Project Assistantships
Office of Research and Engagement

Three 10-15 hr/wk project assistantships are available for fall 2015.

Responsibilities include: Assisting the Associate Dean for Research and Engagement with international proposal development, grant management, workshops, report writing, and web development.

Qualifications include: Enrolled in a doctoral program; excellent written and oral communications skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to work with various constituencies in the United States and elsewhere - including faculty members, administrators, and students; appreciation of diversity and multi-cultural values in domestic and international contexts. Fluency in a language other than English is preferred.

To apply, please send a brief cover letter and CV to educore@educ.umass.edu.

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33 days until the College goes through review for continuing accreditation April 12-14, 2015

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Spring Break is coming up! Be safe and enjoy.

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The Beacon is posted to the College’s web site every week. http://www.umass.edu/education/news/beacon
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

JODI DRURY  April 21, 2015  Hills South.  Chairperson: Dr. Michael Krezmien

ELLEN EDGE  March 24, 2015, 9:00 a.m. room #100 Furcolo.  Chairperson: Dr. Claire Hamilton

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS

STEPHEN JIRKA, March 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m. room 151 Hills South. “Empirical Investigation of Stakeholders’ Understanding of Information Contained in Score Reports for Large-Scale Testing.”  Chairperson: Dr. Ronald Hambleton

TUGBA KESER  March 31, 2015, 10:30 a.m. room 21C# Furcolo. “Conditions Supporting the Development of Scientific Argumentation in High School Chemistry Classrooms: the Role of Question Prompts and an Interactive Simulation.”  Co-Chairs: Dr. Martina Nieswandt and Dr. Florence Sullivan

The Beacon deadline is FRIDAY

- Deadline for submissions is 5:00 P.M. Friday for inclusion in the following week’s issue.

- All assistantship notices will run in two issues. For information about preparing assistantship notices refer to the Faculty Resources pages (How to Write a Beacon Ad) of our web site. www.umass.edu/education

- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Kristin Tyler at ktyler@educ.umass.edu. These types of announcements will run for one week.

- Please submit announcements about departmental or concentration-related conferences, workshops, events and activities to dms@educ.umass.edu.
**Project Assistantship (1-2)**
Office of Research and Engagement

Up to two 10-20 hr/wk project assistantships are available for Summer 2015.

**Responsibilities include:** Assisting the Associate Dean for Research and Engagement with proposal development, grant management, workshops, report writing, and web development.

**Qualifications include:** excellent written and oral communications skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to work with various constituencies in the United States and elsewhere - including faculty members, administrators, and students; appreciation of diversity and multi-cultural values in domestic and international contexts. Fluency in a language other than English is preferred.

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**ANNOUNCING**

The Jerome and Florence McCormick Doctoral Award

The Jerome and Florence McCormick Doctoral Award will provide support to doctoral students in their dissertation-writing year in the College of Education. Students from any doctoral program in the College are eligible for the scholarship, with selection based on merit. The Dean of the College of Education or designee will administer the Fund.

**The application process will include:**

- A detailed abstract that should include theoretical framework, significance of the study, purpose, research questions, research design and methods (context, subjects/participants, data collection and analysis) and potential implications (similar to an AERA type abstract).
- Evidence of successful completion of comprehensive exams.
- D7 and D7A on file or ready to file (i.e., concurrent to application).
- Nomination letter from faculty advisor.
- The dissertation abstract should be no more than 2-3 pages (i.e., 250-300 words per page), New Times Roman, 12 font, double spaced with one-inch margins.
- Tuition waivers are not available for this scholarship.
- Here is a link the College of Education’s Scholarship page: [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/prospective/scholarships](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/prospective/scholarships)
- **Due date: March 13, 2015**
- Send application materials to Deborah Becerra at dbec@umass.edu
ONLINE
SUMMER COURSES
for ED MINORS and MAJORS

