RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies

One research assistantship for 10 hours/week for spring 2016.

This assistantship includes assisting Dr. Galman on a research project involving gender nonconforming and transgender children in Prek-2nd grade.

Responsibilities include: Managing and building research project database, conducting literature reviews and preparing funding proposals, conducting interviews and transcribing data, attending weekly research group meetings, and project work as needed.

Qualifications include: Coursework in qualitative research and/or ethnography, excellent academic writing abilities, excellent communication skills, and experience working with young children and their families. Computer skills and facility with social media also desirable.

Applicants should submit letters of interest, CV, a sample of academic writing (such as a course paper), and contact information for two references to Dr. Sally Galman at sally@educ.umass.edu

Application deadline: January 20, 2016. Applications will be reviewed until the positions are filled. Priority will be given to doctoral students.

Welcome back!
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
Nominate your favorite College of Education instructors!

The College Outstanding Teacher Award program was instituted as a complement to the Distinguished Teaching Awards given by the Graduate School. The purpose of the award is to honor individual faculty members for their teaching and mentoring accomplishments within their own colleges. While classroom teaching is the fundamental criterion, this award also actively values supervision of field/clinical experiences, supervision of research, and mentoring professional publications and presentations.

The Office of Academic Affairs is seeking nominations by colleagues and/or students. Please submit your nomination to Deborah Becerra (dbe@umass.edu) in the form of an email highlighting why your nominee should be considered for this award.

Deadline for receiving nominations is Friday, February 26, 2016.

Spring 2016 Tuition Waiver for Externships - Deadline 1/25/16

The deadline to submit complete spring 2016 externship forms and documents to Kristin Tyler in the Office of Academic Affairs (Furcolo 130) is 1/25/2016. In all requests for approval of externship waivers, please see the Graduate School Externship Policy and Procedures link below for the Appendix A and Appendix B forms (forms must be typed and original ink signatures are required).

Submit the following to Kristin Tyler (Appendix A, Appendix B, and agency letter on official employer / external agency letterhead):

**Appendix A:**
Top section with date, student name and student ID number must be typed and all signatures must be signed originals in ink (not digital/electronic)
Employment Verification Form signed by the student, student's supervisor, and Human Resource Contact

**Appendix B:**
All information on this form must be typed, handwritten forms will not be accepted, and all signatures must be signed originals in ink (not digital/electronic)
Request for Tuition Waiver for Externships signed by student’s advisor and Department Chair (this form must be typed this form; a handwritten Appendix B will not be accepted)

**Agency letter on official employer / external agency letterhead**, signed by the student and student's supervisor, detailing student's job description and a description of the supervision student receives

Graduate School link: [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/externship-policy-procedures](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/funding-support/graduate-assistantship-office/externship-policy-procedures)

Questions about externships should be directed to Kristin Tyler at ktyler@educ.umass.edu
COLLEGE of EDUCATION
University of Massachusetts Amherst

ONE COLLEGE, ONE BUILDING, ONE LEARNING COMMUNITY

BY THE NUMBERS | 2015–2016

COLLEGE

3 DEPARTMENTS

- Educational Policy, Research & Administration
- Student Development
- Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies

5 Interdisciplinary research centers

4 Research journals housed in the college

RANKINGS

- TOP 50 Graduate Schools of Education
- #70 Best Online Graduate Education Program for Veterans: Science Education Online degree program

FACULTY

- 71 Full-time faculty members
- 62 Tenured or tenure-track faculty members

RESEARCH

- MORE THAN $97 MILLION
  Sponsored grants & contracts awarded in the past 10 years

- $13 MILLION
  Awarded in FY2015

- $6,856,739
  Research expenditures FY2015

STUDENTS

IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2014–2015

- 696 Students enrolled in graduate degree programs
  - 297 Med
  - 65 EdS
  - 334 EdD & PhD

- 225 Degrees awarded
  - 161 Med
  - 33 EdS
  - 27 EdD
  - 4 PhD

- 14 Undergraduate majors graduated

- 255 Undergraduate minors declared

IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2015–2016

- 614 Students enrolled in graduate degree programs

www.umass.edu/education
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 Dr. Linda Griffin, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Program Director, and Dean Christine B. McCormick 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)
May 2016 Degree Deadlines

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

- 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 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 1, 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!**

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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)
2016-2017 Academic Year Scholarships
Deadline for application: March 11, 2016

Don't miss the opportunity to be recognized and supported for your scholarship and service – Apply now!

The College of Education offers a scholarship program for current and new students with financial need. Scholarships are offered to undergraduate, master’s and doctoral students who are preparing to work in the education profession (i.e., P12 schools or higher education.)

**Scholarships for Undergraduate Students**

**Betty Katz Memorial Scholarship in Early Childhood Education**
Provides support to an undergraduate junior admitted to the Early Childhood Education major, with renewal of the award in the recipient’s senior year if academic progress is maintained. Recipients will be chosen based on academic merit, financial need, and demonstrated passion for the field of early childhood education.

**Scholarships for Students in Teacher Preparation Programs Leading to Licensure**

**Grace Norton Carney Scholarship**
This endowed scholarship is a scholarship for any student in a P-12 teacher preparation program in the College of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Applicants must be a native or legal resident of Massachusetts within the last 10 years. Preference is given to students who hold an undergraduate degree from UMass Amherst, Framingham, or Bridgewater State University and have a GPA of 3.3 or better. Must complete FAFSA.

