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## FAQ's and other information that is good to know:

*I read something online about graduate degree guidelines and forms. What are they and where can I find them.*

Guidelines and forms for the Master's, Doctoral degrees and CAGS certificate, as well as guidelines (there are no forms) for the Post Baccalaureate and the Education Minor, can be found online at :

[http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/main\\_advising.htm](http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/main_advising.htm)

These guidelines give you a listing of all requirements necessary to complete your degree or program.

Forms for the Master's, Doctoral and CAGS must be filed with the Graduate Programs Office, Room 123 Furcolo Hall. PLEASE NOTE: Forms are online, but MUST be printed and hand signed before being turned into Linda Guthrie at the Graduate Programs Office. You **CANNOT** submit these forms via email.

*What is the difference between "current address" and "permanent address"?*

Your current address is the mailing address of the home you are presently occupying every day. Your permanent address would be the home you live in when you are not attending school. For out-of-state or international students, this would be the mailing address of their home in their hometown or native country.

If you list your "permanent address" on forms, then return mail will go to that address. This could cause unnecessary delays.

*I am transferring credits to my graduate degree. How soon will they show on my transcript?*

If you are transferring Non-degree UMass Amherst credits, it should take a couple of weeks to appear on your transcript. If, however, you are transferring credits from an outside institution, it can take a couple of months before it appears.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All transferred credits show under your **GRADUATE RECORD**. Non-degree credits will show under Non-degree Record and, once transferred will also show under the *Graduate Record*. **Please make sure to check your Graduate Record.**



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**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE TUITION WAIVERS for SPRING, 2007**

Nominations for tuition waivers for current and new international graduate students are now being solicited by the International Programs Office. As there are very few waivers available, they are only for students who have enormous potential but who have no immediate financial assistance from their program.

**These waivers are for TUITION ONLY.** Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but can reapply for one additional year.

**IPO CURRENT STUDENTS:**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Current students must be in a **full-time** graduate degree program
- Minimum 3.25 GPA
- Demonstrated financial need
- Non-immigrant visa status.

**SUBMIT:**

- Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South).
- Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at \$ 20,000 for Spring, 2007.
- **Recommendation letter from student's advisor or chairperson.**

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate those applications that she feels are the strongest.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED CURRENT STUDENT IPO APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING, 2007 is: NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

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**IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RANK ORDERED BY CONCENTRATION AND DEPARTMENT**

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**IPO INCOMING STUDENTS (starting Spring, 2007)**

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Accepted into a degree program
- Must have proof of sufficient funds to meet all non-tuition related expenses (estimated at \$20,000 for Spring 2007)
- Must **not** be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
- Must be nominated prior to arriving at UMASS

**SUBMIT:**

- A completed Tuition Waiver Nomination form for **new** students, available from Linda Guthrie
- Copy of complete graduate application, signed by program & department chair
- Advisor recommendation

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS for SPRING, 2007  
OCTOBER 24, 2006**

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**GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2006-07 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: [www.umass.edu/gradschool](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool) > students > travel grant application

**NOTE:**

**While the last page of the application will be signed by Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, students must provide the requested student information for that page (p. 3), as well as for the other required pages. Students must also provide a written recommendation from their advisor or chairperson with their application.**

Applications will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. Awards are for presentations rather than just attendance at a conference or event.

Criteria for nomination include merit of the project, prestige of the conference or event and financial need of the student. Awards will be made to the individual student rather than for a project (divided among several students). Grant amounts are up to \$ 300.00 for domestic and \$ 400.00 for international travel. The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration.

**DEADLINE to submit the complete application with faculty recommendation and expense summary to your department chair's office:**

**October 25, 2006**

EPRA and SDPPS Department Chair Office: Celia Miller, 161 Hills South and TECS Department Chair Office: Mary Bell, 117 Furcolo.

Applications will be rank ordered by each department chair and submitted to Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director, by November 1, 2006.

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# **FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: School of Education Faculty and Students  
FROM: Linda L. Griffin, Associate Dean, Graduate Program Director  
SUBJECT: Letters of support for tenure and/or promotion

The School of Education has several faculty members who are up for tenure and/or promotion. Faculty and students who wish to submit letters of support should send them to the appropriate department chair.

