Beacon

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BEACON DEADLINE: Notice! Change in Beacon submission procedure: Please submit Beacon announcements to Room 123A Furcolo Hall or to llascell@educ.umass.edu. The deadline remains 3:30 p.m. on Monday. 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.htm
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FALL 06/SPRING 07 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

EPRA Assistantship for Fall 06-Spring 07/ Assistant to Department Chair

Responsibilities include: assisting in data entry; maintaining records; assisting at various meetings and gatherings; and word processing.

Qualifications include: Excellent computer skills, knowledge of Excel and Word, excellent organizational and communication skills.

Please letter of interest and resume to Joseph B. Berger at jberger@educ.umass.edu and Gretchen B. Rossman at gretchen@educ.umass.edu.

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Summer and Fall 2006 Research Assistantship

Position: Research assistantship (20 hours/week) for summer and fall 2006 to assist on the educational leadership development program in China, a cooperative program between UMass Amherst and Chinese universities.

Qualifications include: Excellent research, writing and editing skills; self-motivated; excellent inter-organizational networking and interpersonal communication skills; ability to communicate effectively with Chinese partner universities. Chinese proficiency and educational research experience are desired.

Responsibilities include: Reviewing literature and drafting research reports, assisting with and coordinating project activities, and traveling in China.
To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to the Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, 161 Hills South (413-545-3610).

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Office of Teacher Education

No positions available this week.

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Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services

Assistantship for Fall 06-Spring 07/ Assistant to Department Chair

Responsibilities include: assisting in data entry; maintaining records; assisting at various meetings and gatherings; and word processing.

Qualifications include: Excellent computer skills, knowledge of Excel and Word, excellent organizational and communication skills.

Please letter of interest and resume to John Carey at 359 Hills South, careyandassoc@comcast.net

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Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

No positions available this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE PROJECT ASSISTANTSHIP (PA)
Student Assessment, Research, and Evaluation Office (SAREO)

POSITION DESCRIPTION
The Student Assessment, Research, & Evaluation Office (SAREO) conducts a variety of research projects related to higher education. SAREO administers Project Pulse which conducts approximately 15 web-based surveys during the academic year, and the PA will be responsible for a wide variety of activities associated with the polling operation and other research activities within SAREO. Research activities will include collecting data, analyzing data, writing reports, and disseminating data. Specific duties are detailed below.

1. Analyzing and Disseminating Data. This task includes analyzing data through the use of computerized statistical software packages and writing research reports. Opportunities are provided for writing scholarly papers to be submitted for conference presentations and publication in appropriate academic journals.

2. Assisting in the Supervision of Project Pulse. This task includes helping in the day-to-day handling of various aspects of the Project Pulse operation including working with web-based survey design software, survey administration, and data collection.

3. Assisting in Other Research Responsibilities. This task includes meeting with clients, identifying research needs, helping design survey instruments, and programming Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) scanner and computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) software.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
Doctoral student in higher education or related field.
Strong interest in research on higher education issues and undergraduate students.
Knowledge of the practice and application of social science survey research methodology.
Strong communication skills.
Word processing skills.
Strong interpersonal skills.
Knowledge of data analysis and statistics.

EXPERIENCE PREFERRED
Applied work in survey research.
Proficiency with SPSS for Windows, Excel, and PageMaker.

DATES OF POSITION AND HOURS OF WORK
July 16, 2006 – Sept 2, 2006 (10 hours per week)
Sept 3, 2006 – May 26, 2007 (15 hours per week)

SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER BY JUNE 19, 2006 to Gary Malaney, 420 Hills North.

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FACULTY/STAFF ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Seeking Information:
For a Column in the next edition of the School’s Alumnae/ni Newsletter and for occasional updates in our weekly BEACON, please send information about recent (2005) publications, grants, activities, honors, and awards to Laura Holland, ljh@educ.umass.edu.

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