Student Updates:

- Congratulations are in order to Allison Cox who successfully defended her thesis on November 28th!

- Congrats to Wes Goar who passed his comprehensive exam recently!

- Do you have a spring 2017 TA opportunity lined up?
  Make sure to inform the program office of which class it is for so we can track into our database so that you get credit for it—remember there is a program requirement for the number of TAs you need in order to graduate.....see the handbook for more info.

- Have contacts at any Biotech organizations in Iowa?
  The Genetics Financial Outreach Committee is soliciting funds for student-lead events (student seminar and social events committee), but would like to generate some more leads. Please send any names of contacts you have to Zach Kockler and he and the committee will follow up. Likewise, if you know of any business that would like to make a charitable donation to our Genetics Program (for use in student-lead events mentioned above) before the end of the year, please direct them to the Program Office!

- Student Seminar dates are as follows. Lunch will be provided. Read abstracts.
  - December 12, 2016 (Monday) at 11:30am - 12:30pm, 3189 ML - Matthew Strub & Stephanie Haase

- Public Speaking for Academics (RHET:7940)
  Graduate students in Genetics—especially those who have already taken Science Communication in the Digital Age—may be interested in honing their public speaking and presentational skills. In the spring semester, Rhetoric will offer the skills-focused public speaking course for graduate students RHET:7940, Public Speaking for Academics. The course is interdisciplinary, and offers all graduate students the opportunity to hone presentational skills relevant to their careers, whether in academia, nonprofit, industry, or entrepreneurism. Grad students in Public Speaking for Academics will develop the speaking skills and confidence they need to communicate their ideas across a range of public speaking occasions, including formal presentations, speeches, pitches, informal conversations, interviews, and video-recorded speeches. The course is practical and allows students to speak about projects, research, coursework, or thesis work that they are already doing. This approach helps the students better understand the ideas they are grappling with in their studies. The course meets 2:30-5:00 on Wednesdays. We are glad to answer any questions you or grad students might have. Just write to matthew-gilchrist@uiowa.edu and benjamin-hassman@uiowa.edu.

- Workshops for Researchers - Carver College of Medicine
  Social Media in Research - How can social media benefit your research program? Learn about social media platforms and see how faculty colleagues at Iowa use social media on a daily basis. Presented by Jamie Jones, CCOM IT.
  - December 7, 2016 (Wednesday) at 12pm to 1pm in 1117 MERF RSVP here

- Updates from Graduate College
  Upcoming Photo Booth - Graduate students/postdocs can sign up to have a professional photo taken.
  - January 19, 2017 (Thursday) at 1pm-4pm in 423 Gilmore Hall

- SAVE THE DATE: Genetics Winter Party
  - December 19, 2016 (Monday) at 6pm-11pm at the Environment Education Center at the East Side Recycling Center, 2401 Scott Blvd S.E., Iowa City, IA

- Novus ScienceImpact Travel Grant, sponsored by Novus Biologicals
  The award is $1000 that can be used to help fund attendance to any life-science related scientific meeting. Award is open to PhD students, post-docs, or those that are in their first three years of being a new PI. To apply, and check the requirements, visit the Novus Travel Grant page on the ScienceImpact website. If you'd like to read about the recipient of the last travel grant, the link is here.