### **Faculty up for Tenure:**

#### **Kerry Ann O'Meara**

Please send her letters of support to Joseph Berger, Chair of the EPRA Department, 155 Hills South, [jbberger@educ.umass.edu](mailto:jbberger@educ.umass.edu).

### **Faculty up for promotion:**

#### **Theresa Austin**

Please send her letters of support to Linda Griffin, Interim Chair of the TECS Department, 117 Furcolo Hall, [lgriffin@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lgriffin@educ.umass.edu).

#### **John Hintz and Jay Carey**

Please send their letters of support to Rich Lapan, Chair of the SDPPS Department, 163 Hills South, [lapan@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lapan@educ.umass.edu).



We would like to share in each other's successes. Please send recent information on publications, grants, activities, honors, and awards to: **Linda Rhinehart Neas, Room 123A Furcolo Hall, [lascell@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lascell@educ.umass.edu)**  
Publication deadlines are found at the bottom of the page.



## **FALL 06/SPRING 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE (by department)**

*Please note: All available positions are contingent upon funding.*

### **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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### **Office of Teacher Education**

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No positions available this week.

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### **Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services**

No positions available this week.

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### **Office of Academic Affairs**

No positions available this week.

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

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP Fall 2006-Part time (10 hrs/wk)**

**Duties include:** assisting in teaching and advising graduate students in science education course (EDUC 667). Entails assisting in teaching courses, leading discussion groups, providing support to faculty, library work.

**Qualifications:** Preference will be given to graduate students in science education.

Submit resume to Dr. John Clement c/o Mary Bell, TECS Dept. Office in Furcolo.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION**

**YESHI CHODON**      October 25, 2006, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo. "Tibetan Women and Higher Educational Experience: An Exploratory Study."

**Chairperson: Dr. Linda L. Griffin.**



#### **FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

**DONNA M. WILSON**      Proposed Dissertation Title: "Entrepreneurial Decision Making in Community Colleges: The Nexus Among External Market Forces, Resource Dependency and Expanding Missions." Statement of the Problem: There appears to be a scarceness of research regarding entrepreneurial decision making among executive level administrative officials in American community colleges. Community college executive level administrators may be engaging in entrepreneurial decision making, and, through an active pursuit of workforce development grants, partnerships, contracts or other revenue streams, may be adopting a new institutional identification. The research examines an expansion from public-supported resource allocations, to a decision-making model where the attainment of other identified external resources may become more competitive to fund

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less clear aspects of an institution's mission. To what extent are executive level administrators converging institutional mission and focus through their mission-driven initiatives? In addition, to what extent are these executive level administrators potentially reshaping institutional identification by focusing upon externally driven resources?

**Chairperson: Joseph B. Berger.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

**BRIAN RACHMACIEJ** November 8, 2006, 9 - 11:00 a.m., Room 151, Hills South.

**Chairperson: Dr. Jeffrey W. Eiseman.**



## **ATTENTION: ALL NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Be sure to download your Doctoral, Master's, or CAGS (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies) Advising guidelines forms from our website: [umass.edu/education](http://umass.edu/education) > academics > Advising Guidelines

You will need these forms to verify your progress throughout your degree. The first form is due in the Graduate Program Office (123 Furcolo) by the end of the Fall 2006 semester, after it is signed by your advisor. If you have any questions regarding these forms, contact Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, at 545-6984 or [lguthrie@educ.umass.edu](mailto:lguthrie@educ.umass.edu).



## **SOROS FELLOWSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS**

**The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship For New Americans** will support thirty individuals for up to two years of graduate study in any subject anywhere in the United States. You must be a senior in college, hold a bachelor's degree, or be currently enrolled in a graduate program (though not past your second year).

Amount: \$20,000 maintenance and half tuition.

Deadline: November 1, 2006.

Eligibility:

- Student must be a "Green Card" holder or naturalized citizen or have two parents who are naturalized citizens.
- Applicants must be under the age of 30.

For details and to apply, click [www.pdsoros.org](http://www.pdsoros.org).



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