Joseph L. Boscov Fellowship 2015-2016

The Graduate School administers the Joseph L. Boscov Fellowship. According to the terms of the endowment, it is awarded annually to a woman who is 35 or older, with financial need, “whose studies will equip [her] for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment.” The Boscov Fellowship endowment will pay approximately $5700 in FY15. This is enough money to qualify the recipient for a waiver of tuition and curriculum fee for one semester. The Fellowship does not pay for health insurance. If the recipient's department supplements the Boscov with approximately $3300 more as a non-working fellowship, the recipient would then qualify for a waiver of tuition and curriculum fee in both semesters.

College of Education Specific Information

Due Dates: March 20, 2015 – Complete nomination due to Departmental Office
Note: Incoming students are eligible to be nominated only if they have already indicated an intention to matriculate.

Nominations should include the following:

- A memo from the Chair/Advisor (or faculty member if an incoming student) certifying that the student meets the Fellowship’s gender, age, and financial need requirements, and describing the quality of the student’s work in the graduate program. (Maximum one page.)
- A memo from the student explaining how her “studies will equip [her] for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment.” (Maximum one page.)
- An unofficial transcript printed from SPIRE.
The Beacon deadline is FRI DAY

- 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 website. [www.umass.edu/education](http://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.

Wednesday, April 1     12:00-1:30 PM  538 Goodell

**Brown Bag: Academic Publishing**

Whether you’re just starting your academic writing career, looking for a publishing venue, or about to finish your dissertation, this supportive environment is an excellent resource. Bring your lunch and join us for a conversation with an academic publishing expert about the ecology of academic publishing. With Charlotte Roh, Scholarly Communications Librarian. Pre-registration is requested

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E_UfQ7FcHs8G_j5YUDzlDhfnXUpWuj5NmwpKw0PxA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1E_UfQ7FcHs8G_j5YUDzlDhfnXUpWuj5NmwpKw0PxA/viewform)
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
Panel Discussion: Teaching at a smaller institution—What's it's like and how to get there
April 2, 2015, Lunch provided, 11:00-1:00 (break for the lunch midway)
Jobs at large research universities are scarce and not suited to all tastes. Think you might want to teach at a
smaller institution but not really sure what it's like? Come to our panel discussion to find out how faculty
members at three different institutions spend their time, and learn what makes a successful job application
and interview. Our guests are Prof. Charlie Wiseman (Department of Computer Science and Networking,
Wentworth Institute of Technology), Prof. Kimberly Hunter (Department of Biological Sciences, Salisbury Uni-
versity), and, via Skype, UMass alumn Prof. Michael Stroud (Department of Psychology, Merrimack College).
Please register by March 24 at http://goo.gl/forms/dkHXqG37c4

ON-LINE CIRTL EVENTS

CIRTLCast Series: Thriving In Your First Year as Faculty
March 24, 2015 - 2 ET/1 CT/12 MT/11 PT
Women in STEM: Navigating Academic Careers
Traditionally underrepresented in many STEM fields, female academics often face certain issues their male colleagues
may not, such as gender discrimination and bias, or the stress of balancing their career with children. As a woman in
STEM, what's the best way to navigate these professional and personal challenges? Are there any benefits to being a
minority in your field? Come hear an experienced and accomplished panel of women in STEM as they reflect on their
academic career and being a woman in STEM.

Presenters: Ali Lochner, Professor of Natural Resources Management, Grand Valley State University, Cheryl
Bodnar, Professor of Chem/Petroleum Engineering, University of Pittsburgh, Alice Pawley, Professor of Engi-
neering Education and Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, Purdue University, Beth Olivares, Dean for Diversity,
University of Rochester

Creating Effective Scientific Posters: Part Two
March 30, 2015 - 12 ET/11 CT/10 MT/9 PT
Adam Steinberg, artist and biochemist of Art for Science, will lead this session on effective scientific posters. This will be
a follow up to parts one and two. We'll discuss the student submitted poster designs and provide feedback. See session
flyer at www.cirtl.net/scientificposters.

Strategies for Success in Personal Finance
March 31, 2015 - 2 ET/1 CT/12 MT/11 PT
This session is offered by financial planning graduate students - for graduate students. We will focus on the essential
building blocks of personal financial success. This interactive session will help current graduate students and postdocs
develop critical thinking skills for financial decision-making both now and when you start your career. Learn about tools
and strategies for budgeting, becoming informed consumers, and interacting with financial service professionals. The
session will be tailored to participant needs; you will be asked to complete a short survey beforehand.

Presenters: Abby Belvin, Graduate Associate in Family Financial Planning, Iowa State University
For further information and to log in to the sessions, visit http://www.cirtl.net/events

All on-line sessions currently take place in Blackboard Collaborate. To learn more about BBC, view technical require-
ments, watch tutorial videos, and attend an orientation session, please visit http://www.cirtl.net/blackboard
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)

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- 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!**
The College of Education’s

Statistical Consulting Service

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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