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SPRING 05 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)

Dean's Office

No positions available this week.

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### **Educational Policy, Research and Administration**

No positions available this week.

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Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

No positions available this week.

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### **Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies**

No positions available this week.

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Dissertation Writing Fellowship Program

Summer 2005

Ashland University Ashland, Ohio

Dates: June 6 - June 30, 2005

The Dissertation Writing Fellowship Program provides social and professional support to students from historically underrepresented groups in the writing of their dissertations. Ashland University will provide:

1. Full-time faculty will provide technical support and professional advice toward the writing of your dissertation. Note: Ashland faculty will not serve as replacement for your dissertation committee.
2. Introduce you to Ashland doctoral students and faculty who might share some of your interests.
3. Library research facilities and liaisons will be extended to you.
4. Place and time to write.
5. Each fellow and his/her family will be provided with on-campus housing and meals, as well as reimbursement for travel to and from Ashland.

Only candidates who are at the "writing dissertation" stages of their dissertations will be considered.

For further info contact: **Lowell T. Smith at Tel: (410) 289-5298 or by e-mail: shardin@ashland.edu.**

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**Graduate School**  
**University of Massachusetts Amherst**  
**Grants for Graduate Student Mentoring**

**Submission Deadline: March 11, 2005**

**APPLICATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPUS ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT ID FOR TRANSFER TO GOF FUND TYPE \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSTRACT** (Approximately 100 words)

**Signatures:** Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Program Head \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION.** Attach a description of the project. Please limit to a maximum of four pages including the budget. Each description should contain the following information.

1. A definition of mentoring as an activity that is different from advising and an overview of the current state of mentoring in your department.
2. A description of the proposed project or activity and a statement as to how the funds requested will enhance or improve mentoring in your department.
3. A description of how the effects of the proposed project or activity will be evaluated.
4. A statement indicating how the proposed project/activity will continue after the end of the funding period.
5. A budget describing how the grant funds will be used.

## POSSIBLE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES

1. A mentoring system designed to help first generation and/or international graduate students adjust to a new culture as well as to the demands and expectations of graduate work in the department.
2. A course or a workshop that introduces new graduate students to writing styles, expectations of the graduate program, the library, etc.
3. A series of workshops in which new graduate students can meet departmental faculty, learn about faculty interests and areas of expertise, and discuss their needs as students.
4. A process in which advanced graduate students become mentors for new graduate students.
5. A project for faculty who are *not* on students' committee to serve as their mentors.
6. A seminar for TA's on effective teaching.
7. A seminar on job opportunities in the field.
8. Your innovative project or activity.

## INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

**Purpose.** The purpose of the Graduate Student Mentoring grant program is to foster innovative mentoring activities and programs for graduate students at UMass so that as many academic units as possible can strengthen faculty/student relations.

**Eligibility.** All faculty, staff, and graduate students who will be at UMass during the 2005-2006 academic year may apply.

**Presentation of Evaluations.** All those who receive grants are expected to present their projects at a campus-wide conference on graduate student mentoring to be held in the spring of 2006. In addition, grantees will be required to submit written summaries of their projects and their evaluations to the Mentoring Committee of the Graduate Council within six weeks of the end of the funding cycle.

**Amount Awarded.** It is anticipated that several grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded. Applicants will be notified by April 15, 2005 and funds will be transferred to departmental accounts for fall 2005. Awards will be announced at the third Annual Mentoring Symposium in May, 2006.

**Application Procedures.** A complete application consists of

1. One paper copy and one electronic copy (disk or CD in MS Word) of the proposal prepared by the applicant
2. Signatures of applicant and department head

**Evaluation of Proposal.** The Mentoring Committee of the Faculty Senate Graduate Council will evaluate all submissions. Proposals will be rated on 1) the potential impact on graduate student mentoring in the department/university, 2) originality and creativity, 3) the capacity for involving additional faculty, - 4) the ability to be reproduced in other departments, and 5) the capacity of the project/program to enhance the diversity of the department/program. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results of the review process within six weeks of the application deadline.

Application Deadline: March 11, 2005.

Your application should include **one paper copy** and **one electronic copy** of the application form and a project description/budget. Send completed proposals to **Diane Gerrish, Graduate School, 514 Goodell Building.**