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GRADUATION DEADLINE

ATTENTION FEBRUARY 2009 DEGREE CANDIDATES
The next degree-granting period will be February, 2009. Listed below are deadline dates to apply for graduation for M.Ed., C.A.G.S., Ed.D. and Ph.D. candidates who will have completed requirements for a February, 2009 degree.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates
The Degree Eligibility form must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than JANUARY 8, 2009. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, and Dean McCormick. The Eligibility form must be accompanied by the School of Education Completed Program of Study form (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 must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo, along with the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) no later than JANUARY 8, 2009. The Eligibility form is sent to each student by the Degree Requirements Office (534 Goodell) after the defense date is scheduled (Form D-8). It can also be downloaded from:
http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf

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.

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Please note that the Degree Eligibility form is 2 pages. Linda Guthrie will submit this form to the Degree Requirements Office after it is signed. Two copies of the dissertation signature page must be signed by Christine B. McCormick, Dean of the School of Education. Students should submit their signature pages to Linda Griffin by JANUARY 8, 2009 and she will obtain the Dean’s signature. She will then return these pages to the student for inclusion with the dissertation.

The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., January 15th, 2009. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not file for graduation by the degree deadline date, you must pay the Continuous Enrollment fee of $275.00 to maintain continuous enrollment until you graduate.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

**HEIDI R. BOHLER**  November 13, 2008, 1:30 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo Hall. **Chairperson: Dr. Linda L. Griffin**

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**FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

**VIRGINIA L. DURNFORD**  Proposed Dissertation Title: "An Examination of Teacher-Student Trust in Middle School Classrooms." Statement of the Problem: An examination of how and to what extent teachers' level of trust in students affects choices teachers make in the classroom. **Chairperson: Dr. Linda L. Griffin.**

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**GOOD NEWS**

We post good news on the web [www.umass.edu/education/](http://www.umass.edu/education/) and in The Beacon [www.umass.edu/education/publications](http://www.umass.edu/education/publications) Send news to [goodnews@educ.umass.edu](mailto:goodnews@educ.umass.edu)
**GRANTS**

The following grant has a limit of one submission per institution. Contact Beverly Strakose, Research Affairs, Research Administration Building, 70 Butterfield Terrace, UMass Amherst, MA 01003, 413-545-5283, fax: 413-577-1728 by November 21 if you are interested.

**THE TEAGLE FOUNDATION**

GRANTS FOR FRESH THINKING WORKING GROUPS ON “BIG QUESTIONS AND THE DISCIPLINES”

Request for Proposals from Undergraduate Institutions in the Liberal Arts and Sciences


**ELIGIBILITY, LEADERSHIP, AND STRUCTURE:** Four-year colleges and universities are eligible to apply, as are consortia, regional and national associations, theological schools and seminaries, research centers, and other similar organizations in higher education provided that a clear and strong commitment to liberal education at the undergraduate level can be demonstrated.

Although proposals restricted to a single college or university will not be accepted, collaboration among several institutions—whether they are working together on an ad hoc basis or as part of a formal consortium—will be funded through a grant to a lead institution. We expect that undergraduate liberal arts colleges will be strongly represented in every proposal. Since only one proposal will be accepted from any institution, we encourage you to work with your Corporate and Foundation Relations office as you develop your proposal. Institutions that are currently leading a Teagle Working Group are not eligible to serve as the lead institution.

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**Criteria for Acceptance: Undergraduate**

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**Easy Application**

Write a letter of application in which you describe the qualities you bring to the Honor Society and the reasons why you have decided to pursue education. Include a letter of recommendation from a University faculty member or professional staff, or from a professional in education (teacher, school principal or department chair, camp director).

**NOTE:** A letter you already have that clearly identifies your strengths is acceptable. Include a copy of your Final Grade Report from your last semester completed at UMass. A student copy is acceptable.

Send your letter, recommendation, and grade report to:

KDP EXECUTIVE BOARD
c/o Professor Seldin, Furcolo Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003

**APPLICATION DEADLINE** - Monday, November 17, 2008, 12 noon

**INITIATION AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB** - Friday, December 5, 2008

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