**Richard J. Clark Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education**
Provides financial support to any student in the Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies Department. They must have a GPA of 3.3 or better and have experience with community service, internships, employment that demonstrates a commitment to excellence and equity.

**Marylin C. Haley Scholarship**
Provides funding for any eligible graduate student based on financial need. Preference will be given to students in a reading and writing, secondary, early childhood and elementary, or special education teacher preparation program.

**Anne Farmer Momot Scholarship**
Provides support to a graduate student majoring in Special Education. Particular consideration will be given to candidates who demonstrate warmth, patience, and dedicated support for students.

**Meline Kasparian Scholarship**
Provides support to any student in a teacher preparation program and who has exhibited a desire to become public school teacher.

**Janice Camby Endowed Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to any student accepted or enrolled in a teacher preparation program in the College of Education. Students must be from economically disadvantaged areas and in good academic standing. Must complete FAFSA.

**Winifred Green Scholarship**
This scholarship is funded and awarded by the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society of the College of Education and sponsored by a professional organization of retired teachers in Massachusetts. It provides support for any student enrolled in a teacher preparation program who is committed to making a significant difference in the lives of young people in the Commonwealth. The recipient must be in good academic standing, a permanent resident of Massachusetts and have need for financial assistance.
Scholarships, cont'd

**Doctoral Student Scholarships**
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.

**Early Childhood Education Graduate Student Scholarship**
Provides funding for graduate students in a doctoral program studying early childhood, children, or families. Funds may be used to support research activities and other educational/professional expenses not covered by other support, or for emergent need of these students at the discretion of the Dean.

**Nieto/Rudman Endowed Scholarship**
Provides financial support to any student in the Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies Department. Preference will be given to doctoral students in the Language, Literacy and Culture concentration. Applicants must be in good standing and have a GPA of 3.3 or better.

**Joseph W. Kellty Memorial Scholarship**
This endowed scholarship provides scholarship support to full-time graduate students. Preference given to doctoral students. Students with a demonstrated financial need, high academic performance, and exceptional promise are encouraged to apply. Must complete FAFSA.

**C. Lynn Vendien Professional Prize Award**
This prize will be awarded to a doctoral student. Preference will be given to students in the Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

**International Student Scholarship**
**C. Lynn Vendien Endowed Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to graduate students who are citizens of foreign countries. Preference will be given to students who are affiliated with Physical Education Teacher Education in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

**General Scholarships**
**Helen Eaton Timson Scholarship**
Provides scholarship support to any deserving student in a College of Education program.

**Program Specific Scholarships**

PLEASE NOTE: THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS IS THROUGH THE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM... NOT VIA THE GENERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

**Dr. Doreen D. Fredrickson Graduate Scholarship**
Provides scholarships to graduate applicants to the School Counselor Education or School Psychology Programs. Preference given to applicants with counseling, teaching, or other appropriate work experience, or to applicants who have served in the military.

**Mary Margaret Whittaker-Webster Memorial Awards**
Provides support to graduate students in the School Psychology program for student expenses and programs for which other sources of funding are not available. Examples are research travel, national education or psychology meetings, or expendable items such as software or journals.

The link to details about scholarships and the application form is posted on the College's homepage.
www.umass.edu/education.

Return the completed application and required documents to Deborah Becerra, W114 Furcolo Hall, College of Education, UMass, Amherst, 01003, or e-mail them to dbec@umass.edu.

www.umass.edu/education
Wednesday, January 27 - 12:00-1:30pm  803 Campus Center
**Pizza and Proposals**
Soliciting feedback on a draft of your funding proposal is critical but not always easy. Our peer review session will provide a low-stakes opportunity to receive high-impact feedback. You bring the proposal, we bring the pizza! Pre-registration is required; further instructions will be emailed upon registration.

Thursday, January 28 - 11:00am-12:00pm  904-08 Campus Center
**Healthy Writing Habits**
This workshop explores practical strategies for setting manageable goals for becoming a happier, healthier, and more productive writer. Not only does binge writing—writing in long, infrequent sessions—elevate stress and anxiety, research clearly shows that binge writers are also less productive with lower publication rates. This workshop offers an overview for setting up a personalized writing management plan to help you start writing with healthy habits. Pre-registration is required.

Thursday, January 28 - 6:00-8:00pm and Monday, February 1 - 8:00-10:00am
Writing Center, Du Bois Library
**Spring Writing Series**
Writing in the presence of others is not only less lonely, but also leads to better accountability. Alternating between Mondays and Thursdays, this weekly writing group provides time and space to write while caffeinated. Come late or leave early. We'll do the coffee; you do the writing. Co-sponsored by the Writing Center. Pre-registration is required (one registration per semester).

Monday, February 1 - 12:15-1:15pm  209 French Hall
**Giving Public Presentations**
Does the thought of public speaking make you anxious? Join Tim Miller, owner of Spoken Science and UConn professor of Digital Media & Design, for tips about public speaking and the design of effective visual aids. Co-sponsored by the MCB Graduate Program. Pre-registration is required.

To pre-register: https://www.umass.edu/gradschool/opd
Brown Bag  
Research presentations  January 22  N125 Furcolo

Bring your lunch to the next brown bag sessions by the College of Education’s Research Fellowship Awardees on Friday, January 22, 2016 at noon in N125 Furcolo Hall. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

The session will feature short research presentations by the following faculty, followed by group discussion:

Chrystal George Mwangi - Our college degree - Examining the college transitions and persistence of first generation students through a familial and community-based lens

Darrell Earnest - The mathematics of time, Phase II: An investigation of children’s problem solving

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)

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/