



GSBS at RWJMS

January Monthly Announcements

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1. *2011 PhD completion and acceleration fellowships*

This year, the GSBS at RWJMS has funds to support approximately 4 to 7 fellowships for Spring 2011. These fellowships would cover stipend (at up to 26,500 annual rate) for January 1 through June 30 2011. All student fees will have to be covered by the advisor.

1. A student must have completed all of the coursework for their PhD, completed the qualifying examination, and must have held an Annual Research Advisory Committee meeting within the last year (since January 18, 2010). No exceptions or extensions are allowed for the meeting and qualifying exam requirements.
2. Priority is given to students in laboratories that are experiencing a temporary shortage of funds such that the progress of the student could be accelerated by removing some of the financial impact SHORT TERM. Faculty must agree to immediately resume support for the student effective July 1, 2011.
3. If the student is anticipated to defend their thesis prior to the end of the fellowship but does not defend their PhD by July 1, 2011 the advisor must agree to continue to support of the student's stipend as of that date until the defense is completed.

To apply the student or their mentor must send ELECTRONICALLY and preferably as a single PDF file to the GSBS at RWJMS email (gbspisc@umdnj.edu) NO LATER than Feb. 4, 2011 the following.

1. The student's CV.
 2. A letter from their advisor indicating
 - a. The date of the student's last committee meeting
 - b. If the student is near completion of the PhD, the proposed PhD thesis defense date.
 - c. The current source of funds for the student and when that funding will end.
 - d. A brief description of how this fellowship will help bridge funding for the student to advance completion of the student's PhD
 - e. If the student will accelerate their progress and relieve a short term funding issue with no expectation the student will defend their thesis before the end of the fellowship, the mentor must indicate the source of funds that will used to continue support after the 6 month fellowship.
 3. A copy of the fully executed Annual Research Advisory Committee meeting form held after January 19, 2010.
- ***SUBMIT to gbspisc@umdnj.edu (Please see attachment)

2. A Message from your Student Wellness Program: 732-235-5933

Starting the 2011 New Year Off Affirmatively

As a student, life has the potential of being very rewarding; similarly, it can also be very challenging. Learning to balance the demands of being a student with your personal life isn't a choice, it's a necessity. Yet, it's easy to overlook caring for the key person in this scenario..."You."

(Please see attachment)

3. 2011 Tax Benefit Requirement for Foreign Nationals (Please see attachment)

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

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1. Graduate Student Drop-In Hours.

January 19, 2011 2pm-4pm

January 20, 2011 10am-12pm

January 24, 2011 2pm - 4pm

2. Spring 2011 Proposal Writing Experiences. *Read below for more information!* Many different options to choose from:

Proposal Writing Workgroup

Proposal Writing Intensive

Proposal Writing Workshop Series

3. On-line Chat Sessions.

January 28 from 1pm to 3pm

February 23 from 2pm to 4pm

4. Upcoming Grant and Fellowship Deadlines

5. Individual Appointments

6. Grad Fund Electronic Resources

1. Graduate Student Drop-In Hours:

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- *Do you have questions about external fellowships and grants?*
- *Do you want to learn more about how GradFund can help you with your funding applications?*
- *Do you want to know more about our services and resources?*
- *Do you want to know which grants and fellowship you can apply for to support your graduate work?*

Plan to stop by during our **Drop-In Hours** to learn more and get answers to your questions.

We will hold Graduate Student Drop-In Hours on **January 19, 2011 from 2pm-4pm, January 20, 2011 from 10am-12pm and January 24, 2011 from 2pm - 4pm** in our offices [at 25 Bishop Place, CAC](#).

Graduate students are welcome to stop by during the Drop-In Hours to briefly discuss external funding. Student meetings will take place on a first-come, first-served basis. Meetings will last 10-15 minutes

Students interested in scheduling a more in-depth individual appointment in order to build a plan to apply for grants and fellowships or to review a proposal, should email gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu and place "Appointment Request" in the subject line to schedule an individual appointment.

Spring 2011 Proposal Writing Experiences. We offer students the opportunity to learn about proposal writing and to develop and refine funding proposals. We offer a variety of engagements that range from semester-long programs to single day events. During the Spring Semester, we offer students a number of different types of proposal writing experiences including:

A. Proposal Writing Workgroup

B. Proposal Writing Intensive

C. Proposal Writing Workshop Series

A. Proposal Writing Workgroup: Meets **weekly** on **Thursday afternoons** from **1:30 to 2:30**, starting **January 20, 2011**.

The GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup offers a supportive interdisciplinary environment for doctoral students with a **defined** dissertation topic to meet weekly as a small group to discuss the mechanics of applying for external funding, strategies for putting together a competitive application, and the opportunity to draft proposals and receive peer review in a collegial environment. The Proposal Writing Workgroup is designed for the graduate student with little experience applying for grants and fellowships who would like to invest time into developing applications for the Fall 2011 deadline season. The focus of the Workgroup is on dissertation funding which means that participants should plan to apply for dissertation funding during the Fall 2011 deadline season and should have a defined dissertation topic.

Workgroup participants should be prepared to complete preparatory work and to attend the scheduled weekly workgroup meetings. Each meeting will run for an hour, and will require approximately 1-2 hours of preparatory work.

To participate in the Proposal Writing Workgroup, **pre-registration by January 18, 2011 is required**. To register, please email Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso at gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Place "GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup" in the subject line of your email. In the body of your email, please indicate your interest in joining the workgroup, your graduate program, year in program, and the funder whose application you would like to focus on as a participant in the Workgroup.

B. Proposal Writing Intensive: Meets on the following **Monday afternoons** from **3:00pm to 5:00pm**: **1/24, 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/28, 4/11, 4/18**

The GradFund Proposal Writing Intensive offers a supportive interdisciplinary environment for doctoral students **currently** writing funding applications. The group will meet regularly to discuss the mechanics of applying for external funding, strategies for putting together a competitive application, and the opportunity to draft proposals and receive peer review in a collegial environment. Participants are expected to be actively writing funding proposals and to be prepared to share their work with the group for review and feedback. The GradFund Proposal Writing Intensive is designed for the student who has experience applying for funding and who seeks a structured writing environment while working on funding applications.

The Proposal Writing Intensive participants should be prepared to attend all meetings and to regularly share their proposal drafts with the group.

To participate in the Proposal Writing Intensive, **pre-registration by January 18, 2011 is required**. To register, please email Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso at gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Place "GradFund Proposal Writing Intensive" in the subject line of your email. In the body of your email, please indicate your interest in joining the Proposal Writing Intensive in addition to your graduate program, year in program, and the funders whose applications you would like to focus on as a participant in the Proposal Writing Intensive.

C. Proposal Writing III: An Intensive Writing Workshop Experience

Workshop date: Friday, January 21 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Location: Rutgers Student Center, room 410, CAC

Proposal Writing III is the 3rd workshop in our **Proposal Writing Workshop Series** and as a full-day workshop, is designed for the graduate student who is already writing a fellowship or grant application and is seeking feedback on his or her work. The focus of this full-day workshop will be on the mechanics of proposal writing and will include review and critique of a proposal draft submitted prior to the workshop. ***To participate in the workshop, a proposal draft must be emailed to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu by 9am on Friday, January 14, 2011.*** During the workshop, participants will review and critique the submitted proposals and will spend time in the workshop revising their drafts. ***Pre-registration by Thursday, January 13th is required. To pre-register, email gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu***

3. On-line Chat Sessions.

January 28 from 1pm to 3pm

February 23 from 2pm to 4pm

Do you have some basic questions about fellowships and grants that you would like to have answered, without scheduling an appointment?

Plan to join us in our upcoming on-line chat sessions to get answers to your fellowship and grant questions.

On **January 28** from 1pm to 3pm and **February 23** from 2pm to 4pm Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso will host on-line fellowship and grant chat sessions.

To join the chat session you will need to have access to our Sakai Fellowship Guide (<https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>). To request access to our Sakai site, email gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu.

4. Upcoming Grant and Fellowship Deadlines

While the fall deadline season may be over, there are still a number of grant and fellowship competitions accepting applications in January and February. To research fellowships and grants with upcoming deadlines, visit our database at <http://gradfund.rutgers.edu>. Examples of grant and fellowship competitions with upcoming deadlines include (*not a comprehensive list!*):

