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Dear Graduate Student,

We're writing to extend to you an invitation to submit an abstract for the 10th annual James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference in March 2008. The Jakobsen Conference is held annually and spotlighting the work of graduate students from across the entire Graduate College. The event is co-sponsored by the Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate College with the goal of giving The University of Iowa graduate students an opportunity to gain additional experience presenting their research in a conference-like atmosphere without having to leave home. This year, the Conference will be the capstone to the Graduate Student Recognition Week, showcasing presentations from scientists, mathematicians, writers, musicians, artists and the many other members of the University of Iowa graduate community. In addition to getting to know some of the remarkably diverse research endeavors going on at the University, at least \$6,000 will be awarded amongst the top submissions of the five major divisions of the Graduate College. Last year's Conference presented cash awards ranging from one hundred to three hundred dollars to over 40 graduate students.

This year's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 28th. During the morning and afternoon on Saturday, students from Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, Biological and Life Sciences and Math, Physical Sciences and Engineering will present their work in poster and oral sessions in the Blank Honors Center. Saturday evening will find us in the Levitt Center displays and performances from students in Fine and Performing arts will be featured and announcements of winners of the Jakobsen Conference awards will be made. In addition, we are currently working on professional development workshops, a social networking mixer, and professional development workshops that will be of great interest to The University of Iowa student community. The day is a fantastic opportunity for students to get experience in presenting their work at professional meetings and a high point of team-building in The University of Iowa graduate community.

Abstracts submission deadlines is Monday, February 4th by 5:00 PM so please check back but still be thinking about what you might want to present at the Forum. All applications and related materials will be available on the Graduate Student Senate website Conference page, [www.uiowa.edu/~gss/conference](http://www.uiowa.edu/~gss/conference). In addition, the website has lists of previous award winners and abstracts. If you have any questions, please contact one of the forum co-chairs: Alexandra Nica, Jennifer Lee, and Tim Paschkewitz.

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