



# CEPS Graduate Student Newsletter

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## Message from the Dean's Office

Greetings... there have been many new initiatives in the college to enrich the graduate experience. The following are a few of these:

1. **CEPS college-wide seminar** held every Tuesday, 12noon – 1:00pm, ASEC 104. Please attend and meet your peers from different departments in the college. Pizza and coffee are served. Come early and stay late, if you have time. This is where we will unveil new initiatives relevant to you.
2. **CEPS Graduate Studies site (Brightspace):** <https://brightspace.uakron.edu/d2l/home/4349978>
3. A concerted effort to provide links to **numerous “external” funding opportunities** for graduate students, e.g. DoD SMART, AFRL DAGSI, NSF GRFP, etc. with generous annual stipends (\$30-40K).

## Key UA Deadlines

1. **April 1: Graduation application deadline** for Spring 2026 graduation. **Applying earlier is better.** Follow the steps on the [Graduation and Commencement page](#) and use 5/01/2026 as your expected completion date.
2. **April 10: Final thesis/dissertation submission deadline** for Spring 2026 graduation. You must have a final document fully approved and a signature page with all the approval signatures.

**Graduating in Summer?** Don't wait for the deadline. Use 8/01/2026 as your expected completion date.

**Stay informed!** Watch for announcements, information posting, and calendar events on the [CEPS Graduate Studies Brightspace](#).

## Graduate Studies/Internship Funding Opportunities:

### External

1. **DoD SMART Scholar Program**, <https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart>, (Applications are open annually from August 1 to the first Friday in December.)
2. **NSF GRFP Fellowship/Program**, <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/grfp-nsf-graduate-research-fellowship-program>
3. **NASA Internship Program**, <https://www.nasa.gov/learning-resources/internship-programs/>  
Internship Application Deadlines: Summer 2026: February 27, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET, and  
Fall 2026: May 22, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET
4. **AFRL DAGSI**, <https://afresearchlab.com/dagsi/>

## Career Opportunities:

**Faculty positions, HigherEdJobs** (over 2,500 engineering, 1,500 CS/Data Science, and 900 Math opportunities): <https://www.higheredjobs.com/faculty/>

**Faculty positions, Chronicle** (~3000 opportunities): <https://jobs.chronicle.com/jobs/faculty-positions/?Keywords=engineering#browsing>

**Post doc opportunities:** <https://www.postdocjobs.com/job/category/list?name=Engineering>

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