



## GSBS & RWJMS

# January Monthly Announcements

NEW:  VISIT US ON [FACEBOOK](#)

1. **COMMENCEMENT 2010**
  2. **Grad Fund, the Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support --Upcoming Events and Information Spring Semester 2010**
  3. **Change in NRSA Stipend Levels**
  4. **Jersey Regional Science Fair is March 19-20!**
  5. **CALL FOR APPLICANTS - 2010 Minority Fellows Program Due 1/31**
  6. **Spring '10 Tuition bill (instruction to get A/C summary from my.umdj Portal)**
- 

**1. COMMENCEMENT 2010** ITS TIME TO CELEBRATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FELLOW STUDENTS WHO ARE NOW YOUR PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES!!!

Plans for the Commencement Ceremony are underway. If you have defended, or plan to defend, in Academic Year 2009-2010, on or before May 1, 2010, you are invited to attend the commencement ceremonies.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held on the morning of Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Izod Arena at the Meadowlands Sports Complex; the Convocation Ceremony will be held the evening of May 25th at the State Theatre in New Brunswick. There is no limit to the number of guests that you can invite to Commencement, but the Convocation Ceremony is limited to two guests.

There will also be a Pre-Commencement dinner, date and place to be announced.

Please let me know if a) you are planning to attend the ceremonies; b) you are not sure; c) unable to attend.

**2. Grad Fund, the Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support --Upcoming Events and Information Spring Semester 2010**

On-line Chat Session-- January 25, 2010 1pm-3pm

Workshop: Proposal Writing Basics-- January 29, 2010 1pm-3pm

Workshop: Applying to the National Science Foundation to Support Your Dissertation Research--February 9, 2010 1pm-3pm

Grad Fund Electronic Resources

NSF DDIG February 2010 deadlines ([Please see attachment](#))

**3. Change in NRSA Stipend Levels** This week, NIH issued the FY 2010 stipend levels for trainees and fellows receiving Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA). The published stipend levels have increased about one percent over the FY2009 levels. FY2010 stipend levels are retroactive for all Kirschstein-NRSA awards made on or after Oct. 1, 2009. The tuition and fees, training related expenses for trainees and the institutional allowance for individual fellows remain unchanged. For more information, please see: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-047.html>

**4. Jersey Regional Science Fair is March 19-20! SAVE THE DATE!** The North Jersey Regional Science Fair will be held at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University on Friday & Saturday, March 19 & 20, 2010.

Judge registration info will be emailed soon!

Please tell your colleagues about the NJRSF – our fair gets bigger and better every year and we need all the judges we can get. Interested judges should send me an email and I'll add them to the list.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at this year's fair!

Lenore Neigeborn, NJRSF Judging Coordinator

[neigeborn@sas.rutgers.edu](mailto:neigeborn@sas.rutgers.edu)

### **5. CALL FOR APPLICANTS - 2010 Minority Fellows Program**

The Biotechnology Institute invites applicants for the 2010 Minority Fellows Program. The Minority Fellows Program brings together minority graduate, post doctoral and post baccalaureate students to experience firsthand what the biotechnology industry has to offer in state-of-the-art research and career opportunities.

Each Fellow will be matched with an industry Mentor and will receive one-year of personalized mentoring. As part of the program, Fellows and Mentors will attend the Biotechnology Institute Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois (May 1-3, 2010) and the Biotechnology Industry Organization's (BIO) 2010 International Convention (May 3-6, 2010).

Fellows are also provided with the opportunity to explore careers in biotechnology and associated industries and participate in rigorous professional development training in areas such as emerging technologies, industrial entrepreneurship, and career-building skills, including interview techniques and resume writing.

#### **Where can I obtain the application form?**

Download the 2010 Minority Fellows Program application form here:

[http://biotechinstitute.org/programs/minority\\_fellows\\_program.html](http://biotechinstitute.org/programs/minority_fellows_program.html)

#### **Who Do I Contact if I Have Questions?**

For further information, please contact Elisabeth Freeman at [efreeman@biotechinstitute.org](mailto:efreeman@biotechinstitute.org) or by phone at 703.248.8681, ext 1789 (Please see attachment)

### **6. Spring '10 Tuition bill (instruction to get A/C summary from my.umdj Portal)**

Dear Students,

It has been brought to our attention that some students still have not received their tuition bill or it was mailed to their permanent address. It is of extreme importance that we get back your bills with the proper index # to charge and your advisor's signature immediately. Consequently, we are urging those of you who have not yet received an itemized bill to log on to the my.umdj Portal (instructions attached) and retrieve and print your account summary and utilized this as a bill. Have your advisor write the index #, sign off on it, and bring to me at the GSBS office.

Also, while you are at the portal check your addresses. You should have a permanent (PR) address and a mailing (MA) address listed. If you do not have listed a mailing (MA) or you have the wrong mailing (MA) address, you need to correct it immediately by reporting it to the GSBS office.

It is of extreme importance that we gather the index # off all students by January 25. (by means of the tuition bill or your student account summary from the portal)

Your cooperation in getting this done is much appreciated

Thanks!!

Perry (Please see attachment)