Beacon

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BEACON DEADLINE: The deadline for Beacon announcements is 3:30 p.m. on Monday, due in Room 124, Furcolo Hall or to zinnia@educ.umass.edu. All assistantships will run for two issues unless otherwise indicated. Examinations and dissertation proposals run for only one issue.

ATTENTION! The Beacon is available on-line at: http://www.umass.edu/education/publications/beacon.pdf If you have problems accessing this link, go to the School of Education home page, click on the Beacon button on the left. Earlier issues can be found by going to Publications.

FALL 05/SPRING 06 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

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

PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIPS – Macintosh Computer Lab

Fall 2005/Spring 2006 – Part-time (10 hrs/wk)

Responsibilities include: staffing the lab, assisting student users of the lab with questions about the use of the Macs, maintaining the Macs by regularly running virus software and clearing the machines of unauthorized user files, installing new software, adhering to and enforcing lab policies, and providing help desk support to TECS faculty who encounter software problems.

Qualifications include: familiarity with the latest versions of the Windows PC and Macintosh Operating Systems, general software troubleshooting ability, and a helpful disposition.

To apply, please send resume to: Dr. Linda Griffin, lgriffin@educ.umass.edu, or 117 Furcolo Hall.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations for tuition waivers for CURRENT international graduate students are now being solicited by the International Programs Office for SPRING, 2006. These waivers are primarily for current students of any degree.

Eligibility: Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program, have a minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrated financial need and non-immigrant visa status.

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

As there are very few waivers available, you should only recommend those students who have enormous potential but who have no immediate financial assistance from your program.

FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

Current students should request a letter of recommendation from their advisor or chairperson. They must then submit a completed application to Linda Guthrie, which consists of the following:

1. A formal application form (which students pick up 123 Furcolo Hall or 161 Hills South).
2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at $10,000 for the Spring, 2006 semester.
3. Recommendation letter from nominating faculty.

IMPORTANT: The department chair must rank order all nominations before they are submitted to Linda. Christine McCormick, the Graduate Program Director, will then review and nominate those applications that she feels are the strongest.

**CURRENT STUDENTS DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO LINDA GUTHRIE IS: November 9, 2005

IMPORTANT: The department chair must rank order all nominations before they are submitted to Linda. Christine McCormick will then review and nominate those applications that she feels are the strongest

INCOMING STUDENTS (starting Spring, 2006)

Conditions for Award:
1. Must be accepted into a degree program
2. Must have proof of sufficient funds to meet expenses except tuition (estimated at $10,000 for the Spring, 2006 semester)
3. Must not be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
4. Must be nominated prior to arriving in the U.S.

**INCOMING STUDENTS DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO LINDA GUTHRIE IS: October 24, 2005

Complete application consists of:

. Strong letter of recommendation from the program.
. Copy of complete graduate application, signed by concentration and Department Chair.

IMPORTANT: The department chair must rank order all nominations before they are submitted to Linda. Christine McCormick will then review and nominate those applications that she feels are the strongest

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REMINDER -- READMITTANCE

When a graduate student needs to be readmitted, an extension of their statute of limitations, a leave of absence, a full or half-time status memo, or other similar memos that go to the Graduate School, they must have a memo from their chair/advisor endorsing these requests. That memo, along with the student's request, gets sent to Linda Guthrie so that she can prepare the GPD's response. Please do NOT send memos directly to the Graduate School, as they must have the GPD authorization.

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FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Please send information about recent activities, honors, and awards to Laura Holland (ljh@educ.umass.edu) so we can help spread the good news to the School of Education community.

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