Doctoral degree candidates filing to graduate for the May 2016 degree period please note date change

The official Graduate School submission deadline for doctoral degree candidates to electronically submit your dissertation and the Survey of Earned Doctorates to the Graduate School has changed (been extended) from April 1 to April 6, 2016.

The deadline of March 23, 2016 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, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall has not changed.
Dissertation Research Grants Available
The Graduate School is delighted to invite applications for its spring 2016 Dissertation Research Grant Competition. Approximately 30 awards for a maximum of $1,000 each are available to support dissertation research by UMass doctoral students. Funds may be used on a wide range of activities, including travel, field work, equipment purchase, transcription, etc.

Eligibility
All graduate students who have achieved doctoral candidacy by the time of application are eligible for this award. Applicants must be currently enrolled (in classes or on program fee) and in good academic standing.

Application Information & Deadline
To apply, please provide the following materials:

- A completed application form (including a project description), available on the program webpage
- A detailed budget based on the template provided on the program webpage
- A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor
- A statement from your graduate program director verifying you are in good standing and have achieved candidacy status

Additional information about the Dissertation Research Grant Competition can be found here. Application materials or questions about the application process should be emailed to Heidi Bauer-Clapp at researchgrant@grad.umass.edu.

All applications for the spring 2016 Dissertation Research Grant Competition are due by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

The Hub
Coffee, lattes, espresso, chai, organic teas, breakfast and other sandwiches, bagels, muffins, salads, yogurt, fruit, and more.

Here in Furcolo.
May 2016 Doctoral Degree Deadlines - REVISED Graduate School Deadline

Doctoral Degree (Ed.D. and Ph.D.) Candidates Filing to Graduate for the May 2016 degree period

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- Submit your TYPED Doctoral Form D-8 to Kristin Tyler to schedule your final oral defense 4 weeks plus 2 additional business 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 16, 2016 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 23, 2016** 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, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall.
- 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 Tyler will submit these forms to the Graduate School.

April 6, 2016 (by 4:30pm) is the deadline for you to electronically submit your dissertation and the Survey of Earned Doctorates to the Graduate School. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!
May 2016 Degree Deadlines
Master’s Degree (M.Ed.) and Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) Candidates

- **March 23, 2016** is the deadline to submit **TYPED** forms to Kristin Tyler, Office of Academic Affairs, Furcolo Hall to file to graduate for the May 2016 degree period.

**Master’s Degree (M.Ed.)** submit:
- Typed Master’s Degree Eligibility Form
- Typed College of Education’s **Form M-2** Completed Program of Study
- List in chronological order from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the Master’s degree
- **Course numbers and course titles listed on the Form M-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly.**

**Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)** submit:
- Typed Education Specialist Degree Eligibility Form
- Typed College of Education’s **Form ES-2** Completed Program of Study
- List in chronological order from your transcript only graduate courses to be counted toward the Ed.S. degree
- **Course numbers and course titles listed on the Form ES-2 must match transcript and Degree Eligibility Form exactly.**

- This deadline is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of the interim Dean, Dr. Robert S. Feldman, who will sign Sections D and 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)

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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 Announcement) of our web site. [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 of interest to students to dms@educ.umass.edu.

**For information about Beacon announcements**
[www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources](http://www.umass.edu/education/faculty-staff/faculty-resources)
This lecture series not only honors individual faculty members and their achievements, but it also celebrates the values of academic excellence that we as a community share.

All lectures begin at 4 p.m. in the Bernie Dallas Room, Goodell Building and are free and open to the public. A reception immediately follows each lecture.

This year's lecturers, who will each be presented with the Chancellor's Medal at the conclusion of their talk, are:

**Hal Grotevant, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016**  
"New Worlds of Adoption: Navigating Contact between Adoptive and Birth Families from Placement to Adulthood"

Since the mid-1970s, U.S. adoption practices have changed dramatically. The confidentiality traditionally maintained between the child's adoptive family and birth relatives has given way to "openness," in which - either directly or indirectly, as through an adoption agency - contact occurs. This lecture will frame research findings on the nation's changing attitudes and values about adoption. Professor Grotevant will draw from four waves of longitudinal data to trace findings regarding such outcomes for the children as mental health, identity, and adjustment, and trace the dynamics of relationships within adoptive kinship networks.

**Banu Subramaniam, Department of Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 2016**  
"Interdisciplinary Hauntings: The Ghostly Worlds of Naturecultures"

What do morning glories or alien plant and animal species have to do with gender, race, or eugenics? Professor Subramaniam will trace the genealogies of ecology and evolutionary biology to demonstrate how foundational ideas of "variation" in biology are inextricably connected to ideas of "diversity" and "difference" in the humanities. She will make a passionate case for interdisciplinary work across the humanities and the natural and social sciences and explore how histories of gender and race have shaped contemporary biological theories and what we can learn about the relationships between natures and cultures.

