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Project Assistant

Office of Academic Affairs, School of Education

One 10 hour/week Project Assistant for Fall 2010 to work in the Field Experience and Assessment Office

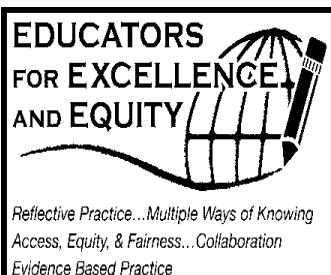
Project Assistant will be responsible for the following:

- Support the pilot implementation of the Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA) Instrument with the elementary and secondary licensure candidates; manage the logistics (equipment, scheduling, email correspondence, etc) for the Field Experience and Assessment Office; help support ongoing operations of the unit assessment system (UMass-Tk20)

Qualifications: Classroom teaching experience, excellent communication and problem solving skills, and solid media and technology skills

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Dr. Eroid Bailey at ebailey@educ.umass.edu

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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 issue.

All assistantship notices will run for two issues;
notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees will run for one.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

RICARDO GOMEZ August 31, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Room 273, Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. David R. Evans.

CRAIG OUTHOUSE September 8, 2010, 12:00 noon, Room 151, Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. Rebecca Woodland.

CHANGE OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION TIME

SHANNON BRYANT September 2, 2010, 3:30 pm. Room 128, Furcolo Hall.
"It's Nothing Personal": Competing Discourses for Girls and Women in Mathematics.
Chairperson: Dr. Sally Galman.

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Faculty and Staff...

School of Education Meeting Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Amherst room, 10th floor, Campus Center

STEP 180 Days in Springfield Teaching Assistant

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Four 10 hour/week TAs for Fall 2010 for Program Supervisors
for *STEP/180 Days in Springfield*

Supervision of students seeking secondary licensure in pre-practicum and practicum in the Fall Semester. Responsibilities include observations, giving verbal and written feedback, problem solving with and supporting Microteaching (EDUC592SS) and practicum (EDUC 500M/S) students, supporting supervising practitioners, conducting three-way meetings, conducting debriefing sessions with *STEP/180 Days* students, timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance, attending monthly program supervisor meetings.

Qualifications: Classroom teaching experience as well as excellent communication and problem solving skills.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Dr. Kathleen D. Gagne at kdg@educ.umass.edu

Application deadline: August 27, 2010

School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing.

Martha Nyongani, a doctoral candidate in the School of Education's Department of Education Policy, Research and Administration, has been awarded a 2010-11 International Fellowship from the AAUW, formerly known as the American Association of University Women. **Read more at** <http://www.umass.edu/education/student/stories.shtml#nyogani>



Dr. Jane Benbow (Ed.D. 1994), an international education professional with extensive experience in the areas of international development, program development, and management, has been promoted to vice president and director of American Institutes for Research's International Development Division. **Read more at** <http://www.umass.edu/education/news/index.shtml#benbow>

You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on the School of Education's website.
www.umass.edu/education

Send items to dms@educ.umass.edu

Teaching Assistantships

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Two 10 hour/week teaching assistantships are available for Program Supervisors for TEACH Bridges to the Future students.

Responsibilities include: Supervision of students seeking secondary licensure in pre-practicum and practicum in the Fall 2010 semester, observations, giving verbal and written feedback, problem-solving with and supporting Microteaching (EDUC 592SS) and practicum (EDUC 500M/S) students, supporting supervising practitioners, conducting three-way meetings, conducting de-briefing sessions with TEACH Bridges to the Future students, timely completion of ongoing documentation of students' performance, attending monthly program supervisor meetings.

Qualifications include: Classroom teaching experience as well as excellent communication and problem-solving skills.

To apply, submit letter of interest, resume and names and contact information for two references to Dr. Ruth-Ellen Verock-O'Laughlin at ruth-ellen@educ.umass.edu

Application deadline: August 27, 2010

Teaching Assistantship

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Educ 500-Secondary Teacher Education Pathway Supervisor- Fall '10

Ten hour per week teaching assistantship available to supervise Science and Math student teachers in Secondary Teacher Education Program

Responsibilities include: Supervision of five student teachers, site visits to schools, conferences with students and supervising practitioners, observation reports, weekly email contact, attendance at monthly supervisor meetings, review of student teaching portfolios, maintaining contact between schools and university, timely completion of ongoing documentation of student performance. For more info go to: <http://blogs.umass.edu/educ510-madeloni>

Qualifications: Excellent organizational and communication skills. Classroom teaching experience. Preferences given to students who have or are taking Educ 851 and/or have experience in teacher leadership and supervision.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Barbara Madeloni, Director of STEP Student Teaching, 413-577-0495, madeloni@educ.umass.edu.

Application deadline: September 7, 2010

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Teaching Assistantship

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

Educ 500, 524, and 510 - STEP Field experience coordinator- Fall '10/Spring '11

Ten hour per week teaching assistantship available to work with licensure coordinator in developing and maintaining field experience partnerships for Secondary Teacher Education Program.

