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SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarship Deadline extended to April 18, 2008

The School of Education Scholarships and Awards Program is pleased to provide the following opportunities for financial assistance. Please be sure to check the scholarship for which you are applying on the application form. **The 2008-2009 application may be found on page 7 and 8.**

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BEACON DEADLINE: Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 123A Furcolo Hall or to llascell@educ.umass.edu**. The deadline remains 3:30 p.m. on Monday. All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.



FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT NEWS,
ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND
AWARDS

ATTENTION
MAY, 2008 DEGREE CANDIDATES

The next degree-granting period will be May, 2008. Listed below are deadline dates to apply for graduation for M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates who will have completed requirements for a May, 2008 degree.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates

Degree Eligibility* forms must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than April 24th, 2008. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick.

The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Completed Program of Study form (Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2). **Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.**

Master's forms can be downloaded from:
<http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/Advising%20Guidelines%20&%20Forms%20for%20Master%20of%20Education%20Degree.pdf>

CAGS forms can be downloaded from:
http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/cags_guideline.pdf

*Please note that the Eligibility form is 2 pages.

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo, along with the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) no later than April 24th, 2008. Linda will submit this form to the Degree Requirements Office after it is signed by the Dean and Graduate Program Director.

The Eligibility form can be downloaded from:
http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral_Degree_Eligibility_Form_2007_02_07.pdf

Signature Page

Two copies of the dissertation signature page must be signed by Christine B. McCormick, Dean of the School of Education. **Students should submit their signature pages to Linda by April 24th, and she will obtain the Dean's signature.** She will then return these

pages to the student for submission to the Office of Degree Requirements at the Graduate School.

The electronic dissertation, fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., April 30, 2008. **THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**



GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Nominations for the Graduate School Fellowship are now being solicited by the Graduate School. The purpose of this Fellowship is to promote the recruitment and retention of academically excellent students. **PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO INCOMING DOCTORAL STUDENTS** although Master's and CAGS students may also apply. Incoming students are defined as students new to UMASS as of Fall, 2008.

Current students will **ONLY** be considered if any awards to incoming students are declined. A maximum of **six** students may be nominated from the School of Education and **3** from School Psychology ((incoming and current combined).

Although the actual amount of the stipend has not been established, last year it ranged from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Award includes a waiver of tuition and payment of the Curriculum Fee and the mandatory health fee. Students are allowed to supplement the Fellowship stipends with other sources of funding.

CURRENT graduate students need to submit the following:

- Fellowship nomination form (to be completed by Linda Guthrie)
- Personal statement by the student (Statement & C.V. not to exceed 3 pages, in 12 pt. font)
- CV (include papers delivered, publications, performances, exhibits, service to the University/community)
- Graduate Program Director Recommendation Letter (Linda Griffin will write a recommendation for those she nominates)
- 2 Faculty Recommendation Letters (one must be from chair/advisor) (one of whom is the student's major advisor/chairperson)
- Unofficial copy of student's latest graduate transcript (available from SPIRE)

Recommendation forms are available from Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo, who will be serving as the liaison between students and Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director for the School of Education.

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CRITERIA used by the committee to rank applications are listed in order of importance as follows (in descending order):

- Recommendation from Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty
- Curriculum Vitae
- Personal Statement
- Additional information (papers delivered at conferences, publications, honors, exhibits, etc)
- Unofficial Transcript

DEADLINE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS TO SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKETS TO THEIR CONCENTRATION COORDINATOR* is April 15, 2008.

*Your Concentration Coordinator can be found at: <http://www.umass.edu/education/downloads/SOE%20Concentration%20Coordinators%20and%20CPE%20Program%20Coordinators.pdf>



GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS

The University of Akron has an excellent opportunity for beginning teachers seeking licensure or licensed in Social Studies, Language Arts, Science, Math, ESL, Physical Education, Elementary Education, or Spanish. These teachers-in-training can teach in France (in English) in an exchange that pays for the transportation, living expenses, plus a stipend. Franco-American Teachers-in-Training Institute is a twelve-week exchange designed to explore the evolution of education's best practices, social and education policy and the political institutions of schooling from a comparative lens. French teachers-in-training in the U.S. participate in a three-week seminar examining history, language, culture, education and politics and an intensive nine-week teaching practicum under the supervision of mentor teachers. The Institute collaborates with the French Ministry of Education and the Fulbright Commission to offer a similar program to American pre-service teachers in France.

The grant is supported by the U.S. Department of State, French Ministry of Education and the Franco-American (Fulbright) Commission. The deadline is approaching **(May 9, 2008)** and we need at least 10 more highly qualified candidates.

