New Look for the Beacon!

We have created a new look for The Beacon in order to bring you more information about the School of Education. As always, The Beacon is available on-line at: http://www.umass.edu/education/publications/beacon.htm 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.

FAQ’s and other information that is good to know:

I am a graduate student in the School of Education and I do not know how to get an assistantship. Where do I go?

Assistantships are listed weekly in The Beacon. You can also go the School of Education Website, click on Publications and see the most recent Beacon as well as archived issues. If you are in Furcolo Hall, a Beacon is posted on the bulletin board directly across from the Dean’s Office (Furcolo 124). It can also be found in the magazine rack in the Lobby of Furcolo Hall.

Ok, I found a position I am interested in, now what?

To apply for a position found in The Beacon, follow the directions at the bottom of the ad under, “To apply...” You will be directed to send information to a specific faculty member.

What paperwork will I need to fill out?

The Business Office will contact you once your paperwork has been completed and signed. You will need to bring the following even if you worked last semester:

**US Citizens and Resident**
1. US Passport, or
2. Drivers license or University picture ID
   - and -
   social security card or US birth certificate
3. Voided check if they desire direct deposit of pay into a checking account

**International Students**
1. Visa
2. Unexpired passport with I-94 card
3. I-20 or DS-2019
4. Social Security card – if you have one
5. List of dates of entry to & exit from the US
6. Voided check if they desire direct deposit of pay into a checking account

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When will I get paid and how will I get paid?

Pay checks are issued every other week. The schedule for Fall 2006 is:

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*Note: No GIC or Non Unit Dental deductions scheduled for this Pay Period.*

Paychecks will be held at the Department Office in which you work. Pay stubs for those desiring direct deposit will be found in your assistantship mailbox in the building in which you work.

It is important to note that for those using direct deposit, the first paycheck will not be directly deposited. An actual check will be issued and may be picked up at the Department Office. Your second paycheck should go to direct deposit.

FACULTY/STAFF/STUDENT ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS

We would like to share in each other’s successes. Please send recent information on publications, grants, activities, honors, and awards to:

  Linda Rhinehart Neas, Room 123A Furcolo Hall, llascell@educ.umass.edu

Publication deadlines are found at the bottom of the page.

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

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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Office of Academic Affairs

No positions available this week.

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Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

One half-time (10 hours per week) research assistantship – Science Education Online

Responsibilities include: collect and analyze data; research and collect library information; contribute to the writing of a paper for publication. The position will require 4 hours of office work in 227 Furcolo each week.

Qualifications include: qualitative research and writing skills, good communication skills, computer skills (excel, word, www)

To apply, please contact Kathleen Davis, via email only, kdavis@educ.umass.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING EXCELLENT SCHOOLS FELLOWSHIPS

Building Excellent Schools is an established national non-profit organization based in Boston, MA committed to improving the academic achievement of students in the nation’s urban centers. Our core program is the Building Excellent Schools Fellowship, a 12-month, full-time, comprehensive training program that prepares dedicated, hard-working, and talented individuals to design and open academically excellent urban charter schools. To date, 20 Building Excellent Schools Fellows have founded schools that have opened or will open by the Fall of 2006.

In its quest to build and perpetuate educational excellence, Building Excellent Schools holds the core belief that academic performance drives every element of a school, including design, leadership, culture, decisions, and governance. Building Excellent Schools further believes that the only legitimate measure for a school’s performance is the academic achievement of its students.

The Fellowship is a year long full time commitment for which Fellows are paid a stipend of $80,000. Included in that year of intensive training is:

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• 90+ Training days at Building Excellent Schools’ central offices in Boston led by expert Building Excellent Schools’ staff, and nationally recognized experts in charter school design and operation
• visits to 20–25 of the highest performing urban charter schools in the Northeast and beyond
• extended residency in high-performing urban charter school
• ongoing coaching and support around board and charter application
• development.

Building Excellent Schools Fellows share common beliefs far more than they share common experiences. Our Fellows represent a vast range of professional experience including education, business, law, and public administration. Classroom experience is not a pre-requisite for participation in the program. Ultimately, Building Excellent Schools is looking for high-capacity individuals that are deeply committed to fundamentally changing urban education. An exemplary Fellow is:
• A relentless achiever
• Demanding of oneself and others—good is not good enough, only great will suffice
• Willing to learn—accepts that only with careful study, guidance, and preparation can a great school be built
• Highly flexible—can adapt to new knowledge, skills, and situations with ease
• Mature and professional—can successfully operate in multiple professional environments, including business and government.

Territories include: Chicago; Gary & Indianapolis, IN; Milwaukee; Los Angeles, CA; Oakland; San Diego; Sacramento; Fresno; St. Paul and Minneapolis; Ft. Lauderdale & Miami; Atlanta; Denver; New York City; Cleveland; and DC.

Apply now to the Fellowship, nominate a leader, or for more information, visit our website at www.buildingexcellentschools.org.