



GSBS at RWJMS

August/September Monthly Announcements

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Dear students,

Happy start of school! As we start the fall semester, please remember to READ this email for important announcements, and remember ALL official GSBS email will come to your umdnj.edu email account, our list serves are generated from our system, so remember you HAVE to check in.

Also, I wanted to point out the Work Force Development and Individual Career Planning resources of the AAAS.

Among the varied tools and information that it offers free to early career scientists, Science Careers publishes informative booklets focused on career development.

<http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/>

Another resource is the Annual post doc appreciation day symposium,

<http://pda-nj.appspot.com/symposium.html>

A fantastic networking and educational event.

Best wishes for a great semester

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1. Travel Awards for poster presenters at the 6th Annual Julius Axelrod Symposium

NIDA, NIMH, and NINDS are now soliciting applications for travel award poster presentations for this symposium. In the spirit of Dr. Axelrod's research legacy, the Institutes are seeking applicants from academia, pharmaceutical and biotech companies, and government agencies whose research is aimed at the discovery of novel drug targets, ligands, and/or new methods that can be applied to the development of medications for neurological and psychiatric disorders of interest to NIDA, NIMH, and NINDS. A \$750 travel award will be given to each of the 24 poster presenters selected for this session. In recognition of Dr. Axelrod's support for the next generation of researchers, preference for travel awards will be given to post-doctoral fellows and NIH Early Stage Investigators [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/]. Abstracts accepted for the 2012 SfN Annual Meeting in New Orleans may be submitted for this satellite event. Please see the attached application form for details on how to apply. Application forms may also be accessed at the event website (<http://www.seiservices.com/nida/axelrod2012/>). Completed applications must be received via email (to Axelrod@seiservices.com) by Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 5:00 PM (EDT) to be considered for this event. All applicants will be notified of the status of their submission by Friday, September 28, 2012. For additional information, please contact: for NIDA [Roger Sorensen, rsorensen@mail.nih.gov]; for NIMH [Susan Koester, koesters@mail.nih.gov]; or for NINDS [Alan Willard, aw135y@nih.gov].

2. Grad Fund--Upcoming Events and Information Fall Semester 2012

1. Introducing GradFund Central!
 2. GradFund Drop in hours--*Starting today*
 3. GradFund on-line chat sessions
 4. Individual appointments and the fall deadline season
 5. GradFund conference—*Crafting Competitive Fellowship and Grant Applications: Advice, Feedback, and Guidance for Graduate Students* on September 28th
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1. Introducing [GradFund Central!](#)

We are pleased to share with you the new [GradFund website](#) and suite of on-line resources.

Our newly designed website has updated information and features to guide graduate students through the process of identifying and applying for merit-based, external grants and fellowships. To tour our new on-line resources and to learn more, visit [GradFund Central](#) where you will find links to:

- [The GradFund Knowledgebase](#), our curated collection of advice, in-depth funder profiles, and proposal-writing tools.
- [GradFund Conversations](#), our blog for informal discussions of important topics and current events in graduate funding.
- [The GradFund Virtual Office](#) (on Sakai), our platform for announcements and virtual workshops or meetings.

2. Drop-in Hours—*Starting today!*

Join us the week of September 3rd for our drop-in hours!

Do you have questions about applying for external grants and fellowships? Would you like to learn more about GradFund services and how we can assist you with crafting competitive merit-based fellowship and grant applications? Be sure to take advantage of our drop-in hours!

Drop in hours will be held this week in our offices at [25 Bishop Place, CAC](#) as follows :

- September 4, 1pm-4pm
- September 5, 10am-1pm
- September 6, 10am-4pm

3. GradFund On-line Chat Sessions

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 **September 12 from 1pm to 2pm** and October 2 **from 10am to 11am**, Assistant Dean Teresa Delcorso will host on-line fellowship and grant chat sessions in the [GradFund Virtual Office](#).

If you have not yet been added to the [GradFund Virtual Office](#), log into Sakai using your Rutgers NetID and password, and to the "My Workspace" tab at the top of the page. In the left-hand menu, click on "Membership," then click the button labeled "Joinable Sites." Use the search function using the word "GradFund" to find the GradFund Virtual Office.

4. Individual Appointments and the Fall Deadline Season:

The fall semester is the major funding application deadline season. Now is the time to apply for merit-based external grants and fellowships to support your graduate study. To learn more about the timing of merit-based applications read [our advice on a timeline for proposal development](#).