**Cynthia L. Baldwin, Department of Veterinary and Animal Sciences**  
**Monday, April 11, 2016**  
"Responding to Infectious Diseases: Next Generation Vaccines"

Animal-source food is often the only readily available protein source in developing countries and is important for physical growth and cognitive development. However, infectious livestock diseases limit its availability and are considered to be a key contributor to poverty. In addition, some of these diseases can spread from animals to humans, further threatening human health. In both developed and developing countries, vaccines are the most effective means of control but are often difficult to develop. Professor Baldwin will explore how a unique population of cells in the immune system may help overcome some obstacles to livestock vaccine development.

For more information about these lectures, please contact the Office of External Relations and University Events at 413-577-1101 or email events@umass.edu.
The College of Education’s
Statistical Consulting Service

Students and Faculty from the UMass Center for Educational Assessment are available for consultation **free of charge**.

*Providing assistance with:*

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**FREE to all UMass faculty, staff, & students**

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

[https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/](https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/)

Questions? Please email **ebanda@umass.edu** or **hdiao@educ.umass.edu**

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2016 Spring
FREE Workshops
Furcolo Hall, PC lab (Room W09)

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Please sign up at
https://sites.google.com/site/UMassStatConsulting/
or email hdiao@educ.umass.edu or
ebanda@umass.edu to sign up.
Walk-ins are always welcome as well!

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In Furcolo’s Hub on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.

Education librarian Steve McGinty holds office hours in Furculo Hall. You can find him at The Hub on Tuesdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Steve can help you with things like finding data and literature reviews, locating highly-cited material, data preservation planning and many other things. He has a Ph.D. in education from Boston College, an M.S. in Library Science from Simmons College and 14 years of experience here at UMass.

Stop by and say hello!

College of Education’s
graduate student research gallery walk

Save the date    Thursday, March 24, 2016

The College of Education will hold a college-wide Graduate Student Research Gallery Walk, a poster session, on Thursday, March 24, 2016 in Furcolo Hall. This session is intended as an opportunity for graduate students to share their research with peers, faculty, and staff of the College of Education.

Refreshments will be provided.
Poster presentations (5:15- 6pm and 6:15 to 7 pm)

Students: about parking on campus

This is a friendly reminder that you will need a parking permit to park in university parking lots. Parking Services can help.
http://www.umass.edu/transportation/parking

Check out UMass Amherst’s Office of Emergency Management

to sign up for UMass alerts, learn emergency procedures, download a copy of the UMass Emergency Response Handbook and more.
http://www.umass.edu/emergency/
The Graduate School - Workshops

Friday, March 4 - 12:00-1:30pm
163 Campus Center
**Intro to Grant Search for International Students**
Many external grants and fellowships are restricted to US citizens or permanent residents, posing a challenge for international graduate students and postdocs. This session will offer strategies to help international students and postdocs search for external funding and understand related visa requirements. Co-sponsored by the International Programs Office. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, March 3 - 11:00-12:00pm
904-08 Campus Center
**Strategically Communicating your Research: The Pitch**
This session will discuss the importance of communicating your research to different audiences, including researchers within your specific subfield, researchers with a basic knowledge of your field, managers and policy makers, and the general public. Learn how to characterize your audience and strategically pitch your research for a specific outcome, such as getting a job or recruiting a collaborator. Attendees will tailor “elevator pitches” for different audiences and learn how to apply these strategies to other modes of communication, including written reports, posters, and digital media. Pre-registration is required.

Monday, February 22 - Wednesday, February 24th
UMass Amherst Annual Career Fairs
UMass Amherst Career Services will be sponsoring their annual career fair week including a networking night with employers. For more information, including the level of education employers are looking for, see the career services website.

Monday, February 29 - 1:25-2:15pm
209 French Hall
**Professional Opportunities for STEM Outreach and Education**
Scientists with a passion for outreach and education are finding creative ways to inspire future generations of STEM leaders. Dr. Connie Chow will discuss successful outreach initiatives she has led in the US and Ghana while also providing examples for integrating outreach with research in academia and the non-profit sector. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, March 1 - 10:00-11:00am
162-75 Campus Center
**Career Conversations: Dr. Rebecca Onion** ([Slate.com](http://Slate.com))
Dr. Rebecca Onion will talk about her path from graduate school (she holds a Ph.D in American Studies) to her current job as a history writer for Slate.com and freelance journalist. In this informal discussion, she will address the relationship between online and academic writing, share the pitfalls and joys of transitioning from academia into a more entrepreneurial writing career, and recommend steps that students who are interested in pursuing a similar kind of trajectory might take. Co-sponsored by the History Department. Pre-registration is required.