MAY, 2011 DEGREE DEADLINES

Listed below are the revised deadline dates to apply for a May, 2011 degree for Master’s, CAGS and Doctoral students who will complete their degree requirements during the Spring, 2011 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 8th, 2011. 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](http://www.umass.edu/education/academics/advising_guidelines.shtml)

**Ed.D. and Ph.D. Candidates**

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 8th, 2011. The Eligibility form (2 pages) can be downloaded from: [http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf](http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/files/Doctoral%20Degree%20Eligibility%20Form.pdf)

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

**The Beacon Deadline is FRIDAY**

Please submit *Beacon* announcements to: [dms@educ.umass.edu](mailto: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; notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees will run for one.
School of Education faculty, students, staff & alumni share what they are doing.

Carey Dimmitt, associate professor, Department of Student Development, and Michael Funk, teaching assistant, social justice education concentration, have been named recipients of this year’s Distinguished Teaching Awards from the Center for Teaching & Faculty Development. According to the Center, “it is extremely unusual to have two members of a department receive the awards in the same year.” Dimmitt received one of three awards for tenured faculty and Funk received one of two awards for teaching assistants.

You can read more about our faculty, students, staff and alumni on our website. www.umass.edu/education (And on our Facebook.)


Send items to dms@edu.umass.edu

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OFFICE (IPO) CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS for FALL, 2011 ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be in a full-time degree program
2. Have a minimum 3.25 GPA.
3. Must have proof of sufficient funds to meet expenses except tuition (estimated at $29,100 for AY 11/12)
4. 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 download from:
   http://www.ipo.umass.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=872DC7C6-1B78-E111-DCBB3BE606BD1736&Link_ID=9C52B55B-1B78-E111-DC8A047FCFA0CA30&PID=11&IID=55
2. Financial documentation proving student has sufficient funds to cover all academic fees and living expenses other than tuition, estimated at $29,100 for AY11/12.
3. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

. Educational Policy, Research & Administration and Student Development applications to Robbie Callilham, 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, 2011

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CHANGE OF DATE FOR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

SARA SCHUPACK May 12, 2001, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Room 225, Furcolo.
Chairperson: Dr. Barbara Madeloni.
DOCTORAL FINAL ORAL EXAMINATIONS AND DEADLINES

All doctoral final oral examinations must be scheduled four weeks in advance by submitting a signed and completed D-8 form to Linda Guthrie, 123 Furcolo. April 8th is the deadline for doctoral students to submit their signed signature pages, Doctoral Degree Eligibility form and D-9 form (Results of Final Oral Examination).

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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.

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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

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

PATRICK K. TUDRYN
April 13, 2010, 2:00 p.m., Room 151, Hills South.
Chairperson: Dr. Mary Lynn Boscardin.

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"Upper Extremity Stroke Rehabilitation: the Imperative for a 'Family-Clinician Team'"

Dr. Wolf's current research focuses on restoration of upper extremity function following stroke. His research team is conducting an NIH-funded randomized national clinical trial (EXCITE, the Extremity Constraint-Induced Therapy Evaluation) to explore the effect of constraint-induced movement therapy of the hemiplegic upper extremity on recovery of movement function among patients who have sustained a stroke. Further areas of Dr. Wolf's research include: biomechanical changes in upper extremity motor control following stroke; the effects of direct motor cortical stimulation and intense upper extremity therapy on functional Improvement among patients with stroke; the mechanisms underlying possible massed practice cortical reorganization using constraint-induced therapy; changes in behavior among patients and their caregivers when exposed to functionally-based therapeutic interventions; and the effects of robotic assistance on procurement of upper extremity function among patients with stroke.
Research Fellowship Program Invitation 2011

The leadership of the School of Education is pleased to announce the 2011-2012 Research Fellowship Program. All full-time faculty 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 - $10,000.

**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.

**Program Description**
- The Research Fellowship program is sponsored by the School of Education using fund balances available in 2011-2012.
- All full-time faculty members in the School of Education are eligible.
- All funds awarded must be expended (funds encumbered) by May 1, 2012. Absolutely no extensions.

**Research Fellows will be expected to:**
- Submit a brief project report (to chair, copied to dean) by September 1, 2012.
- Share a brief report of the research project at an informal brown bag seminar.

**Application deadline: Tuesday, May 31 at 5 p.m.**

Applications should be submitted in electronic form to Joyce Tutun, jtutun@educ.umass.edu. Decisions will be announced: by July 1 (est.) Decisions will be based on the quality of the proposal; the feasibility of the proposed project; and the potential to attract external funding. Please review the following application instructions. If you have questions about the Research Fellowship Program, please contact your department chair.

**Research Fellowship Application Instructions – 2011-2012**

Your proposal must include a two-page description of the research project, a one-page appendix, and a proposed budget and budget narrative. Anticipated size of awards-- $5,000-$10,000.

**Name:**

**Project Title:**

**Description of Research Project – Maximum length two pages, single-spaced, 12 pt**

Successful proposals will clearly indicate the following:
- Purpose of the study
- Research questions
- Methods (data collection and analysis)
- Significance of the Study

**Appendix - Maximum length one page, single space, 12 pt**
- Key references cited in research project description
- Evidence of expertise and/or previous work relevant to the proposal
- Potential external sources for future funding

**Budget and Budget Narrative**

Funds can be used to support a graduate assistant, student hourly support, software, materials, equipment, research related travel...but not for additional faculty compensation. A sample budget is attached.