More information is available below and on our Franco-American Teachers-in-Training Institute (FATITI) web-

site:

<http://www.uakron.edu/colleges/educ/fatiti/index.php>



Graduate Student Honored

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) at Suffolk University selected **Carmen Veloria**, LLC doctoral candidate, as one of two professors for the *John Brennan Award for Outstanding Instructor* to be awarded at this year's annual Graduate Student Recognition Brunch. The "John Brennan Award" recognizes a member of the faculty at Suffolk University for his/her outstanding instruction to the graduate student population. Veloria has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" in improving the academic life for graduate students at Suffolk University.

Nominations are sent in by students to show their appreciation for all the professor's work have done for them throughout their respective programs.



Graduate Student Representative at Statewide Assembly

Ekaterina (Katya) Ites, a doctoral student at the TECS Department, participated in a statewide Assembly of Local Cultural Councils (LCC) of Massachusetts, recently. This annual event held in mid-March in the state Capitol in Boston is sponsored by the MA Cultural Council (MCC) and the Massachusetts Advocates for the Arts, Sciences and Humanities (MAASH). Also known as *Telling Our Story*, the LLC statewide Assembly is a way to recognize and celebrate community service of volunteers from LCCs – the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation – that award grants to projects from local artists, schools, libraries and nonprofit organizations which enrich cultural life and increase access to arts for all members of the community.

During annual Assemblies, LCC representatives meet with their local legislators to share their work and advocate for more funding for the LCC Program. "In 2006, it was Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg who met with our group, this year, I *told our story* to Representative Ellen Story, sharing with her the ACC's success and asking her to support increase in funding for LCCs, especially given that in the fall 2008 we expect a big amount of project proposals related to the upcoming celebration of the 250 anniversary of the town of Amherst," says Ites.

ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

All positions contingent on funding.

**Educational Policy, Research
and Administration**

Fall 2008 graduate research assistantship in the concentration of Educational Administration and Leadership. This is a 10 hour per week position.

Responsibilities include: Assistance in data collection and analysis related to two research projects – Effects of Teacher Collaboration on Student Achievement and an Evaluation of a Comprehensive Youth Sexuality Education Curriculum . Assistance in the design and implementation of school-based professional development programs targeted at improving curriculum and instruction

Public school teaching and/or administrative experience or significant study in these areas preferred.

If interested, please submit via email an electronic copy of your resume and a cover letter that highlights your relevant experience and qualifications to: **Dr. Rebecca Gajda**, Rebecca.Gajda@educ.umass.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately.



**Teacher Education and Curriculum
Studies**

Teaching Assistantships (5, 10, 15 and/or 20 hours per week) are available for **Fall 2008** for the course, EDUC 192A: Education at the Movies.

Responsibilities include some or all of the following: 1) attend weekly large group presentations and facilitate supervision of students (i.e. supervise student's arrival and departure, record attendance, collect assignments, be available for general questions and answers from students, etc); 2) attend weekly planning meetings to organize and prepare course related content and deal with other related business; 3) participate in designing the mid-term and final exam; 4) deal with student requests relating to add/drop period and other student needs; 5) conduct one or more small group seminar sessions; 6) meet with and assist Course Director, faculty and TA Team members as needed; 7) complete other course related tasks as assigned.

Qualifications include: excellent communication and organization skills, exceptional interpersonal skills that will facilitate team building, significant interest in public school dynamics and media perspective, well-developed technology skills, a professional attitude and commitment to duties; previous teaching experience with young adults would be an asset.

To apply, please contact **Nola Stephen**, 16 Furcolo Hall, at nola@educ.umass.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF
FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

DEBBIE L. BELLUCCI April 28, 2008, 10:00 a.m., Room 302, University Health Services. "Unbundling of Convenience in Distance Education: How Do Distance Education Students Define Convenience?"

Chairperson: Dr. David Schuman.

**ATTENTION: GRADUATE
ASSISTANTS**

A copy of the School of Education Graduate Assistantship Appointment and Reappointment Policies and Procedures, revised as of February 2007, is available at the Provost's Office at <http://www.umass.edu/provost/appoint/index.html>.

CALL FOR NEWS

• If you know of a student, faculty, or staff member who has been honored with an award or is involved in an interesting activity, please email **Linda Neas** at llascell@educ.umass.edu.

Thank you for your assistance!

grees in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst with the intent to teach. *Applicants must be a native or resident of Massachusetts within last 10 years; hold an undergraduate degree from UMass Amherst, Framingham or Bridgewater State College; and be in good academic standing.*

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: There is a separate application for this scholarship. The 2008-2009 Grace Norton Carney Scholarship may be found on page 9.

Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: \$1000)

Provides scholarship support to graduate students formally admitted as degree candidates. Students with a demonstrated financial need, high academic performance, and exceptional promise are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: \$600)

Provides scholarship support to graduate students from foreign countries. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award (Anticipated award amount: \$600)

This prize will be awarded to a doctoral student who is studying Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

Both Undergraduate and Graduate Students May Apply

Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship: (Anticipated award amount: \$600)

Provides scholarship support to a student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from economically disadvantaged areas and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

Camby Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: \$500)

Provides scholarship support for a student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the School of Education. Students must be from an economically disadvantaged area, in good academic standing. ALANA students are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

Meline Kasparian Scholarship (Anticipated award

amount: \$2,000)

Provides support to students are attending or who would like to attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst and who have exhibited a desire to become public school teachers. Applicants must be accepted or currently enrolled in a teacher preparation program.

Patricia Silver Award: (Anticipated award amount: \$500)

Provides scholarship support to incoming or current students in a teacher licensure program with demonstrated financial need. Preference for students with a learning disability or some other special need and/or who are committed to working with children with special needs. Must complete FAFSA.

Berkshire County Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship (Anticipated award amount: \$500)

Sponsored by an organization of retired teachers in Massachusetts, this scholarship provides support for an undergraduate or graduate student, accepted or enrolled in a Teacher Licensure Program, who is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of young people in the Commonwealth. Awardee/s must be in good academic standing, a permanent resident of Massachusetts, and have need for financial assistance. Must complete FAFSA.

Please Note: All application deadlines have been extended to Friday, April 18, 2008.



University of Massachusetts Amherst

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Scholarship Application Form for School Year 2008-2009

Please complete this form and return to:

**Office of the Associate Dean, School of Education, 123 Furcolo Hall
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003**

The deadline for applying is April 18, 2008.

PART I

Name: _____

Local Address: _____ Local Phone: () - _____

Permanent Address (if different from Local): _____ Permanent Phone: () - _____

Major: _____ Incoming Student Current Student Concentration _____

Student ID Number: _____ Email: _____

Permission to release demographic information: Yes ___ No ___

Race/Ethnicity: Choose which group best describes you (optional)

Black, Non-Latino ___

White, Non-Latino ___

Cape Verdean ___

Latino ___

Asian/Pacific Islander ___

North or South American Indian/Alaskan ___

Multiracial: please specify the group with which you identify most _____

GPA: ___ undergraduate

___ graduate

Academic Standing:

Undergraduate Program of Study: ___

Graduation Date: ___

Graduate

Program of Study: ___

Graduation Date: ___

PART II

Prepare a brief, but carefully written statement that addresses:

1. Reasons you are preparing for a career in the field of education;
2. Your specific interests in the field of education;
3. Your career plans; and
4. Your qualifications for the specific School of Education Scholarships or Awards for which you are applying (e.g., financial need, academic performance, ALANA student)

PART III

All applicants must include the following materials with their application:

1. An updated curriculum vitae or resume
2. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or employment supervisor
3. Unofficial transcript
4. Letter of acceptance from program if you are an entering student

PART IV

To be considered for the following scholarships, students who are U.S. citizens must complete a current FAFSA with the UMass Financial Aid Office: Berkshire County Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship, Camby Scholarship, Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship, Joseph W. Keilty Memorial Scholarship, and Patricia Silver Award.

FAFSA is available from the Financial Aid Office, Room 255, Whitmore Administration Building, or may be completed online at <http://www.umass.edu/umfa/>

Please indicate the Scholarship(s) or Award(s) that you would like to be considered by checking the appropriate box(es).

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST BE ENROLLED AS A STUDENT DURING THE 08-09 SCHOOL YEAR.

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Academic Standing:

High School School: ___ Graduation Date: ___ GPA: ___

Undergraduate School: ___ Program of Study: ___ Graduation Date: ___ GPA: ___

Graduate School: ___ Program of Study: ___ Graduation Date: ___ GPA: ___

Do you have a judicial record with the University? yes no

PART II

Prepare a brief, but carefully written statement that addresses:

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Description of extracurricular activities including community service at home and/or in the Amherst area.

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THURSDAY ♦ MAY 22ND ♦ 2008

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PREPARING EDUCATORS
School of Education



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
GRADUATE RECEPTION

Campus Center Auditorium
5:00 - 7:00 PM

All SoE 2007-08 Graduates and Minor in Education Graduates welcome!

Formal invitations will be sent

