



GSBS at RWJMS

October Monthly Announcements

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Dear students,

As we get really rolling in the semester we want to remind you about a great resource, EndNote. As a user of this program for almost 20 years, it is great for managing your references and writing papers but for you it can also help for your thesis. Best of all, it's FREE! You can get it at:

<http://libraries.umdj.edu/EndNote/> and the blog at <http://umdendnote.wordpress.com/> is great.

So, check it out and use it to write up those papers! Our terrific Campus Library Director Kerry O'Rourke (732) 235-7606 orourke@umdj.edu is a great resource too, so make sure you take advantage of the libraries and resources, more info is at <http://rwjms.umdj.edu/education/gpbs/current/etr.html>

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1. Genetics Research Seminars

"Transition from Academia to Industry"

Dr. Qing Li - Mon - 10/17/11

"The Genetic Counseling Profession"

Kathleen D. Valverde, MS, CGC - Mon - 10/24/11

"Evolutionary and functional genetics of drought adaptation and acclimation in plants"

Dr. John McKay - Mon - 10/31/11

(Please see attachments for more details, time and location)

2. Student Wellness Test Taking Anxiety

Test taking anxiety is a very common concern that plagues students in all levels of academia. Anxiety surrounding exams is actually very normal and can even help to motivate students to study more efficiently. However, severe test taking anxiety can also be very debilitating and impede one's ability to perform well on exams. It can lead to having an inability to concentrate, difficulty comprehending the questions and even the inability to recall information one knows well. In fact, symptoms of test taking anxiety can be similar to those of anxiety disorders. (Please see attachments)

3. The Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund

The Margaret Yardley Fellowship Fund was established in 1930 to provide fellowship grants to deserving women who are New Jersey residents pursuing post-graduate advanced studies at the school of their choice. NJSFWC has been able to award between six and eight \$1,000 fellowship grants to deserving women annually. For information see:

<http://www.njsfwc.org/index.php/article/sub/9>

This is for New Jersey female residents only. Considerations include scholastic achievement, career service potential and charitable endeavors. Applications are due March 1.

4. What can you be with a PhD symposium registration is open, please note this is very popular and fills up fast.

Please go to: <http://www.whatcanyoubewithaphd.net/registration/>

5. NSF Graduate Fellowships

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has opened applications for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) awards for FY 12; application deadlines cluster around mid-November 2011 and vary by field. GRFs provide three years of "early-stage" support for graduate students seeking research-based master's or doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, including the social sciences. Funding levels are expected to be \$42,000 per year for each fellow, including \$12,000 for tuition, reflecting an increase to the cost-of-education allowance from its previous level of \$10,500. The program expects to award 2,000 new fellowships in FY 12. Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents. According to the announcement, "A high priority for NSF and GRFP is increasing the diversity of the science and engineering workforce, including geographic distribution and the participation of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans."

More information is available at: nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11582/.

6. REMINDER-NIH Extramural LRP Application Deadline is November 15

NIH Loan Repayment Programs -- Apply Now for Up to \$35,000 of Annual Educational Debt Repayment

The NIH is accepting applications for its extramural Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) now through 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 15, 2011.

These programs often allow scientific investigators to remain in the research workforce, achieve research independence and focus their efforts on advancing the health of the nation. Opportunities are available in clinical research, pediatric research, health disparities research, contraception and infertility research, and clinical research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. Each year, some 1,600 research scientists benefit from the more than \$70 million NIH invests in their careers through the extramural LRPs.

Please share this e-mail with researchers in your organization who may benefit from the LRPs. With the November 15 deadline quickly approaching, health professionals who have started an online application should complete it now. Those who have not yet started should visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** to learn more about the programs and apply.

BENEFITS: New LRP contracts are awarded for a two-year period and help repay up to \$35,000 of qualified educational debt each year. Tax offsets also are provided as additional benefits. Participants may apply for

competitive renewals, which are issued for one or two years. Undergraduate, graduate, medical school, and other health professional school loans qualify for repayment. An NIH grant or other NIH funding is not required to apply for or participate in the LRP.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must possess a doctoral-level degree (with the exception of the contraception and infertility research LRP); be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident; devote 20 hours or more per week to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit, university, or government entity; and have qualified educational loan debt equal to or exceeding 20 percent of their institutional base salary.

APPLICATION TIPS: For guidance on the application process and NIH Institute and Center (IC) research priorities, potential applicants should watch this webinar<<http://go.usa.gov/aHx>>, review Tips for Completing a Competitive Application and contact an IC LRP liaison.

QUESTIONS? Visit the LRP website at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** for more information and to access the online application. For additional assistance, call or e-mail the LRP Information Center at (866) 849-4047 or lrp@nih.gov<<mailto:lrp@nih.gov>>. Also, receive application cycle updates through Twitter @NIH_LRP and Facebook<<http://www.facebook.com/nihlrp>>.

7. GSBS "Academic Forms"

Attention All Students:

Please visit the GSBS "Academic Forms" link <http://rwjms.umdj.edu/education/gpbs/current/forms.html> and make sure you download the required most current form whenever needed.

Anyone who submits an outdated form will be asked to complete and obtain all required signatures again on the most current form.