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 2007-08 academic year. 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.

The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/memo_to_graduate_students.htm](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/memo_to_graduate_students.htm)

You should also complete the information on the Graduate Program Director's Approval Form from the top of the page up to the Sources of Funding Section.

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NOTE:
The procedures for applying for this grant have changed for this academic year. Be sure to read and carefully follow the directions outlined from the above site.

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 and will be considered for the fall and spring semesters. The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration.

If you anticipate presenting at a conference this fall, and would like your application given the best possible consideration, please email one copy of your application to your advisor and one copy to Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director, (lgriffin@educ.umass.edu) no later than November 5, 2007.

All applications will be reviewed and rank ordered by your department chair before the final approval by Associate Dean Linda Griffin.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE TUITION WAIVERS for SPRING, 2008 FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

Nominations for tuition waivers for current 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.

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

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

CURRENT STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:
1. Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South or from: umass.edu/ipo/docs/tw_app.pdf
2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at $23,000 for Spring, 2008.
3. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications should 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 APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING, 2008 IS: NOVEMBER 8, 2007

NOMINATIONS WILL BE RANK ORDERED BY CONCENTRATION AND DEPARTMENT

FALL 07 ASSISTANTSHIPS AVAILABLE

No positions available this week in the School of Education

ATTENTION: GRADUATE ASSISTANTS


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 llas-cell@educ.umass.edu. Thank you for your assistance!
AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AERA) ANNUAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT

The 2008 AERA Meeting and Exhibit will be held on Monday, March 24 – Friday, March 28 in New York City. The 2008 AERA Program Theme: Research on Schools, Neighborhoods, and Communities: Toward Civic Responsibility.

This year's Annual Meeting theme provides an intellectual space for scholarship focused on schools, neighborhoods, and communities. Examples of relevant research topics include, but are not limited to (1) higher education and community development, (2) education and social service partnerships, (3) community-based teacher education, (4) project-based learning in metropolitan settings, (5) juvenile justice and opportunity to learn, (6) fiscal policy and planning, and (7) educational role of the professions (e.g., health, law, and engineering).

For more information go to: http://www.aera.net/meetings/Default.aspx?menu_id=342&id=2936

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (AACTE) ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual AACTE meeting will be held on February 7-10, 2008 at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside in New Orleans, LA.

This year's theme is Quality Matters: Our Commitment to All Learners.

Over the years, AACTE has established a legacy of addressing quality matters in the preparation and support of teachers, counselors, and educational leaders. This tradition continues with the 2008 Annual Meeting, which will showcase AACTE member institutions in action through presentations and sessions on matters of quality related to equity, access and advocacy, collaboration, innovation, and accountability and impact. Given the current context in which quality matters more than ever to the public and to the profession, this year's theme is designed to provide opportunities for demonstrating and sharing evidence of quality programs and outcomes for educator candidates and for all students.

Quality Matters in Equity, Access, and Advocacy
Quality Matters in Collaboration
Quality Matters in Innovation
Quality Matters in Accountability and Impact

Registration: http://www.aacte.org/Events/08amregform.pdf

Hotel:
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70140, for hotel reservations call 1-800-HILTONS or 504-561-0500.

NORTHEASTERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (NERA) CONFERENCE

First, thanks to Barbara Helms, Brian Preston, Dolores Burton, April Zenisky, and others, we have a new NERA web site! The URL is the same: www.nera-education.org

And to learn more about the conference, visit: http://www.nera-education.org/conference.php. Please note the two renowned keynote speakers (Cora Marrett and Wayne Camara) and the free workshops on program evaluation (Robert Gable) and item response theory (Jane Rogers and H. Swaminathan).

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES (ACTFL)

If you haven't decided to attend the ACTFL Annual Convention and World Languages Expo in San Antonio, TX from November 16-18, 2007 (Pre-convention workshops, Thursday, November 15), make your decision today! Check out the Online Program of all sessions and events. You will be amazed at the huge variety of educational sessions for all languages and all levels.

Now that you have decided this is the one event you can't miss, register online at www.actfl.org before October 8, 2007 to get the advance registration rate. Don't forget to make your housing reservations as well. Hotel rooms are going fast so book a room today at www.actfl.org.

Did you know that ACTFL is providing a NEW feature to
its Online Program this year? You are now able to search
the entire program and develop your own personal
schedule online. Just login to the Online Program at
www.actfl.org and follow the instructions.
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INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF TEACHER SCHOLARS

In 2008, the International Alliance of Teacher Scholars
will host its 20th annual Lilly Conference on College & Uni-
versity Teaching on March 21 & 22 in Southern California.
We call for your proposals and hope you will be able to
participate. More information is below.

For almost 30 years the international and national Lilly
Conferences have provided a forum for learning about,
reporting, and discussing the results of the Scholarship of
Teaching & Learning. Lilly Conferences are retreats that
combine Scholarship of Teaching and Learning sessions,
and major addresses, with lots of opportunities for infor-
mation discussion about excellence in college and university
teaching and learning. Internationally-known scholars
join new and experienced faculty members and adminis-
trators from all over the world to discuss topics such as
gender differences in learning, incorporating technology
into teaching, encouraging critical thinking, using teach-
ing and student portfolios, implementing group learning,
and evaluating teaching. Information on the Interna-
tional and other National Lilly Conferences can be found
at Lilly Conference Information.

The welcoming “Lilly Spirit” and the high level of schol-
arily attention to teaching and learning enable everyone
to contribute to the forum. You are invited to join as a
presenter or an involved participant.

For General Information: http://www.iats.com/
conferences/west2008_info.html

For Registration Form – Early Registration through Octo-
ber 15: http://www.iats.com/conferences/
registration_west2008.html

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/ PROPOSALS

ACTFL ANNUAL CONVENTION AND WORLD LANGUAGES
EXPO

The Annual Convention and World Languages Expo of
the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Lan-
guages (ACTFL) will be Friday, November 21 (Pre-
Convention Workshops scheduled on Thursday, Novem-
ber 20) through Sunday, November 23, 2008 in Orlando,
FL. The theme for this year is Opening Minds to the
World Through Languages.

The ACTFL Convention features over 500 educational
sessions covering the whole spectrum of the foreign lan-
guage profession. The entire selection of sessions is de-
digned to provide attendees with an exciting array of ses-
sions and events to further their knowledge and help
them be better teachers or administrators. We welcome
you to submit a proposal for consideration. When you
login, please read carefully the Submission Guidelines,
the Presenter Responsibilities and the Rubric used in the
review process before submitting your proposal.

The 2008 Call for Proposals is now open on the ACTFL
web site at www.actfl.org.

ACTFL members already have an account in this system.
To login, your user name is your surname/family name
and your password is your ACTFL member ID.

If this is your first visit to the ACTFL 2008 Submission
and Online Program site AND you do not have an ACTFL
user account, you will need to create a new user ac-
count. Once you have created a user account you can
access the site through the user login.

DO NOT create a user login each time you visit the site.

When you submit a proposal, all correspondence be-
tween ACTFL and its co-sponsoring organizations will be
done via email generated through this site which is
hosted by All Academic. You are asked to check your
"junk mail" file and to have your "spam blocker" settings
allow emails from DO_NO_REPLY@allacademic.com.

If you have not received any email messages by the ad-
vertised deadlines, you may login to the Call for Propos-
als online system to check the "Message Center" for
emails sent from ACTFL or any of the co-sponsoring organizations.