Upcoming Events & Workshops

In the coming weeks, the Office of Professional Development will offer several workshops and informational sessions designed to promote the success of graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the areas of:

Grants & Fellowships

**Thursday, May 5th- 9:00am-12:00pm**
160 Commonwealth Honors College – Events Hall East (next to Roots Café)
**Fulbright Boot Camp**
This year, 16 UMass students earned Fulbright awards, the most ever for the university, earning the distinction as a Top Producer of Fulbright Students, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Ranking among the most prestigious awards given to graduate students, Fulbright Fellowships support a wide array of international research and study for U.S. citizens to study abroad. This session will help applicants navigate the on-line application process, understand the selection criteria and craft compelling essays. Sponsored by the Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA). Pre-registration is requested via email to: onsa@honors.umass.edu

**Thursday, May 12th- 10:00am-11:00am**
805-09 Campus Center
**Summer Productivity: Searching for Funding**
Summer is the perfect time to search for funding opportunities, as many applications are due in early fall. This session discusses tools available to UMASS graduate students and postdocs looking for grants and presents tips on applying for external funding. Participants will also develop a timeline for summer productivity. **Pre-registration** is required.

**Thursday, May 12th - 11:30am-12:30pm**  
805-09 Campus Center  
**Summer Productivity: Writing Grants and Fellowships**  
Intended as a follow-up to Searching for Funding, this session will focus on developing a competitive external funding application. We will outline common application elements and provide tips to craft a clear, cohesive proposal. Participants will also develop a timeline for summer productivity to prepare for the fall funding cycle. **Pre-registration** is required.

**Monday, May 16th - 1:30-4:30pm**  
917 Campus Center  
**National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants Workshop**  
NSF Dissertation Grants can provide up to $20,000 to support doctoral research but the application process can be daunting. Our panelists will provide tips and tools for crafting a competitive application and managing the submission process. We will also focus on writing the required Data Management Plan. Co-sponsored by ISSR. **Pre-registration** is required.

**Tuesday, May 24th - 9:30am-12:00pm**  
168C Campus Center  
**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Workshop**  
A three-year award that provides an annual stipend of $34,000, NSF's Graduate Research Fellowship is one of the premier honors for early-career graduate students. Our panelists will share tips for crafting a competitive proposal, including addressing Intellectual Merit and Broader Impacts. This event is recommended for first-year graduate students in CNS, Engineering, SBS and related disciplines. Co-sponsored by ISSR. **Pre-registration** required.
Writing & Presenting

Friday, April 29th - 1:00-2:30pm
WEB DuBois Library Room 2601

**Strategies for Effective Peer Review**

Effective peer feedback is a great way to become a better writer. Whether you're trying to organize a writing group with fellow grad students or want to design a peer review activity for the classroom, careful planning can ensure your next peer review session is a success. A panel of experienced writing instructors will demonstrate strategies to avoid common peer-review pitfalls and get the most out of peer review. Co-sponsored by the Writing Center. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Tuesday, May 17th - 1:00-2:00pm
917 Campus Center

**Time Management for Summer Productivity**

Summer offers stretches of uninterrupted writing time, but too often our writing goals remain undone at the end of summer. Prevent summer procrastination by making a plan. This workshop explores strategies (suitable all year round!) for setting and prioritizing goals in order to make time for writing. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Teaching

Thursday, April 28th- 11:45am- 12:45pm
301 Goodell, Tefd Conference Room

**Reflective practices: How they can support us in being socially just and culturally responsive educators?**

Teaching our students as educators who want to be mindful, socially just and culturally responsive is a complex endeavor. Reflective practices can support us in this work. What reflective practices do you use with your students? How is self-reflexivity part of your practice? In this lunch talk, grad students, postdocs, and faculty will discuss their personal teaching experiences and learn new ways to integrate reflective practices into their teaching. Part of the series “Spring 2016 Tefd Teaching & Diversity Professional Development.” Sponsored by Tefd. [Pre-registration](#) is required.
Monday, May 2nd - 1:00-2:30pm
905-09 Campus Center
**Syllabus Design**
Your syllabus can be a powerful tool for communicating your passions and intentions, and encouraging an active, meaningful learning experience for students. This session will provide tools to help you develop course goals, learning outcomes, content, tone, assignments, statements of responsibilities and other course policies. At the end of session you will construct your own syllabus for a class that you are independently teaching. Co-sponsored by TEFD. **Pre-registration** is required.

Tuesday, May 3rd - 2:00-4:00pm
Du Bois Library, Room 720
**Instructional Services Fair**
Do you have questions about teaching you've always wanted to ask someone? Teaching a new class next year? The Instructional Services Fair will offer a one-stop opportunity to meet with instructional experts from the UMass Libraries, Information Technology, TEFD, the Writing Program and Writing Center, CPE, the Learning Resource Center, and OPD. Drop in to ask questions, make connections, and discover new solutions. Snacks will be provided. Please register [here](#) by clicking on “Spring 2016 Workshops” above the calendar.

Leadership & Management

Tuesday, May 10th - 11:45am-1:30pm
174-76 Campus Center
**Conflict Resolution Strategies for Academics**
Challenging interactions with advisors, peers, and students can sometimes lead to misunderstandings, disagreements, or conflicts. In this session, participants will learn tips for navigating difficult conversations to manage progress and keep on track. Pizza will be served. **Pre-registration** is required.

**Business Foundations Series for Scientists and Engineers**

Applications Due May 15th
Applications are now being accepted for the summer **Business Foundations Series for Scientists and Engineers** (Tuesdays, 8:30-4:30 from June 7-Aug 2, except July 5). Taught by MBA faculty, this eight-session series supplements traditional technical training with foundational skills and knowledge in specific business areas, such as accounting, marketing, finance, operations management, leadership, business intelligence, organizational strategy and negotiation. [Learn more](#). Class size is limited to 50 participants and [applications](#) are due by May 15th.