Research Fellowship Program Invitation

The leadership of the School of Education is pleased to announce the 2012-2013 Research Fellowship Program. All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are invited to submit proposals to obtain funding to support a research project. The size of awards will range from $5,000- $15,000.

Goals of the Program

The Research Fellowship Program is designed to:

• Provide support to SOE faculty for their programs of research.
• Encourage SOE faculty to seek external funding for research projects by providing “seed money” for promising research initiatives.
• Expand the research capacity of the School of Education by funding research projects that may lead to increased research collaboration among faculty and students.
• Increase access to graduate assistantships providing research experiences.
• Facilitate collaboration across concentrations and departments within the School of Education (as such proposals that include collaboration across concentrations and departments are strongly encouraged).

Program Description

• The Research Fellowship program is sponsored by the School of Education using fund balances available in 2012-13.
• All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are eligible.
• All funds awarded must be expended (funds encumbered) by May 1, 2013. Absolutely no extensions.

Research Fellows will be expected to:

• Submit a brief project report (to chair, copied to dean) by September 1, 2013.
• Share a brief report of the research project at an informal brown bag seminar.

Application deadline: Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 5 p.m. Applications should be submitted in electronic form to Joyce Tutun, jtutun@educ.umass.edu. Decisions will be announced: by June 15, 2012. Decisions will be based on the quality of the proposal; the feasibility of the proposed project; and the potential to attract external funding.

If you have questions about the Research Fellowship Program, please contact your department chair or the Associate Dean for Research and Engagement.

Joseph B. Berger, Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Engagement
School of Education, 413-545-3610 (Office), jbberger@educ.umass.edu

The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY

• Please submit general news and announcements to: dms@educ.umass.edu by 5:00 P.M. on Friday for inclusion in the following issue. All assistantship notices will run for two issues.
• Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

PATRICIA MACKAY  
April 10, 2012, 10:00 a.m., Room 100, Furcolo Hall.  
Chairperson: Dr. J. Kevin Nugent.

FORMATION OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

KERI DeJONG  
Proposed Dissertation Title: “On Being and Becoming: An Exploration of Young People’s Perspectives on Childhood.” Statement of the Problem: Young people have been relegated to subordinate status through dominant discursive practices rooted in modern imperial colonialism, which have been developed and maintained by adults representing adult interest that is vested in power over and control of young people (Cannella & Viruru, 2004; Burman, 1994). These adult perspectives limit our ability to understand young people as complete human beings because they represent young people as incomplete, on the way to become “complete” as adults.
Chairperson: Dr. Barbara J. Love.

Research Funding Through the Fulbright Scholarships Program  
A Brown Bag Lunch Program

Tony Claudino, Director, Fulbright Student Program Outreach will be discussing research funding opportunities through the Fulbright Student Programs. He will place special emphasis on graduate student research funding applications. His talk will be at noon on April 11 in the Commonwealth Honors Lounge, 504 Goodell. Be sure to bring your lunch.

The Fulbright Program is the largest U.S. international exchange program offering opportunities for students to undertake international graduate study and advanced research.

Contact dawright@honors.umass.edu if you plan to attend. Sponsored by the Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA).

CORRECTED NOTICE FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY, 2012

DEADLINE* TO SUBMIT YOUR SIGNED MASTER’S, CAGS OR DOCTORAL FORMS TO LINDA GUTHRIE, 123 FURCOLO:

APRIL 6, 2012

Master’s and CAGS students must submit both the M-2 (or C-2) and Eligibility form to Linda Guthrie.
MAY, 2012 DEGREE DEADLINES

Listed below are the revised deadline dates to apply for a May, 2012 degree for Master’s, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements during the Spring, 2012 semester.

M.Ed. and C.A.G.S. Candidates

The Degree Eligibility form and School of Education Master’s Forms M-2 or CAGS form C-2 must be completed and returned to Linda Guthrie in the Graduate Program Office, 123 Furcolo, no later than April 6th, 2012. This is to allow time for processing and obtaining the necessary signatures of Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director and Dean Christine McCormick (Department Head).

The Eligibility form must be submitted to Linda Guthrie with the Master’s Form M-2 or CAGS Form C-2. Your advisor must sign the School of Ed form, but NOT the Eligibility form.

Forms can be downloaded from the following URL:

http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml

Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates:

Doctoral students planning on a May, 2012 degree must schedule their Final Oral Examination (D-8 form) with Linda Guthrie 4 weeks before the defense date.

The Doctoral Degree Eligibility form, the D-9 form (Result of Final Oral Examination) and 2 original Signature pages (on acid free paper) must be submitted to Linda Guthrie in Room 123 Furcolo no later than April 6th, 2012. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from:

http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf

Linda will submit these forms to the Degree Requirements Office after they are signed by Linda Griffin and Christine McCormick.

The dissertation must be submitted electronically, and fees and other required materials must be submitted to the Office of Degree Requirements (Room 534 Goodell) by 5:00 p.m., April 13th, 2012. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE!
Access to Critical Content and English Language Acquisition, (ACCEL A) has received the American Educational Research Association’s (AERA) DIVISION K award for “Innovations in Research on Diversity in Teacher Education.

ACCEL A, under the direction of School of Education professor Jerri Willet and associate professor Meg Gebhard, began as a federally funded professional development partnership between the University of Massachusetts Amherst School of Education, three local school districts, and several community organizations to support teachers, administrators, community members, teacher educators, researchers, and policymakers in more fully understanding and critically responding to the needs of linguistically and culturally diverse learners by providing data-driven, locally responsive, and sustained professional development.

