

# GSBS at RWJMS

## December Notices

### **Proposal Writing Workshop**

Jan. 15, 2009 (9:00-4:30pm)

The Proposal Writing Workshop is designed for the doctoral student who plans to apply for external funding in the spring or fall 2009 semesters to support dissertation work (research and/or writing) during the 2009-2010 or 2010-2011 academic years. The workshop will take the student through the mechanics of writing a strong proposal for external funding. To participate in the workshop, each registered participant will need to complete and submit by 9:00am on Thursday, January 8, 2009 either our Proposal Writing Tutorial (which is available on the Fellowship Guide Sakai site-- <https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>) or a proposal written for a specific funding competition. The workshop activities will include lecture, group discussions, group exercises and review and critique sessions. To participate, pre-registration is required by December 19, 2008.

We still have a few seats open for the workshop. Students who are interested in participating should register by December 19th by visiting:

[http://chaser.rutgers.edu/graduate\\_student\\_services/](http://chaser.rutgers.edu/graduate_student_services/)

Students who do not have access to the Sakai Fellowship Guide can request access by sending an email to [gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu).

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### **National Student Research Forum at UTMB in Galveston**

April 23-25.

This represents an opportunity for medical students, graduate students, interns and residents to present their research in the biological sciences. Invitation letter and Flier are attached. Deadline for abstract submission is January 23, 2009.

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**Joint Molecular Biosciences Graduate Student Association (JMBGSA) will be sponsoring our 3rd Annual Graduate Student Symposium** On Friday, February 27th, here on Busch Campus. This event is organized by the JMBGSA in an effort to provide graduate students in the biosciences the opportunity to gain invaluable experience in giving a poster presentation or a short talk on their research.

In order to guarantee the success of this event, we need faculty support in encouraging graduate students to submit an abstract (instructions provided below) by Friday, January 11th, 2009. This deadline provides the JMBGSA enough time to organize a panel of graduate students to serve as peer-reviewers who will decide which abstracts will be chosen for oral/poster presentations. Since this symposium serves as a platform to disseminate research, we can only accept abstracts from first authors who have contributed to a majority, if not all, of the work presented in the abstract. Two first authors are allowed as long as both are graduate students. Authors of abstracts selected for oral/poster presentation will be notified by Friday, January 25th.

We hope to receive a large response to our call for abstracts. Thanks in advance for your attention and support in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [jmbgsa@eden.rutgers.edu](mailto:jmbgsa@eden.rutgers.edu) <<mailto:jmbgsa@eden.rutgers.edu>>.

Sunanda Baliga  
JMBGSA President

Abstract format:

1. Abstract must be no longer than 250 words. The text must be in size 12 Times New Roman font. A successful abstract will include a concise title, a purpose, hypothesis, results (with statistics, if applicable) and significance of findings. Preliminary results are acceptable.
2. Title of the abstract must be in bold, size 12 Times New Roman font. The first author(s) must be bolded. Advanced degrees of contributing authors must be indicated. The PI will be listed last, as senior author.

Oral Presentation guidelines:

1. Presentations are limited to 10 -- 12 minutes, with 3 minutes put aside for questions from the audience. Presentations must be in PowerPoint format. Use of additional media (movies) is encouraged. Additional props will not be accepted nor will they be provided.
2. Three speakers will be awarded prizes. Oral presentations will be judged based on quality of speaker's presentation skills with special focus on presenter's ability to field questions based on poster.

Poster Presentation guidelines:

1. Posters must have the title of the abstract as well as all the authors, with the first author bolded.
2. Posters will be judged based on organization and content with special focus on presenter's ability to field questions based on poster.

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### **BioVision.Nxt 2009, March 7-11, Lyon, France**

The call addresses MBA graduate students, doctoral candidates or Postdocs in 2009, engaged in research or other activities related to the life sciences, preferably in the fields of healthcare, agriculture-nutrition or the environment (including Inter-disciplinary approaches).

The organisers would cover fees, accommodation and meals.

It was also understood that a number of partial travel grants (up to 500 EUR) would be available for participants from outside Europe.

The deadline for applications is 19th December 2008.

\*See email (December Notices) for more information

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### **Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support**

Contents:

1. About the Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support
2. New Electronic Resources: GradFund Blog, GradFund Wiki, Sakai Fellowship Guide and our on-line Funder Database
3. Workshop: How to Write a Successful External Funding Proposal to Support Your Dissertation: January 15, 2009 (Registration deadline is December 19, 2008)
4. Fellowship Advising Appointments
5. Introduction to the Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support/Spring Semester Visits to Graduate Programs
6. Proposal Writing Workgroup being organized for the spring 2009 semester Registration (Deadline is January 8, 2009)