




GSBS at RWJMS

October Monthly Announcements

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Hello Students

Just a reminder, make sure you are up to date on your qualifying exam requirements and annual committee meeting before next semester! Also, remember the GSBS at RWJMS offers travel awards to students but you have to have completed all your qualifying exam requirements and apply BEFORE the meeting. The form is at <http://rwjms.umdj.edu/education/gsbs/documents/2009StudentTravelAwardApprovalForm.pdf> under academic forms.

Terri Kinzy

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1. A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STUDENT WELLNESS PROGRAM: 732-235-5933

What are you afraid of?

As the calendar year moves into October, community members may be observed arranging decorations as they prepare to celebrate Halloween and the associated tradition of trick or treating. As a result, phobias such as chiroptophobia (fear of bats), phasmophobia (fear of ghosts), or even arachnophobia (fear of spiders) can become activated at this time. While inciting such fear may be considered a "trick" to some, the impact can be down right scary to those individuals who struggle with phobias regularly. **(Please see attachment)**

2. AETNA STUDENT HEALTH - POSSIBILITY OF REFUND FOR STUDENTS MOVING TO PARENT'S HEALTH INSURANCE **(Please see attachment)**

3. DECEMBER 13, 2010, THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WILL HOST A SPECIAL COMPANY DAY WITH PEPSICO On December 13, 2010, the New York Academy of Sciences will host a special Company Day with PepsiCo at our New York City headquarters. Fifty specially selected students and early career scientists (MS, PhD, postdoc) will have the unique opportunity to interact with PepsiCo's leadership and to learn about the company's research opportunities and global R&D efforts to develop products rooted in science-based nutrition.

We invite you to nominate your best and brightest students to participate in this opportunity. Additionally, students can self-nominate, so we encourage you to share this opportunity with your academic communities. For more information, please visit www.nyas.org/PepsiCo

****Deadline for Nomination: Friday, November 5, 2010****

How to Nominate

To nominate an individual or for self-nominations, please send a CV or resume to sciencealliance@nyas.org. Please title the subject line of your email "PepsiCo Company Day."

R&D Global Research Challenges addressed at the 2009 PepsiCo Day at NYAS:

Developing science-based approaches that demonstrate the role of good nutrition in preventing non-communicable diseases.

Creating affordable and accessible nutrient-based foods and beverages that are sustainable in the global economy, as well as tools to assess their value.

Tapping into new, locally relevant ingredients while ensuring strong quality control.

Improving sustainability through improvements in manufacturing, packaging, and processes.

Thank you in advance for sharing this opportunity with your academic community. If you have questions or would like to speak about this in more detail, I have included my contact information below.

Kind regards,

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4. NEW NIH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: NIH EARLY INDEPENDENCE AWARD PROGRAM *NEW NIH Funding Opportunity: NIH Early Independence Award Program*

The NIH Common Fund announces the highly selective **NIH Director's Early Independence Award Program** to provide a mechanism for exceptional, early career scientists who are U.S. residents or permanent citizens to omit traditional post-doctoral training and move into independent academic positions at U.S. institutions directly upon completion of their graduate degrees (Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent). The NIH expects to issue **10** awards through this program in fall 2011. Projects will receive up to \$250,000 in direct costs each year for up to 5 years.

Junior scientists must identify a host institution. Alternatively, institutions may actively recruit exceptional junior scientists to apply for these positions. An institution may elect to host an applicant for this program with the commitment to a position being contingent upon receipt of the award. These awards will be very selective, and each institution may only submit **two** applications.

The deadline for submitting Early Independence Award applications is January 21, 2011. See the instructions in the Funding Opportunity ([RFA-RM-10-19](#)). Additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about the Early Independence Investigators Award Program is available at: <http://commonfund.nih.gov/earlyindependence>. Send questions to earlyindependence@mail.nih.gov.

The NIH Common Fund (*formerly the NIH Roadmap*) encourages collaboration and supports a series of exceptionally high impact, trans-NIH programs. These programs are supported by the Common Fund, and managed by the NIH Office of the Director in partnership with the various NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices. Additional information about the NIH Common Fund can be found at <http://commonfund.nih.gov>.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) – "The Nation's Medical Research Agency" – includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit <http://www.nih.gov>.

