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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

No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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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:

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

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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

Congratulations to Steve Sireci, who has been appointed by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to chair the Assessment Certification Advisory Panel, a new technical advisory committee formed by the NBPTS to help maintain the quality of its examination program, keep costs down, and take advantage of technological developments in educational assessment. Taking on a new challenge in another realm, Steve is running for at-large member of the Northampton School Committee in the upcoming November election. We’ll keep you posted....

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