Please note the following requirements and timelines for fund use: Student Payroll (Assistantships/Hourly) – the appointment must end by May 26, 2012. Cost: 1 (10hr/wk) RA for 1 semester at $21.03/hr = $4,977 (stipend and fringe). Material and equipment purchased with Research Fellowship Program funds must arrive on campus by May 1, 2012. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will hold title to any materials or equipment purchased in whole or in part with Research Fellowship Program funds. Travel paid for with Research Fellowship Program funds must begin and end during the period September 1, 2011 through May 1, 2012.
**Teaching Assistantship Orientation**

The Center for Teaching & Faculty Development (CTFD) is pleased to invite your department to participate in the annual campus-wide Teaching Assistant Orientation (TAO) scheduled for Friday, September 2, 2011, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The Provost’s Office, CTFD, and Graduate School co-sponsor TAO to provide graduate students new to teaching with a comprehensive preparation opportunity. Additionally, TAO may serve to meet the departmental requirement for TA development as stipulated in the contract negotiated on behalf of TAs by the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO).

Questions about TAO? Please call: (413) 545-1225, or email us at:ctfd@acad.umass.edu.

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**Distinguished Panel to Address Research and Public Engagement on April 14**

A panel of distinguished faculty, staff and community members will discuss “In the Heat of the Moment: Staying on Message Amidst Controversy,” on Thursday, April 14, from 12-1:30 p.m. in Gordon Hall 302-304. The presentation is sponsored by the UMass Public Engagement Project and is free and open to the public. Panelists will include Ray Bradley, a university distinguished professor in geosciences; Nancy Folbre, professor of economics; John Kennedy, vice chancellor for university relations; and Jane Sanders, executive director of Community Action. Amy Schalet, assistant professor of sociology and founding member of the Public Engagement Project, will moderate the panel.

Panelists will address the problems that can sometimes arise when faculty discuss their research in public forums. “UMass faculty are renowned for their cutting-edge research,” notes Sally Powers, professor of psychology and a member of the Public Engagement Project steering committee. “Disseminating transformative ideas to non-academic audiences isn’t always a smooth process.”

According to M.V. Lee Badgett, a professor of economics who also serves on the steering committee, “As faculty, we’re accustomed to having our work scrutinized by peers using empirical standards. But when we take our research beyond the campus gates, to diverse audiences, what are the best communication strategies?”

Linda Tropp, an associate professor of psychology and steering committee member, further notes: “Communicating effectively when your research is controversial is a special challenge for scholars. How do you engage in public debate yet stay ‘on point’ and still get your important ideas across?”

All of the panelists have extensive experience communicating important but contentious ideas. Ray Bradley, who also directs the Climate System Research Center at UMass, frequently interacts with those who reject the evidence of climate change. Nancy Folbre is a regular contributor to Economix, the New York Times blog about finance and the economy, and finds herself responding to a range of comments on her posts—some favorable, some not.

Jane Sanders’ important work around welfare reform and the rights of poor families has put her on the frontlines of controversy many times. As an award-winning television producer for over 20 years at ABC News, and a former deputy director of communications for the ACLU, John Kennedy is well-versed in representing controversial topics ranging from immigration to national security policy.

Brownbag lunches are welcome at the panel. For additional and updated information about this event, please visit www.masspolicy.org/pep.

Wendy Varner, Associate Director, Center for Research on Families
JOSEPH L. BOSCOV SCHOLARSHIP

The Graduate School is seeking nominations for the Joseph L. Boscov Scholarship. This scholarship is available to both current and incoming female graduate students who are U.S. citizens. Preference is given to women who are 35 or older, based on financial need, and whose work will "equip them for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment." One scholarship will be awarded from the Boscov fund.

The Scholarship will provide a stipend for Fall, 2011 and Spring, 2012 as well as a tuition waiver, a curriculum fee waiver, and deferral of the basic and SHIP single health plan fee.

Important Note: Receipt of this Scholarship will affect any loan eligibility for the coming academic year for students who also receive a Federal Direct Loan.

Students must meet the above criteria and submit the following to their departmental office*:

1) A personal statement, not to exceed two pages, that demonstrates how the graduate student’s studies will equip them for increased service to the needs of people and/or the environment and also addresses the student’s financial need. Statement should be done in Times New Roman 12 point font, single or double spaced.

2) A recommendation from the student’s advisor or chairperson.

3) A Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) for 2010-11 must be on file with the Graduate Financial Aid Office (Room 243 Whitmore). (NOTE: Students should allow 4-6 weeks for the FAFSA to be processed). Students can access the FAFSA form on the internet (www.fafsa.ed.gov)

4) A resume or curriculum vitae.

Please note that we can only recommend one student from each of the School of Education’s departments. Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will write a recommendation for the strongest nominee from each department.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS

to your departmental office *

APRIL 19, 2011

* EPRA and SD students submit completed nominations to Robbie Calliham, Room 161, Hills South.

* TECS students submit completed nominations to Malis Loeung, Room 117, Furcolo.