5. IMPORTANT NOMINEES FOR LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATES MEETING IN GERMANY

Dear students

The GSBS will nominate students for this meeting. It is a great opportunity but please read the information below and visit the web site

If you wish to be nominated please send me electronically (PDFS):

- a one-page personal resume of the applicant
- a one page letter of reference from the applicant's advisor and
- an essay of no more than one page written by the applicant describing why participation in the Lindau meeting is important for the applicant's graduate education.
- Indicate in your sponsor for the research (i.e. NIH institute, DOE)

I need this before October 27th, 2010 to send to the GSBS. If more than 2 students wish to be nominated a committee will select the nominees.

I hope some of you will take advantage of this opportunity

Terri Kinzy

I would like to call your attention to the attached letter, which has been sent to the most senior officials at universities across the country. It describes a unique and exciting opportunity for a select number of truly outstanding graduate students to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting in Germany this summer.

I encourage you to nominate your best and brightest eligible student for this exceptional experience. The timeline is short, so please act promptly so your student can qualify. Nominations from your university are due November 1, 2010, but be aware that your university's internal selection process will take time, so your prompt attention is required.

You can learn more about the Lindau Nobel Meetings at the following Web sites:

- General information from the official Web site: <http://lindau-nobel.de/WebHome.AxCMS>.
- U.S.-specific information from Oak Ridge Associated Universities, which coordinates the U.S. delegation: <http://www.ornl.gov/lindau/>
- Videos on Nature's Web site, which will give you an excellent idea of what the Lindau meeting is all about: <http://www.nature.com/video/lindau2010/index.html>.

Program directors John Schwab and Ravi Basavappa represented NIGMS at the 2009 and 2010 Lindau meetings, respectively. They report that students from the U.S. delegation, who came from universities all over the country, have found this to be a uniquely rewarding experience, with extensive opportunities for networking and international community-building, in addition to more focused discussions with the Nobel laureates. The energy and talent in our group has been extraordinary!

The week-long 2011 meeting (June 26-July 1) will feature laureates from physiology or medicine. The U.S. delegation is expected to comprise about 60-70 graduate students, about half of whom will be sponsored by the NIH. The U.S. delegation will join an overall group of about 550 young scientists from more than 70 countries. Typically, 20-30 Nobel laureates attend, as well as a substantial number of individuals from the funding agencies and the media.

Along with the other NIH Institutes and Centers, NIGMS is pleased to participate once again as a sponsor of the 2011 Lindau meeting. The selection process will be extraordinarily competitive. As specified in the attached letter, each university may nominate only two students per sponsoring agency (NIH, DOE, ORAU, and Mars, Incorporated).

I am sending this e-mail to alert you to the existence of this opportunity and to urge you to identify and to consider sending forward your very strongest eligible student for this unique honor. Note that each nominee for NIGMS sponsorship must be involved in a project supported by NIGMS or supported on an NIGMS training award. (Analogous requirements will apply to sponsorship by NIH Institutes and Centers other than NIGMS.) Again, I encourage you to act promptly so that your best and brightest eligible student may qualify for this exceptional experience. **(Please see attachment)**

6. DUE NOV. 1: HHMI International Student Research Fellowship Online Nominations

Dear students and faculty

HHMI has initiated a NEW fellowship program for graduate students who are in the second (or third) year of graduate study, have identified a lab and are NOT U.S. citizens, noncitizen nationals or permanent residents.

The information below was provided to Dean Scotto. The GSBS can submit 3 nominees from ALL THREE campuses of GSBS.

To be considered, student must submit DIRECTLY to Johanna Sierra (Johanna Sierra <sierrajo@umdnj.edu>) as a SINGLE PDF file

1. A personal statement from the student
2. The student's CV
3. TWO letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the advisor.

These are due WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2010.

Nominees will be forwarded to Dean Scotto for the final selection of the 3 nominees.