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University of Massachusetts Amherst

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News on the web

Check out the Faculty News & Current Students' web pages on the School of Education's web site at

<http://www.umass.edu/education>.

ASSISTANTSHIP

Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies Department:

One (10 hours per week) Project Assistantship available

The School of Education is seeking applications for a project assistantship position for Spring 2009. Email an attachment with your resume and a letter describing in detail the experiences and skills to: Malis Loeung malis@educ.umass.edu. The successful candidate must have strong organizational skills, technology skills and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively with faculty and staff within the SOE and with other departments in the University. Prior experience working within the UMass Amherst system and administrative level access to SPIRE records also preferred.

Responsibilities include: Working with faculty, staff and students to procure information for various aspects of the graduate program and School of Education. Utilize understanding of School of Education Structure for various communications, both face-to-face and in groups. Prepare and analyze data utilizing Department and School of Education policy and procedure.

Application review will begin immediately and continue until positions are filled

The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: **Room 126 Furcolo Hall**

or to dms@educ.umass.edu by 5:00 P.M. on **Friday** for inclusion in the following week's *Beacon*. All assistantships will run for two issues and examinations and dissertation proposals will run for one.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

JAMES CRESSEY February 5 and 6, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Room 354, Hills South. **Chairperson: Dr. John Hintze.**

JOB OPPORTUNITY

FACILITATOR NEEDED

Will facilitate subject matter discussions for English student teachers in 6 meetings of EDUC 510-Student Teaching Seminar. Lead discussion, deliver and assess NCATE assignments, assist students in the development of their portfolios. Classroom experience, knowledge of development of novice teachers, excellent organizational skills. Compensation is \$1250.

CONTACT: Barbara Madeloni, Director of Student Teaching, Secondary Teacher Education Program, School of Education, University of Massachusetts Amherst
madeloni@educ.umass.edu
(413) 577-0495

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alumni Association Scholarships

Leaders in the Making Scholarship

Four \$2,000 scholarships given to promising sophomores and juniors with diverse records of achievement in academics and volunteerism.

Life Member Scholarship for Internships

Two \$2,000 scholarships given to a sophomore or junior to help defray the cost of a summer, unpaid, away-from-home internship.

Michael W. Morris Scholarship

One \$2,000 scholarship given to an undergraduate student from Lawrence or Lowell, MA. The scholarship is in honor of Lawrence native and longtime UMass Amherst champion, Michael W. Morris '63.

Senior Leadership Award

Twenty-five \$500 savings bonds will be given to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and service to the campus community. Students must be nominated by faculty or staff.

Deadline for most scholarships is February 13, 2009.

For scholarship eligibility and applications, visit UMassAlumni.com/students or Memorial Hall.

Check out: <http://www.UMassAlumni.com/students>



READ MORE

- **Doctoral student Marcella Runnell-Hall received a Future Leaders Award**
- **Edison Santana, M.Ed. 1988, credits SOE for his career in Springfield schools**

Read about SOE students, alumni, faculty and staff at <http://www.umass.edu/education/>



Center for Teaching Workshops

Spring Semester 2009

The Center for Teaching offers a series of workshops that will provide a venue to talk with colleagues about the teaching challenges in our changing classroom environments, exchange ideas, and share teaching resources. Times, days and faculty presenters are as follows:

- **Teaching Large Classes Series** -- Spring 2009 Gen Ed Workshops, 12:15pm-2pm
- **Working Well with TAs** -- Tuesday, February 3rd (John McCarthy, Linguistics)
- **Engaging Students: Are All Happy Families Really Alike?** -- Tuesday, March 3rd (Barry Braun, Kinesiology)
- **Assessing Large Classes** -- Tuesday, April 7th (Mark Leckie, Geosciences)
- **Teaching Online & Hybrid Course Series** -- Spring 2009 Friday Workshops, 9am-11am
- **In Pursuit of Intellectual Honesty via a Hybrid Course Model** -- Friday, February 13th (Linda Enghagen, Hospitality and Tourism Management)
- **Designing a Hybrid Course** -- Friday, March 13th (Pamela Trafford, Accounting & Information Systems)
- **Strengthening Student Writing in Online Environment** -- Friday, April 10th (Genevieve Chandler, Nursing)

In addition, the Center for Teaching will host a multi-session work group entitled:

Designing Our Courses for Higher Order Learning: A Work Group Experience.

Participants will commit to attend all three 2-hour sessions during the spring semester (dates and times to be determined based on participants' availability). Registration for all sessions is required and space is limited. To learn more or to register online, visit our website:

<http://www.umass.edu/cft/events.htm>

Mei-Yau Shih, Ph.D., Associate Director Center for Teaching, 301 Goodell Building, University of Massachusetts Amherst

WRITING RETREATS

The Office of Faculty Development

offers

Monthly Mini-Writing Retreats

at The Faculty Writing Place

Room 1602, W.E.B. Dubois Library

Friday, February 27

Friday, March 27

Friday April 24

Schedule a block of writing time between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To sign up in advance email OFD graduate intern Lily Ladewig at lladewig@english.umass.edu

Refreshments are provided throughout the day.

The Faculty Writing Place is a quiet, comfortable, fully-wired common space reserved solely for UMass Amherst faculty.

The space has tables, chairs, live internet jacks with cables, a computer, a printer, a dry erase board, reference books and writing supplies.