Register http://www.umassulearn.net/

EDUC 115 Embracing Diversity (Session 2)
EDUC 210 Social Diversity in Education (Session 2)
EDUC 229 International Education (Session 1)
HUMDEV 270 Child Development (Session 1)
EDUC 301 Young Children in Families and Schools (Session 1)
PSYCH/EDUC 305 Educational Psychology (Session 1)
EDUC 325 Introduction to Special Education (Session 1)
EDUC 351 Social Foundations of Education (Session 2)
EDUC 378 Intro to Children’s Literature (Session 1)
EDUC 463 Principles and Methods of Mathematics - PreK-6th Grade (Session 1)

COLLEGE of EDUCATION
University of Massachusetts Amherst
May 2015 Degree Deadlines

Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) Candidates

- March 31, 2015 is the deadline to submit **TYPED** forms to Kristin Tyler, room 123 Furcolo Hall to file for the May 2015 degree.
  
  Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) submit:
  Typed Master’s Degree Eligibility Form  
  Typed College of Education’s **Form M-2** Completed Program of Study  

  Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S) submit:
  Typed Education Specialist Degree Eligibility Form  
  Typed College of Education’s **Form ES-2** Completed Program of Study  

- This deadline is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Dr. Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine B. McCormick who will sign Section E on the Master’s Degree Eligibility Form or Part II of the Education Specialist Degree Eligibility Form.
- Your **advisor** must sign the College of Education’s Form M-2 or ES-2, but NOT the Degree Eligibility Form.
- **Please note that handwritten forms will not be accepted.**
- Forms are fillable and are found at the following URL. If you have any difficulty, please open the forms in Internet Explorer or Safari: [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/forms)

Doctoral Degree (Ed.D. and Ph.D.) Candidates Filing for the May 2015 degree

- Submit your **TYPED Doctoral Form D-8** to Kristin Tyler to schedule your final oral defense 4 weeks plus 2 additional days in advance of the defense date in order to meet the Graduate School’s 4 week deadline.
- Schedule your defense no later than March 24, 2015 to have time to make any necessary edits.
- Rooms are reserved by contacting Robert Heath, College of Education Curriculum Coordinator, by email at: rheath@umass.edu
- **March 31, 2015** is the deadline to submit your **TYPED** Doctoral Degree Eligibility Form, **TYPED** Form D-9 (Result of Final Oral Examination) and one original signature page to Kristin Tyler in Room 123 Furcolo.
- The Doctoral forms are fillable and are found at the following URL. If you have any difficulty, please open the documents in Internet Explorer or Safari: [http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines](http://www.umass.edu/education/students/current/advising-guidelines/doctoral-guidelines)
- **Please note that handwritten forms will not be accepted.**
- Kristin will submit these forms to the Graduate School after they are signed by Dr. Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine B. McCormick who will sign section C of the Doctoral Degree Eligibility Form as Department Head/Chair.
- **April 8, 2015 (by 4:30pm) is the deadline to submit** the dissertation electronically and other required materials to the Graduate School (Room 534 Goodell). **THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!**
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2015 Spring
FREE Workshops

Hills House South, Computer lab
(Room 169)

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Please sign up at
https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/

or email hdiao@educ.umass.edu or
aleagarcia@educ.umass.edu to sign up.

Walk-ins are welcome as well!

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Students and Faculty from the UMass Center for Educational Assessment (Research, Educational Measurement, & Psychometrics Doctoral Concentration) are available for consultation free of charge.

Providing assistance with:

- Research Design
- Drawing Samples
- Modes of Data Collection
- Reliability & Validity Studies
- Survey Development
- Interpretation and Presentation of Results
- Regression or ANOVA Analysis
- Multivariate Analysis

- Factor Analysis
- Power Analysis
- Longitudinal and Multi-Level Data Analysis
- Structural Equation Models
- Statistical Software Support including Excel, SPSS, SAS, Mplus, and R
- And more!

Drop In Hours

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To schedule an individual appointment (outside of drop in hours), simply fill out an information form at:

https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/

Questions? Please email hdiao@educ.umass.edu or aleagarcia@educ.umass.edu

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