Whether you are just starting out with funding applications or are a seasoned applicant, we offer individual appointments to assist graduate students with identifying funding options and developing competitive funding applications. Our appointment options include:

- [Planning meetings](#) to discuss and plan for integrating funding applications into a student's graduate career.
- [Early graduate fellowship](#) meetings to help incoming students identify early graduate study funders for fall deadlines.

- [Help-with-a-funder](#) meetings to help students understand how to navigate the application process for a specific funder.
- [Application review](#) meetings to reviews of funding applications under development.

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.

5. 2012 Fall GradFund Conference --Crafting Competitive Fellowship and Grant Applications: Advice, Feedback, and Guidance for Graduate Students on September 28th

Are you interested in winning a prestigious external award to support your research or study expenses as a graduate student? Do you plan to have a long-term research career dependent on grant support? Enhance your chances of success by learning the most up-to-date best practices for graduate student external grant and fellowship applications!

Insights and information offered from the perspectives of graduate award winners, faculty reviewers, program officers, and GradFund's 10+ years of experience will benefit new and seasoned award applicants alike. The program will include in-depth workshops on how to apply for external merit-based awards, panels of experts offering proposal writing advice, mock and peer review session for students with application drafts, and more. To learn more about the event visit the [conference webpage](#). To register to participate, visit our [registration page](#).

3. NIH Loan Repayment Programs - Apply Now for 2013 Awards

Researchers Receive Up to \$35,000 Annually to Help Repay Student Loans

Application Deadline is November 15, 2012

The 2013 application cycle for the National Institutes of Health's Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) is now open, so start your application online at <http://www.lrp.nih.gov>. The LRPs repay the outstanding student loans of researchers who are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research. Opportunities are available in five research areas – clinical, pediatric, health disparities, contraception and infertility and clinical research for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. **Applications will be accepted until 8:00 p.m. Eastern time on November 15, 2012.**

Click [here](#) for our new step-by-step application guide, and please share this e-mail with researchers who may benefit from this career-enhancing opportunity.

BENEFITS: New LRP contracts are awarded for a two-year period and repay up to \$35,000 of qualified educational debt annually. 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 LRPs.

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.

AWARDS: Each year, nearly 1,600 research scientists benefit from the more than \$70 million NIH invests in their careers through the extramural LRPs. Approximately 40 percent of new applications and 70 percent of renewal applications are funded.

APPLICATION TIPS: For guidance on the application process, potential applicants should use the [application guide](#) and watch an [Overview of the Loan Repayment Programs](#) and [Application Tutorial](#).

QUESTIONS? Visit the LRP website at <http://www.lrp.nih.gov> 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. Also, receive application cycle updates and tips through Twitter @[NIH_LRP](#) and [Facebook](#).

4. Health Services

Students, please remember there are many resources to help you, or to assist you in helping friends or co workers on our student affairs link, and in particular at

http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/education/gsbs/student_affairs/health_services.html

Please note we have just uploaded a revised document on Assistance in the Event of a Sexual Assault

Also, under University policy, all full-time UMDNJ students as well as part-time UMDNJ students who participate in clinical experience as part of their educational programs are required to be covered by health and accident insurance. All students will be automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan unless an [online Waiver Form](#) is completed and submitted each year by the student who wishes to waive coverage. The Waiver Form must be complete online by the **September 23rd** deadline. The University, in conjunction with Aetna Life Insurance Company, offers a plan which fulfills the UMDNJ insurance requirements.

5. Tributes to Aaron Shatkin: Memorial and Symposium, October 18-19, 2012

A memorial for Aaron Shatkin will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 6:00 pm in the Kirkpatrick Chapel at Old Queens on the Rutgers University campus. A reception will follow.

The 26th Annual CABM Symposium entitled "Advances in Biology and Medicine - A Tribute to Aaron Shatkin" will be held on Friday, October 19 in the Main Auditorium at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, adjacent to the CABM on the Piscataway campus.

Details about both events will be posted on the CABM website

(<http://www3.cabm.rutgers.edu>) in August and will be updated on a regular basis. Registration will be required for the Symposium. If you require additional information in the meantime, please contact Darlene Bondoc (bondoc@cabm.rutgers.edu).

6. GSBS "Academic Forms"

Attention All Students:

Please visit the GSBS "Academic Forms" link <http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/education/gsbs/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.