For more info about the FWP visit

www.umass.edu/ofd

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Send news to

goodnews@educ.umass.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS – PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

2009 Creative Economy Initiatives Fund

The University of Massachusetts President’s Office is pleased to announce the 2009 Creative Economy Initiatives Fund. Total funding available will be contingent on the University’s budget situation. The Fund is intended to provide seed funding to initiatives which support the contributions of the arts, humanities and social sciences to the social and cultural fabric of the Commonwealth. Funding may be used to develop initiatives within a campus, with other campuses, and/or with partners outside the campus; to support the search for larger grants or follow-on awards; or to support research which informs local, state, national or international decision-making.

It is anticipated that awards will be made in the \$10,000 - \$40,000 range but the President’s Office reserves the right to be flexible in this regard. The project period is typically 12 months, starting at the beginning of the University’s fiscal year (July 1). An interim project report is requested in mid-December and a final report in mid-June.

Criteria for Awards

- High quality research and/or scholarly activity;
- Potential for additional external funding (state, federal, foundation, local community, international agencies, private);
- Demonstrated impact on economic and/or social development of local community, region, state, or beyond;
- Presence of strong project leadership;
- Endorsement of the Chancellor and evidence of campus commitment; and
- Collaboration among disciplines, within a single campus or multi-campus, or with external constituencies, where appropriate.

Application and Review Process

Wed., February 25: Concept Papers due to campus research offices.

Fri., March 20: Deadline for feedback to investigators and campus research offices.

Wed., April 15: Proposals due to campus research offices.¹

Fri., June 5: Deadline for announcement of decisions.

Guidance for Concept Papers

Concept papers should: be no more than two (2) pages in length; outline the thrust of the project and how it will achieve the goals of the fund; identify project leadership and estimated cost; describe the external funding opportunities to be pursued, if any, and the expected nature of collaborations (on a preliminary basis if necessary); and demonstrate the endorsement of the Chancellor (or multiple Chancellors in the case of multi-campus initiatives). Submission via campus Research Offices will be presumed to indicate approval of Chancellor.

Creative Economy Fund Concept papers will be reviewed by the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations, in consultation with campus research offices. Applicants who submit the strongest concept papers will be asked to submit full proposals. In some cases, where opportunities for synergy exist, separate applicants may be encouraged to combine their concepts into a single proposal.

Guidance for Full Proposals

Full proposals should: be no more than five (5) pages in length; elaborate on the intellectual focus presented in the concept paper and provide a more thorough project description, including anticipated performance milestones and success measures; specifically address how the project will meet the goals

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of the fund; identify and address key administrative and managerial challenges to the project; provide a budget for the proposed use of funds; and demonstrate the continued endorsement of the Chancellor (or multiple Chancellors in the case of multi-campus initiatives). Submission via campus Research Offices will be presumed to indicate approval of Chancellor.

Proposals will again be reviewed by the Office of the Senior Vice President, and there may be consultation with members of proposal teams or other relevant parties. The monthly President's Council meetings will be used to provide updates to and solicit input from the Chancellors. The Senior Vice President will make funding recommendations to the President, who will have final decision-making authority.

Proposal Submission and For Further Information All Creative Economy Fund concept papers and full proposals should be sent via campus research offices to Professor Edmund Beard, Senior Advisor to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and International Relations, UMass President's Office, 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110. Electronic submissions are preferred. For additional information, Ed can be contacted at (617) 287-7127 or ebeard@umassp.edu.

Important process notes: This year, the RFP has been modified such that all submissions to the Initiatives Fund are to be coordinated through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement for the Amherst campus and should **not** be sent directly to the President's Office. The deadlines for the concept papers and proposals are **Wednesday, February 25 and Wednesday, April 15**, respectively. Submissions should be made electronically, one file per concept paper or proposal to pkostecki@research.umass.edu with a cc to: marla@research.umass.edu. The Office of Research Liaison & Development are available to help with the concepts and proposals upon request. Please also note per the RFPs that, "Submission via campus research offices will be presumed to indicate approval of the Chancellor. For multi-campus proposals, evidence of approval of each campus research office is needed." RL&D can help coordinate the required evidence but please note that individual letters of support from the Chancellor are not required.

The Provost's Office and the UMass Amherst Alumni Association

offer two opportunities for **graduating seniors** to be recognized for their exceptional contributions and achievements: **The 21st Century Leaders Awards** and **the Alumni Association Senior Leadership Award**. If you are interested, please speak with a faculty or staff member about nominating you.

21st Century Leaders Award

This award recognizes the strong academic record and exemplary achievement of undergraduate students who further distinguished their intellectual accomplishments, and enhanced the reputation of the University by contributing to the campus community through their leadership skills, academic achievements, community service, and artistic or athletic accomplishments.

Nominees, who must be graduating seniors in 2009, will be characterized by their determination to fulfill their academic potential and achieve personal goals. They will be recognized for high academic performance and for the prestige and honor they bring to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. **The deadline for nominations**

is Friday, February 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Additional information and nomination forms are available online at <http://www.umass.edu/commencement>. If you have any questions, please call the Provost's Office at 545-2554.

2009 Senior Leadership Award

Seniors who have made major contributions in areas such as academic excellence, student organizations, athletics, campus jobs, or community and volunteer services are eligible. In addition to active involvement in the life of the campus, eligible candidates must demonstrate a serious commitment to their academic pursuit.

Student must be a member of the Class of 2009 (February, May and August graduates) and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 13, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**

Nomination forms are available online at www.UMassAlumni.com/students. For any additional information, contact Wesley J. Dunham '99 in the Alumni Association at 545-3049 or wdunham@admin.umass.edu.