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Access The Beacon, 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 may be found by going to Publications on the School of Education home page.

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

I read something online about graduate degree guidelines and forms. What are they and where can I find them.

Guidelines and forms for the Master's, Doctoral degrees and CAGS certificate, as well as guidelines (there are no forms) for the Post Baccalaureate and the Education Minor, can be found online at:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/main_advising.htm

These guidelines give you a listing of all requirements necessary to complete your degree or program.

Forms for the Master's, Doctoral and CAGS must be filed with the Graduate Programs Office, Room 123 Furcolo Hall. PLEASE NOTE: Forms are online, but MUST be printed and hand signed before being turned into Linda Guthrie at the Graduate Programs Office. You CANNOT submit these forms via email.

What is the difference between “current address” and “permanent address”? 

Your current address is the mailing address of the home you are presently occupying every day. Your permanent address would be the home you live in when you are not attending school. For out-of-state or international students, this would be the mailing address of their home in their hometown or native country.

If you list your “permanent address” on forms, then return mail will go to that address. This could cause unnecessary delays.

I am transferring credits to my graduate degree. How soon will they show on my transcript?

If you are transferring Non-degree UMass Amherst credits, it should take a couple of weeks to appear on your transcript. If, however, you are transferring credits from an outside institution, it can take a couple of months before it appears.

PLEASE NOTE: All transferred credits show under your GRADUATE RECORD. Non-degree credits will show under Non-degree Record and, once transferred will also show under the Graduate Record. Please make sure to check your Graduate Record.

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE TUITION WAIVERS for SPRING, 2007

Nominations for tuition waivers for current and new international graduate students are now being solicited by the International Programs Office. As there are very few waivers available, they are only for students who have enormous potential but who have no immediate financial assistance from their program.

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

IPO CURRENT STUDENTS:

ELIGIBILITY:
- Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program
- Minimum 3.25 GPA
- Demonstrated financial need
- Non-immigrant visa status.

SUBMIT:
- Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South).
- Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at $20,000 for Spring, 2007.
- Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate those applications that she feels are the strongest.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED CURRENT STUDENT IPO APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING, 2007 is:

NOVEMBER 8, 2006

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IMPORTANT: NOMINATIONS MUST BE RANK ORDERED BY CONCENTRATION AND DEPARTMENT

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IPO INCOMING STUDENTS (starting Spring, 2007)

ELIGIBILITY:
- Accepted into a degree program
- Must have proof of sufficient funds to meet all non-tuition related expenses (estimated at $20,000 for Spring 2007)
- Must not be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
- Must be nominated prior to arriving at UMASS

SUBMIT:
- A completed Tuition Waiver Nomination form for new students, available from Linda Guthrie
- Copy of complete graduate application, signed by program & department chair
- Advisor recommendation

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**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS for SPRING, 2007**
**OCTOBER 24, 2006**

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**GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Graduate School will be awarding a limited number of student travel grants for graduate students who will be presenting at recognized conferences during the 2006-07 academic year. The application and expense summary can be downloaded from: [www.umass.edu/gradschool](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool) > students > travel grant application

**NOTE:**

While the last page of the application will be signed by Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, students **must** provide the requested student information for that page (p. 3), as well as for the other required pages. Students must also provide a written recommendation from their advisor or chairperson with their application.

Applications will be considered exclusively for travel to recognized conferences for the purpose of presenting the results of research conducted during graduate coursework at UMASS Amherst. Awards are for presentations rather than just attendance at a conference or event.

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). Grant amounts are up to $300.00 for domestic and $400.00 for international travel. The Travel Grant Committee may not be able to fund all nominations that are forwarded for consideration.

**DEADLINE to submit the complete application with faculty recommendation and expense summary to your department chair’s office:**

**October 25, 2006**

EPRA and SDPPS Department Chair Office: Celia Miller, 161 Hills South and TECS Department Chair Office: Mary Bell, 117 Furcolo.

Applications will be rank ordered by each department chair and submitted to Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director, by November 1, 2006.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: School of Education Faculty and Students
FROM: Linda L. Griffin, Associate Dean, Graduate Program Director
SUBJECT: Letters of support for tenure and/or promotion

The School of Education has several faculty members who are up for tenure and/or promotion. Faculty and students who wish to submit letters of support should send them to the appropriate department chair.

Faculty up for Tenure:

Kerry Ann O’Meara
Please send her letters of support to Joseph Berger, Chair of the EPRA Department, 155 Hills South, jbberger@educ.umass.edu.

Faculty up for promotion:

Theresa Austin
Please send her letters of support to Linda Griffin, Interim Chair of the TECS Department, 117 Furcolo Hall, lgriffin@educ.umass.edu.

John Hintz and Jay Carey
Please send their letters of support to Rich Lapan, Chair of the SDPPS Department, 163 Hills South, lapan@educ.umass.edu.

Congratulations to Ivan Adames, Director of Development at the School of Education, who has been selected to attend the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Minority Advancement Institute, a Conference for Diverse Managers that will be held November 13-15, 2006, in Washington, DC.

The Minority Advancement Institute was created to help foster the development of diverse leaders in the advancement profession, and the three-day program focuses on management, leadership, and mentoring of advancement professionals of diverse backgrounds. Attendees will review current demographics and discuss the challenges and benefits of a creating diverse workforce. The institute offers opportunities to discuss institutional, professional, and career issues in small group settings and seminars with senior-level colleagues. Part of a highly select group, Ivan is one of 20 advancement professionals nationwide who were chosen to attend the CASE Minority Advancement Institute.

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.

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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.

Educational Policy, Research and Administration
No positions available this week.