- [DOE NNSA SSGF Stewardship Science Graduate Fellowship](#) –January 12, 2011
- [Inter-American Foundation \(IAF\) Grassroots Development Fellowship Program](#) –January 18, 2011
- [Social Science Research Council Latin American Security, Drugs and Democracy Fellowship](#) –January 20, 2011
- [Social Science Research Council DPDF Student Fellowship Competition](#)—January 28, 2011
- [Udall Foundation Environmental Public Policy & Conflict Resolution Ph.D. Fellowship](#) –February 24, 2011
- **NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants (DDIG)** offer important dissertation research support for doctoral students in NSF funded fields of study. A number of Social Science NSF DDIG competitions have **deadlines in January and February**. Listed below are the upcoming competition deadlines. An NSF DDIG application must be submitted through [fast lane](#) and must process through the University's [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#) before submission.
A new NSF [Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide](#) is available on the [NSF website](#) and will be in effect for proposal submitted or due on or after **January 18, 2011**. ***All proposals due on or after January 18, 2011 (including DDIGs) must describe plans for data management and sharing of the products of research, or assert the absence of the need for such plans.***

Up-Coming NSF DDIG Deadlines in the Social Sciences

[Cultural Anthropology](#)--January 15

[Law and Social Sciences](#)--January 15

[Linguistics](#)--January 15

[Political Science](#)--January 15

[Decision, Risk and Management Sciences](#)--January 18

[Economics](#)--January 18

[Science, Technology and Society](#)--February 1

[Physical Anthropology](#)--February 9

[Geography and Regional Science](#)-February

[Sociology](#)--February 15

5. Individual Appointments

We offer graduate students individual appointments throughout the year to assist with the process of applying for grants and fellowships. During the spring semester, we offer the following types of individual appointments:

Planning Meeting -- to discuss funding options

Help with a Funder -- to help navigate the application process

Proposal Review -- to provide proposal review and critique

To request an appointment, send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Please place "Appointment Request" in the subject line and in the body of your email include your full name, graduate program and the type of appointment you would like to schedule.

6. Grad Fund Electronic Resources

We offer a number of electronic resources to help students identify funding opportunities and to learn more apply applying for merit based fellowships and grants:

GradFund Funder Database (<http://gradfund.rutgers.edu/>) is a directory of over 4000 fellowships and grants to support graduate study. Use your university [Net Id](#) to access the database. For information on how to get a university Net Id visit: <https://netid.rutgers.edu/>

Sakai Fellowship Guide (<https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal>) provides information on applying to specific fellowship and grant competitions, proposal writing tools, links to useful articles and website and sample proposals. We use the Sakai Fellowship Guide to host on-line chat sessions and to advertise appointments available on short notice due to cancellations. To access the Sakai Fellowship Guide, request access by sending an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Please include in your email your full name, graduate program and your Net Id user name.

GradFund Blog (<http://rci.rutgers.edu/~gradfund/blog/>) provides information on upcoming deadlines and workshops.

GradFund Wiki (<https://gradfund.pbworks.com/>) is our knowledge library with insights and advice from students who have experience applying for external grants and fellowships.

GradFund is now on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) where we regularly post fellowship and grant deadlines, news, information, workshop announcements and appointment availability.

4. Save The Date The Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey organized by The Cancer Institute of New Jersey & The New Jersey Commission on Cancer Research

May 26, 2011 at UMDNJ-RWJMS675 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, NJ

5. Paperless W-2's - New for 2010 Paperless W-2's - New for 2010: The University is providing employees with the option of an electronic W-2 for 2010. You have until January 14th, but why not sign up in support of this "green" initiative today!

To sign up, please log in to my.umdj.edu and beneath 'Banner Self-Service' click on the [Electronic W-2 Sign-Up](#) link.

5. TAX WORKSHOP

UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Tax Workshop *

* Monday, February 7, 2011

6:00 p.m.

** Rutgers Student Center

College Avenue*

(Please see attachment)

6. SWP “Drop-In” counseling service

The **Student Wellness Program (SWP)** has instituted a new “**Drop-In**” **counseling service** for our students who participate in academic programs on our Piscataway, Newark and Stratford/Camden Campuses. **Please note, this arrangement is envisioned as a reserved time period allocated for students; not a crisis scenario.** As such in an effort to accommodate our student population, the designated days and times have been established:

Piscataway: 501 Hoes Lane. Suite# 202; 732-235-5933

Jim Walker, Ed.D. / Mondays @ 4:00 p.m.

Sarah Ben Younes-Millot, LSW / Tuesdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Newark: Behavioral Health Sciences Bldg. (183 So. Orange Ave.); 973-972-4529

Mark Chernin, Ph.D. / Thursdays @ 4:00 p.m. (Rm. # 1501)

Regina Mantarro, MA, MFT / Mondays @ 1:00 p.m. (Rm. # 1502)

Stratford/Camden: 227 Laurel Rd. # 1 Echelon Plaza; 856-770-5750