



## GSBS & RWJMS

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**1. Registration for Spring 2010** Since we have transitioned to the new registration system, it is important to remember that while you may have access to register for a course, such as an undergraduate course, ESL, etc., most if not all of these will not count towards your graduate school requirements. You must meet with your program director and advisor prior to registering and any plan for an undergraduate course to count towards the PhD or MS must be approved by the GSBS at RWJMS Sr. Associate Dean. Typically, these are only in the case where an equivalent graduate level course is not offered, and the material is required (not elective). In addition, while graduate courses in other disciplines are available, you should always discuss these courses and their relevance to your research and training with your mentor prior to registering.

### **2. Proposal Writing Workshop**

**Workshop Date and Time:** January 14, 2010, 9:00-5:00

**Workshop Location:** Douglas Campus Center, Meeting Room A, Douglas Campus

**Workshop Description:** This workshop is designed for the doctoral student who plans to apply for external funding in the Spring or Fall 2010 semesters to support dissertation work (research and/or writing) during the 2010-2011 or 2011-2012 academic years. The workshop will take the student through the mechanics of writing a strong proposal for external funding.

The workshop runs for a full day and requires prep work to be completed in advance of the workshop.

To participate in the workshop, each registered participant must complete and submit by **9:00am on Thursday, January 7, 2010** either our Proposal Writing Workbook (which is available on the Fellowship Guide Sakai site) or a proposal written for a specific funding competition. Participants should be prepared to draft a funding proposal based on their proposed dissertation research. The workshop activities will include lecture, group discussions, group exercises and review and critique sessions. The work you produce for the workshop will be discussed and critiqued by the group.

**To participate, registration is required by December 18, 2009.** To register, email [gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu)

### **3. Microbiology at Rutgers University: Cultivating Traditions, Current Strength, and Future Frontiers - mini-symposium - Feb. 1, 2, 2010**

The fast approaching 4th annual mini-symposium on "Microbiology at Rutgers University: Cultivating Traditions, Current Strength, and Future Frontiers" will be held February 1 and 2, 2010 at the Traves Hall in the Douglass Campus Center. A program for the meeting will be forwarded shortly.

To assist us in our preparations for the meeting, please:

- 1) Register yourself, and have your students register by contacting Kathy Maguire ([maquire@AESOP.Rutgers.edu](mailto:maquire@AESOP.Rutgers.edu)) by **Wednesday, January 27, 2010**
- 2) Send us the number and titles of poster presentations your group is planning to make by contacting Dr. Max Häggblom ([haggblom@aesop.rutgers.edu](mailto:haggblom@aesop.rutgers.edu)) no later than **Friday, Jan. 22, 2010**

We hope that you will find time in your busy schedule to participate in the symposium.

Tamar Barkay, Max Haggblom, and Doug Eveleigh

### **4. A message from your Student Wellness Program: 732-235-5933 (Please see attachment)**

**5. Employee Assistance & Student Wellness Programs office** is being relocated from 220 Old New Brunswick Road in Piscataway to our **new office site** located at "**501 Hoes Lane, Suite #202 in Piscataway, NJ 08854**" effective 12/21/09. **Our telephone numbers will remain the same.** Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our pending relocation; many thanks.

**6. Holiday hours for the GSBS at RWJMS** With the upcoming holidays please note the GSBS at RWJMS office will have modified hours on Thursday Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Any changes will be posted on our Facebook page.

**7. Minority Scholar in Cancer Research Awards** These awards are made by the American Association of Cancer Research and graduate students are eligible.

For details, go to [www.aacr.org/msa](http://www.aacr.org/msa)

**8. Dean's Research Awards** Nominations are being solicited for the Dean's Research Award for "the best peer-reviewed publication of calendar year 2009" in each of the following five categories:

Best publication authored by a RWJMS:

- Graduate or MD/PhD Student
- Medical Student (non-MD/PhD candidate)
- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Resident
- Faculty (Basic Sciences)
- Faculty (Clinical Sciences)

The instructions for nominating candidates and submitting the nominations are provided in the attached document. (Please see attachment)