Research Assistantship

Department of Educational Policy, Research, and Administration

One 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for Spring 2013.

**Responsibilities include:** The student will work with the Psychometric Methods faculty in researching funding opportunities in educational assessment and assist in the development of competitive grant proposals.

**Qualifications include:** All applicants must have a background in psychometrics, statistics and mathematical modeling of educational assessment data. All candidates must also have knowledge of classical test theory, item response theory, multidimensional scaling, test construction, test validation research and experience working in educational assessment.

To apply, please contact Dr. Craig Wells at cswells@educ.umass.edu.

Former SOE Dean Dwight Allen’s portrait was unveiled during Homecoming.

See photos from the event at http://www.umass.edu/education/gallery/allen-unveiling

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**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 in two issues.

- Please submit notices of examinations and formation of dissertation committees to Linda Guthrie. These types of announcements will run for one week.
Research Assistantship
Department of Educational Policy, Research, and Administration

A 10 hr/week teaching assistantship is available for Spring 2013 to assist with data collection for a School of Education mini-grant project. This project will take place in Portland, ME.

**Responsibilities include** interviews and observations to take place in a public school setting, assistance with data analysis, and writing support the report. **Key qualifications** include familiarity with and experience using qualitative methods in K-12 settings. Familiarity with the Professional Learning Based Salary Schedules preferred.

To apply, please email: Dr. Sharon Rallis, sharonr@educ.umass.edu with a cover letter and CV/resume.

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Research Assistantship
Department of Educational Policy, Research and Administration

One 10 hour/week research assistantship is available for Spring 2013

**Responsibilities include:** This student will support the International Education concentration with programmatic and strategic planning activities. The student will serve as a liaison between faculty and students, plan and execute student programming, and assist with selected International Education program coordination tasks as needed.

**Qualifications include:** The ideal candidate will have strong writing, organizational, and time management skills. The ability to work in collaboration as well as independently is required for this position. Good interpersonal skills and knowledge of the academic program in International Education are also needed.

Supervisor will be Dr. Jacqueline Mosselson. To apply, please send a brief cover letter and CV to Sheila Seuffert at seuffert@educ.umass.edu by 12 November.

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**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**
Department of Student Development

One 10 hours/week teaching assistantship is available for Spring 2013 for EDUC 293A: Love and Work.

**Responsibilities include:** Maintaining class materials in Moodle, grading student papers, managing grading through Moodle, coordinating discussion groups, and general assistance in the course.

**Qualifications required include:** Teaching or TA experience, excellent computer skills (excel and data management) and strong organizational skills.

To apply, please contact: Dr. Carey Dimmitt at cdimmitt@educ.umass.edu. Please use the term "EDUC 293A TA" in the subject line of the email.
Teaching Assistantship
Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies
A 10 hr./week teaching assistantship is available for Spring 2013 to assist with EDUC 615AK “Inclusive Classroom.” This is a course for the CTEP program that addresses a wide array of concepts related to the role of general education teachers in supporting students with disabilities in inclusive early childhood and elementary classrooms.

Responsibilities include: attendance at all class sessions (Tuesdays 4:00-6:30); scheduled office hours (1 hour per week); monitoring and evaluating online discussion sessions; assistance in maintaining course materials through Moodle; maintaining attendance records; and grading and evaluating student projects, papers and exams. You will also have an opportunity to prepare lecture materials and learn about guiding discussions in teacher education contexts at the University level. You will also work with the instructor to devise creative instructional techniques and innovative ways of facilitating student learning.

Qualifications include: Knowledge of theories and research related to early childhood and elementary education, previous experience working with children in inclusive informal or formal settings, and strong organizational skills. Experience with Moodle, general data management computer skills, background knowledge about Special Education laws and Individualized Education Program (IEP) and/or teaching experience with students with disabilities in inclusive schools is preferred.

To apply, please email Dr. SeonYeong Yu (seonyeon@educ.umass.edu), subject line of the email should read “TA CTEP 615AK3” with a cover letter and CV/resume.
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE (IPO)
CURRENT STUDENT TUITION WAIVERS FOR SPRING, 2013

ELIGIBILITY:
1. Current students must be in a full-time graduate degree program
2. Have a Minimum 3.25 GPA
3. Must demonstrate financial need (but have sufficient finances to be able to cover all expenses – including all mandatory fees, insurance, and living expenses—if awarded a tuition waiver.
4. Must not be a citizen or permanent U.S. resident

These waivers are for TUITION ONLY for the SPRING, 2013 term. Recipients are not automatically entitled to renewals, but may reapply for one additional year. **NOTE:** Current students who began Fall, 2012 and received an IPO tuition waiver for 2012-13 are already covered for Spring, 2013.

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%20Spring%202013.pdf
2. Recommendation letter from student’s advisor or chairperson.

Completed applications are to be submitted to Linda Guthrie, Graduate Program Coordinator, in Room 123, Furcolo.
Linda Griffin, the Graduate Program Director, will review and nominate applications based on the strength of the application.

**CURRENT STUDENT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 8, 2012***

*NOTE: While the IPO deadline for current students is November 15th, current students must submit their complete nominations to Linda Guthrie by NOVEMBER 8th for review and processing by Linda Griffin, Graduate Program Director.

Send your news and other items to: dms@educ.umass.edu
About NVIVO

NVIVO is available to faculty, research staff and graduate students for instructional or research uses only. Individuals are directed to submit their requests (through email) to the department chairs who will forward the email approving the request to: Kelley Ives (kives@educ.umass.edu) for processing.

Upon receipt of the chair’s approval, Kelley will forward the installation instructions directly to the requestor. The School of Education Business Office is charged with tracking all users who are authorized and provided with the software link. USERS MUST USE THEIR OFFICIAL UMASS EMAIL ON ACTIVATION.

The Terms of use for NVIVO

By installing the NVivo software you agree to the following terms of use:
1) The software can only be used for research and instruction, not administrative use.
2) That you are faculty, staff or graduate student of the School of Education.
3) A second copy is allowed, but the software cannot be run on both devices at the same time.
4) The product key cannot be distributed to ineligible users or to those who are not authorized by the School of Education for the license.

Please forward any questions or concerns to Susan Young, Business Manager, School of Education, 413.545.0956, syoung@educ.umass.edu

Spring 2013 Registration

Registration for Spring 2013 begins Wednesday, November 14.
If you are a student, check SPIRE for your individual registration appointments and to check and clear holds. Student registration information is available under the "Registration" tab at the top of the Registrar web page.

The Spring 2013 schedule of classes is now available through SPIRE's Class Search. A PDF version of the Spring schedule is also available on the Registrar's website www.umass.edu/registrar in the "Quick Links" section as well as the SPIRE login page. The PDF schedule of classes is independent from SPIRE and it is only updated a few times during registration so rely on SPIRE for up to date information.

John Lenzi, University Registrar, University of Massachusetts Amherst

The School of Education’s website

www.umass.edu/education