performance, or some combination may be appropriate.
- Details regarding time allotment (typically 20-30 minutes) and time of day will be provided closer to the time of the Student Academic Conference.
- Please reserve Student Academic Conference date (at the top of this document) in your calendar.