

OIGP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Newsletter!

It's time to usher in 2025. We here at OIGP are excited for what the Spring 2025 semester will bring. In this issue, you can find information on the 2025 OIGP Spring Reception, including the poster and award applications, location, date, and tentative agenda. While looking at Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 events, we also highlight the recipients of the OIGP Travel Award and 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 2025. 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!

2025 OIGP Spring Reception

Applications now open!

Join the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (OIGP) in celebration of interdisciplinary graduate research! The 2025 event will be held in-person.

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
North & South Ballrooms
Purdue Memorial Union

Each spring, OIGP hosts a reception in celebration of interdisciplinary graduate student research.

Along with applying to present a poster, you may also choose to apply for the **Most Outstanding Interdisciplinary Project Award (MOIPA)**.

We will be having **two different panel discussions** focused on academic and industry career path experiences, followed by a **closing keynote**. Keynote and panel speaker information will be released later in the spring semester.

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SPRING 2025 CLOSURES

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 20
University Closed.

Spring Break
Monday, Mar. 17– Saturday, Mar. 22
No Classes, University Open.

Memorial Day
Monday, May 26
University Closed.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Take a look back at a few of the exciting events that we hosted over the course of the Fall semester. Keep an eye on our social media for upcoming Spring events and details for Graduate Student Appreciation Week in April!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

GRADUATE STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK

April 7 - 11, 2025

Event details TBD. April 7-11 is a projected date and may change.

OIGP Travel Award Recipients

I am planning to use my OIGP funds to support my travel to the International Congress for Conservation Biology. This conference will take place in Brisbane, Australia, in June. I will present my work which investigates the impact of sustainable growing practices in vineyards on biodiversity.

- Sarah Grimes, ESE

I am thankful to OIGP for the opportunity to attend the Chronobiology Gordon Research Conference in Barcelona, Spain this coming summer. This conference will give me the opportunity to present my thesis work on the novel effect that near freezing temperatures have on the circadian rhythm of multiple plant species. So far in my doctoral work I have focused on the plant side of my research and not had the opportunity to engage with circadian aspect. This conference will give me the chance to share my work and build connections that will enhance my work at the intersection of circadian biology and agricultural resilience. I am deeply grateful for OIGP's support that makes this experience possible.

- Frederick Mildenhall, PULSe

Sarah Grimes, *Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE)*

Rebecca-Eli Long, *Gerontology*

Ketaki Mahurkar, *Interdisciplinary Life Science (PULSe)*

Frederick Mildenhall, *Interdisciplinary Life Science (PULSe)*

Claire Pfeffer, *Interdisciplinary Life Science (PULSe)*

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

UPCOMING DEADLINES

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

Friday, Feb. 7: May Graduate Candidacy deadline, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 21: Thesis format review deadline for Exam/Degree Only Students.

Friday, Mar. 7: Exam & Degree Only deadline, 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 16: Thesis format review deadline.

Saturday, May 3: Last day of classes for Spring 2025.

Saturday, May 10: Spring Semester ends.

Sunday, May 18: August Graduate Plan of Study deadline, 11:59 p.m.

Monday, May 19: First day of classes for Summer 2025.

PURDUE/LAFAYETTE EVENTS

- **Spring 2025:** Purdue University sports. Find schedules, including Purdue men's and women's basketball, at [Purdue Sports](#).
- **Spring 2025:** Purdue Convocations Concerts and Theater. See the full schedule on [Purdue Convocations website](#).
- **Spring 2025:** [Workshops](#) offered by OGSPS's Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Professional Development.
- **March 2025:** March Madness.
- **April 7 - 11 (projected):** Graduate Student Appreciation Week.
- **Tuesday, Apr. 8:** Spring Undergraduate Research Conference, PMU, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, Apr. 10:** Spring Undergraduate Research Conference, PMU, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, Apr. 12:** Purdue SpringFest, Campus-wide, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 10:** Mosey Down Main Street, Downtown Lafayette, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- **May 16 - 18:** Commencements

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

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- **Spring 2025:** Various OIGP events throughout the Spring semester. Keep an eye on our social media for updates.
- **Applications Open!** OIGP 2025 Spring Reception will take place on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025. [Apply now!](#) For more information, including an agenda, [visit our website](#).

Congrats to all of our IGP students who graduated this past December!

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