The Division K Innovations in Research on Diversity in Teacher Education Award recognizes research that demonstrates innovations in addressing issues of diversity in teaching and/or teacher education. Recipients may be individuals or a small collaborative group whose innovative research explores and/or demonstrates powerful new ways to think about diversity in teaching and teacher education, giving direction to the field and to policy makers; offers an expanded vision of a theoretical framework, research methodologies, or practices regarding diversity in teaching and teacher education; or provides new models of research that give direction to the field concerning diversity in teaching and teacher education.

Stephen Sireci, professor, Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration, and director of the School’s Center for Educational Assessment, was named a recipient of the 2012-13 University of Massachusetts Amherst Samuel F. Conti Faculty Fellowship Awards. Awardees are selected on the basis of demonstrably outstanding accomplishment and potential for continued excellence in research and scholarly or creative activity.

Please send items of interest to dms@educ.umass.edu

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www.facebook.com/UMassSchoolofEd
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE (IPO)
CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS for FALL, 2012

ELIGIBILITY
Must be in a full-time degree program
1. Have a minimum 3.25 GPA.
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3. Must have proof of sufficient funds to meet expenses except tuition (estimated at $33,000).
Must have non-immigrant visa status

CURRENT STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:
1. Formal application form (student can pick up form at the International Programs Office, 467 Hills South) or downloaded from:
   http://www.umass.edu/ipo/iss/_files/TW-continuing%20application%20%282012-13%29.pdf
2. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson. (This is a School of Education requirement.)

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:
. Educational Policy, Research & Administration and Student Development applications must be submitted to Eden Fine in 161 Hills South.
. Teacher Education & Curriculum Studies applications to Malis Loeung, 117 Furcolo.

The Department chairs must rank order all nominations before they are submitted to the Graduate Program Office.
Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate applicants based on strength of application.

DEADLINE FOR CURRENT STUDENTS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THEIR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE IS:
   APRIL 13, 2012

Graduation Celebration
Save the Date
2012 School of Education Graduation Celebration
Thursday, May 10, 2012    Campus Center Auditorium
details coming
GRADUATE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS for CURRENT STUDENTS

Nominations for the Graduate School Fellowship are now being solicited by the Graduate School. The purpose of this Fellowship is to promote the recruitment and retention of academically excellent students.

One student may be nominated from each of the School of Education’s departments and one from School Psychology.

Award includes a stipend, tuition waiver, curriculum fee waiver and mandatory health fee coverage. The actual amount of the stipend has not been established. Last year it ranged from $13,000 - $16,000.

CURRENT graduate students need to submit the following:

1) Fellowship nomination form* to be completed by student’s chairperson.
2) Personal statement by the student (Statement & CV not to exceed 3 pages, in Times New Roman 12 pt. font)
3) CV (include papers delivered, publications, performances, exhibits, service to the University/community)

*Faculty Recommendation and Nomination forms are available from Linda Guthrie, 123 Furcolo or by email (lguthrie@educ.umass.edu).

Criteria used by the committee to rank applications are listed in order of importance as follows:

1) Recommendation from Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director
2) Two letters of recommendation from faculty
3) Curriculum Vitae
4) Personal statement
5) Student’s graduate transcript

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE NOMINATIONS TO YOUR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICE (117 for TECS students and 161 Hills South for SD & EPRA students) IS:

APRIL 16, 2012
**Grad Courses Offered this Summer**

The School of Education offers graduate courses this summer. Many are online or blended, so you can take them from wherever you are planning to be. Registration is now open for these classes. More information at [http://www.umassulearn.net/](http://www.umassulearn.net/)

- **EDUC 533** Theories & Methods for Sheltered Instruction in English Language Learning
  (Instructor: Marky Jean Pierre, online; Laura Valdiviezo, in person)
- **EDUC 555** Introduction to Statistics (Instructor: Robert Cook)
- **EDUC 591F** Leadership and Organizational Behavior
  (Instructor: Norma Gluckstern-Packard)
- **EDUC 591N** Substance Abuse Services and Intervention
  (Instructor: Kevin Warwick)
- **EDUC 591V** Cognitive Behavior for Educators, Counselors and Mental Health Professionals
  (Instructor: Norma Gluckstern-Packard)
- **EDUC 591W** Recognizing Family Values and Initiating Interventions
  (Instructor: Kevin Warwick)
- **EDUC 592A** Online Tools for Learning & Instruction (Instructor: Nicholas Wilson)
- **EDUC 670** Language and Language Learning
  (Instructors: Margaret Gebhard & I-An Chen)
- **EDUC 692Z** Structuring the Classroom for Success (Instructor: William Matthews)
- **EDUC 732** Behavior Analysis in Applied Settings (Instructor: Jason Travers)
- **EDUC 762** School Psychology Social-Emotional and Behavioral Assessment
  (Instructor: Sara Whitcomb)
- **EDUC 794B** Survey Research Methods (needs updated number)
  (Instructors: Elizabeth Williams & Ethan Kolek)

Register at [http://www.umassulearn.net/ed_summer](http://www.umassulearn.net/ed_summer)

Earn credit online this summer.
[www.umassulearn.net/ed_summer](http://www.umassulearn.net/ed_summer)

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**Students: how to submit information for announcements**

Students must submit proper forms for announcements about Formation of Dissertation Committees (D-6), Announcements of Final Oral Examinations (D-8) and Comprehensive Examinations (D-4) to Linda Guthrie in 123 Furcolo Hall, Office of Academic Affairs.

Linda will submit the items to the Beacon for publication.