SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

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

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP – Higher Education
Spring 2006 – Part-time (10 hrs/wk)

Responsibilities include: provide assistance with course development for a new undergraduate current issues in higher education course which will be offered next year, assist with development of a Master’s in higher education track in community service-learning and develop marketing and web materials associated with both projects.

Qualifications include: higher education graduate student or knowledge of higher education issues; professional experience or knowledge of service-learning.

To apply, please contact Dr. KerryAnn O’Meara at kerryann@educ.umass.edu

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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
No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE EXAM
JAHMAL MOSLEY -- October 24, 2005, 9:00am, Rm. 151 Hills South. Chairperson: Mary Lynn Boscardin.

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TUITION WAIVERS – INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS

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.

CURRENTLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

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

1. A formal application form (which students pick up at 123 Furcolo Hall, 161 Hills South, or International Programs 4th floor 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.

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

INCOMING STUDENTS (starting Spring, 2006)

Conditions for Award:

1. Must be accepted into a degree program
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. 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 head and Department Chair.
REMINDER – GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUESTS

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 requests from the Graduate School, they must have a memo from their chair/advisor endorsing these requests. That memo, along with the student’s request, is sent to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator. Please do NOT send requests directly to the Graduate School, as they must have the GPD authorization.

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GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The Graduate School has announced that they will be awarding student travel grants for students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2005-6 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from:

www.umass.edu/gradschool > students > travel grant application

The last page of this download will be completed by Christine McCormick, the Graduate Program Director. Requests will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences or events for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. 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). The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration. Grant amounts are up to $300.00 for domestic and $400.00 for international travel.

Deadline to submit the application and expense summary to Linda Guthrie in Room 123, Furcolo (Graduate Program Office) is November 16.

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FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Alan Bloomgarden, a doctoral candidate in EPRA, has received a scholarship from the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to present his dissertation research plans at the upcoming conference, "The Civic Engagement Imperative: Student Learning and the Public Good," November 10-12, 2005. The scholarship is administered by Campus Compact and the New England Resource Center on Higher Education (NERCHE), and is sponsored by funding from the Spencer Foundation. Alan also has been selected for participation in the Graduate Student Public Policy Seminar at the upcoming Association for the Study of Higher Education meeting November 17-19, and will be attending ASHE alongside a substantial contingent of faculty, students, and staff from the Higher Education program of study (including Joe Berger, Pilar Mendoza, Liz Williams, Ethan Kolek, Gary Malaney, KerryAnn O'Meara, Aaron Kuntz, Claudine Keenan, and Lauren Way). Alan and KerryAnn will co-present a paper, "Exploring the Characteristics of Striving Institutions."

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