

OIGP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Newsletter!

As we move further into the Spring 2026 semester, OIGP is excited to share this issue of our newsletter! In this issue, you can find information on the 2026 OIGP Spring Reception, including the poster and award applications, location, date, and tentative agenda. We also highlight the recipients of the OIGP Travel Award, upcoming OIGP events, and future campus and community events in the Purdue and West Lafayette/Lafayette area. Please note the important academic dates and deadlines, as well as university closures, for Spring and Summer 2026. For additional events, announcements, and news, follow our social media, which can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please enjoy this issue, and we hope you have a great semester!

Boiler up!

2026 OIGP Spring Reception

Mark your calendar!

Join the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (OIGP) in celebration of interdisciplinary graduate research! The 2026 event will be held in-person.

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**North & South Ballrooms
Purdue Memorial Union**

Each spring, OIGP hosts a reception in celebration of interdisciplinary graduate student research with poster presentations and a Most Outstanding Interdisciplinary Project Award (MOIPA).

Applications are now closed, but we hope you will consider joining us as we recognize interdisciplinary research, and to support your fellow graduate students and engage in panel discussions. Be sure to make note of other OGSPS events happening the week of April 20th, including the 3MT competition! Please visit the [OGSPS website](#) for more details.

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UPCOMING 2026 CLOSURES

Spring Break

Monday, Mar. 17 – Saturday, Mar. 22

No Classes, University Open.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 26

University Closed.

Fourth of July

Observed on Friday, July 3

University Closed.



EVENTS AND AWARDS

We hope you will join OIGP for our upcoming Spring events, including **Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW)**, taking place April 6 - 10.

OFFICE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY GRADUATE PROGRAMS

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

*Events are tentative and subject to change, so keep an eye on your email for updates!

MONDAY, APRIL 6

**Gypsy Joe's
Coffee Truck**

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

**Cookie Decorating
with Mary Lou's**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Ice Cream Social

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

OIGP Travel Award Recipients

*Kaiwen He, Computational Interdisciplinary
Graduate Program (CIGP)*

*Md Rifat Hossain, Ecological Sciences and
Engineering (ESE)*

*Arash Jalil Khabbazi, Computational
Interdisciplinary Graduate Program (CIGP)*

Vaishnavi Krishna, Gerontology (GERN)

*Austin Peters, Ecological Sciences and
Engineering (ESE)*

*Nathan Shoaf, Ecological Sciences and
Engineering (ESE)*

*Jessica Veenstra, Interdisciplinary Life
Science (PULSe)*

*Addison Vogt, Interdisciplinary Life Science
(PULSe)*

"Interdisciplinary programs are a great opportunity to meet, network, and collaborate with people from diverse academic backgrounds. Being part of an interdisciplinary program made me a more well-rounded student."

- Langdon Feltner, CIGP

UPCOMING DEADLINES

For official OGSPS events, dates, and deadlines, visit their [calendar page](#).

Fri., March 27: Thesis format review deadline.

Sat., May 2: Last day of classes for Spring 2026.

Sat., May 9: Spring semester ends.

Sun., May 17: August graduate Plan of Study deadline, 11:59 p.m.

Mon., May 18: First day of classes for Summer 2026.

Fri., June 12: August graduate Candidacy deadline, 5 p.m.

Fri., June 26: Degree Only deposit deadline, 5 p.m.

Mon, June 29: Thesis format review deadline.

Fri., August 7: Summer session ends.

Sun., August 23: December graduate Plan of Study deadline, 11:59 p.m.

Mon., August 24: First day of classes for Fall 2026.

Fri., September 18: December graduate Candidacy deadline.

PURDUE/LAFAYETTE EVENTS

- **Spring 2026:** Find Purdue sports schedules, including Purdue men's and women's basketball, at [Purdue Sports](#).
- **Spring 2026:** Purdue Convocations Concerts and Theater. Full schedule: [Purdue Convocations website](#).
- **Spring 2026:** [Workshops](#) offered by OGSPS's Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development.
- **Tues., Apr. 14:** Spring Undergraduate Research Conference Poster Sessions, PMU, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Sat., Apr. 18:** Purdue SpringFest, Campus-wide, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **May 14 - 16:** Commencements
- **Sat., May 23:** Round the Fountain Art Fair, Tippecanoe County Courthouse, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Sat., June 27:** Summer on the Square, Downtown Lafayette, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Sat., July 11:** Wabash Riverfest, Tapawingo Park, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Fri., July 17—Sat., July 25:** Tippecanoe County 4-H Fair, Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds

For all Purdue/West Lafayette/Lafayette events, go to [Purdue's event calendar](#).

OIGP NEWS

- **Spring 2026:** Various OIGP events throughout the Spring semester. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.
- **April 6 - 10:** Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
- **Mark your calendar!** Join us for the OIGP 2026 Spring Reception, taking place on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026. For more information, [visit our website](#).

**Congrats to all of our IGP
August and December
graduates!**

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