Responsibilities include: Developing, extending and maintaining relationships with local schools and teachers who work with our students in Educ 524, 510 and 500; revising and developing field experience resources for students and schools; problem solving and oversight of logistics of field experiences for students; work closely with STEP licensure coordinator to review and revise program structure.

Qualifications: Excellent organizational and communication skills. Classroom teaching experience. Doctoral candidates in teacher education preferred.

Applicants should submit letter of interest, resume, and names and contact information for two references to Barbara Madeloni, Director of STEP Student Teaching, 413-577-0495, madeloni@educ.umass.edu.

Application deadline: September 7, 2010

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Teaching Assistantship

Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One (10 hours per week) teaching assistantship is available (contingent upon student enrollment) for Fall 2010 to assist with Human Development 270. HumDev 270 Child Development fulfills the social and behavioral sciences requirement for general education and is a course within the SOE Education Minor.

Responsibilities include: attendance at all class sessions (TUTH 9:30 - 10:45 am); scheduled office hours (1½ hours per week); monitoring online discussion sessions (variable times, generally occasional evenings throughout the semester); and assistance in maintaining course materials through SPARK, grading and evaluating student projects, papers and exams.

Qualifications include: Knowledge of theories and research related to child development, previous experience working with children in informal or formal settings, strong organizational skills. Experience with SPARK (online course management), general data management computer skills, and/or teaching experience preferred.

To apply, please email: Claire Hamilton , cehamilt@educ.umass.edu, subject line of the email should read "TA HumDev 270" with a cover letter and CV/resume. //

IMPORTANT: SEPTEMBER, 2010 DEGREE DEADLINES

Listed below are the deadline dates to apply for a September, 2010 degree for Master's, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements after April 15th but before August 31, 2010.

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

The Degree Eligibility form and School of Education Master's Forms M-2 or CAGS form C-2 must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than AUGUST 24th, 2010. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

The Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie with the Master's Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2) . Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 copies of the Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo no later than AUGUST 24th, 2010. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from:

<http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf>

Linda will submit these forms to the Degree Requirements Office after they are signed by Linda Griffin and Christine McCormick. The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534, Goodell) **by 5:00 p.m., AUGUST 31st, 2010.**

THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!

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RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM INVITATION

During the 2009-2010 strategic planning process, the School of Education faculty identified the need for more support for faculty research as one of the School's top strategic priorities. In response, the leadership of the School of Education is pleased to announce the 2010-2011 Research Fellowship Program. All full-time faculty in the School of Education are invited to submit proposals to obtain funding to support a research project. The size of awards for 2010-2011 will range from \$5,000- \$10,000.

Goals of the Program

The Research Fellowship Program is designed to: Provide support to SOE faculty for their programs of research, encourage SOE faculty to seek external funding for research projects by providing "seed money" for promising research initiatives, expand the research capacity of the School of Education by funding research projects that may lead to increased research collaboration among faculty and students, increase access to graduate assistantships providing research experiences.

Program Description

The Research Fellowship program is sponsored by the School of Education using fund balances available in 2010-2011. All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are eligible. All funds awarded must be expended (funds encumbered) by May 1, 2011. Absolutely no extensions.

Research Fellows will be expected to: submit a brief project report (to chair, copied to dean) by September 1, 2011; share a brief report of the research project at an informal brown bag seminar.

Application deadline: Wednesday, September 15 at 5 p.m.

Applications should be submitted in electronic form to Joyce Tutun, jtutun@educ.umass.edu. **Decisions will be announced: by October 1 (est.)** Decisions will be based on the quality of the proposal; the feasibility of the proposed project; and the potential to attract external funding.

Please review the following 2010 -2011 application instructions. If you have questions about the Research Fellowship Program, please contact your department chair.

Research Fellowship Application Instructions – 2010-2011

Your proposal must include a two-page description of the research project, a one-page appendix, and a proposed budget and budget narrative. Anticipated size of awards-- \$5,000-\$10,000.

Description of Research Project – Maximum length two pages, single-spaced, 12 pt. Successful proposals will clearly indicate the following: Purpose of the study; Research questions; Methods (data collection and analysis); Significance of the Study.

Appendix - Maximum length one page, single space, 12 pt.; Key references cited in research project description; Evidence of expertise and/or previous work relevant to the proposal; Potential external sources for future funding

Budget and Budget Narrative — Funds can be used to support a graduate assistant, student hourly support, software, materials, equipment, research related travel...but not for additional faculty compensation.

Please note the following requirements and timelines for fund use:

Student Payroll (Assistantships/Hourly) – the appointment must end by May 28, 2011

Cost: 1 (10hr/wk) RA for 1 semester at \$19.10/hr = \$4,582 (stipend and fringe)

Material and equipment purchased with Research Fellowship Program funds must *arrive* on campus by May 1, 2011. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold title to any materials or equipment purchased in whole or in part with Research Fellowship Program funds. Travel paid for with Research Fellowship Program funds must begin and end during the period September 1, 2010 through May 1, 2011.