Office of Teacher Education
Office of Teacher Education (Fall 2006)
½ Project Assistantship (10 hours/week)

Responsibilities include: Assist the Assistant Dean for Educator Licensure with online assessments, surveys and data management, program approval documentation, program literature development, the school of education job fair, and advising for undergraduate students pursuing Elementary and/or Early Childhood licensure. Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: High level organizational and inter-personal skills; Computer skills in WORD and EXCEL highly desirable. Teaching experience highly desirable. Position contingent upon availability of funding.

Please send resume and letter of interest to Marge Magouirk Colbert, Room 123 Furcolo Hall (magouirk@educ.umass.edu) (545-1113).

Student Development and Pupil Personnel Services
No positions available this week.

Office of Academic Affairs
No positions available this week.

Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP Fall 2006-Part time (10 hrs/wk)

Duties include: assisting in teaching and advising graduate students in science education course (EDUC 667). Entails assisting in teaching courses, leading discussion groups, providing support to faculty, library work.

Qualifications: Preference will be given to graduate students in science education.

Submit resume to Dr. John Clement c/o Mary Bell, TECS Dept. Office in Furcolo.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATION

EROLD K. BAI L EY  October 31, 2006, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Room 21C, Furcolo. “Teacher Education in a Post-Colonial Context: A Phenomenological Study of the Experience of Jamaican Teachers’ College Lecturers.”

Chairperson: Dr. Irving Seidman.

ATTENTION: ALL NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

Be sure to download your Doctoral, Master's, or CAGS (Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies) Advising guidelines forms from our website: umass.edu/education > academics > Advising Guidelines

You will need these forms to verify your progress throughout your degree. The first form is due in the Graduate Program Office (123 Furcolo) by the end of the Fall 2006 semester, after it is signed by your advisor. If you have any questions regarding these forms, contact Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, at 545-6984 or lguthrie@educ.umass.edu.

SOROS FELLOWSHIP FOR NEW AMERICANS

The Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship For New Americans will support thirty individuals for up to two years of graduate study in any subject anywhere in the United States. You must be a senior in college, hold a bachelor's degree, or be currently enrolled in a graduate program (though not past your second year).

Amount: $20,000 maintenance and half tuition.

Deadline: November 1, 2006.

Eligibility:

-- Student must be a “Green Card” holder or naturalized citizen or have two parents who are naturalized citizens.

-- Applicants must be under the age of 30.

For details and to apply, click www.pdsoros.org.

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FELLOWSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OF PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

MARION AND JASPER WHITING FOUNDATION
SUITE 1025
50 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MA 02109
(617) 557-7413 (MAIN NUMBER)
(617) 557-7419 (FACSIMILE)

Origins and Statement of Purpose:

The Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation is a permanent charitable trust fund established under the will of Jasper Whiting, a resident of Dublin, New Hampshire, who died on August 18, 1941. Mr. Whiting left the residue of his estate to the Foundation, as did his wife, Marion, a resident of Boston, Massachusetts, who died on January 28, 1965. The Foundation began awarding annual fellowships after Mrs. Whiting's death. In 2006, the trustees received 99 applications and made 20 awards totaling $100,966; or approximately $5,048 per fellowship.

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to award fellowships to present and prospective teachers, with an emphasis on present teachers at the college or university level, to enable them to study abroad or at some location or locations other than that with which they are most closely associated. The aim is to stimulate and broaden the minds of teachers so as to improve and enhance the quality of their instruction. Most grants are primarily for travel and related expenses and not as salary substitutes, scholarships or grants in aid. According to Mr. Whiting's will, the benefits under the Foundation are to be conferred at the sole discretion of the trustees but shall not at any time be denied for reasons of race, color, nationality, religion or sex. There are three trustees of whom two were appointed pursuant to Mr. Whiting's will by Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

While Mr. Whiting expressed a preference toward teachers at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he encouraged the trustees to look beyond these institutions and, indeed, the trustees have welcomed applications from teachers at all New England colleges and universities. In 2006, the 20 winners came from 15 different New England Schools. There is no specific limit to the number of winners from any particular school.

Application Procedure:

Candidates should submit the following material in triplicate to the Foundation's office address above (Attention: Robert G. Bannish, Trustee) NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 2007.

(1) a written summary of the project or study contemplated of about two to five pages;

(2) a curriculum vitae showing the applicant to be a university teacher or a graduate of a college or university progressing toward a teaching career on the college or university level;

(3) a budget indicating the estimated expenses to be incurred in carrying out the project;

(4) three supporting letters from fellow faculty members, professors, or similar persons who can speak both to the candidate and to the project; and any other information that the candidate believes will help his or her application.

All material submitted will become the property of the Foundation and will not be returned. If the candidate wishes the trustees to acknowledge receipt of the application, he or she should include a stamped self-addressed postcard. Please note that the supporting letters should be sent by the writers directly to the Foundation's office: MARION AND JASPER WHITING FOUNDATION, SUITE 1025, 50 CONGRESS STREET, BOSTON, MA 02109

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In an agreement with the Internal Revenue Service, the trustees have set forth certain procedures for making grants from the Foundation. Specifically, the trustees have agreed to make grants with the concurrence of the college or university with which the applicant is affiliated. Such college or university will be responsible for supervising the project. Also, the actual payment will be made to the college or university, which will then disburse funds to the recipient only for purposes related to the project. Finally, the recipient must agree to make a brief report to the trustees within twelve months of the completion of the project.

**Applications postmarked after January 16, 2007 will not be considered.** It is expected that awards will be announced on or about March 2, 2007. The trustees look forward to hearing from you with your application.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Bannish, Trustee