



GSBS at RWJMS

December Monthly Announcements

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Hello students

This month we have 2 important announcements.

First on Monday December 24 the GSBS at RWJMS office will be closed, in an emergency please contact the central GSBS office.

Second and most importantly on December 4, our own Perry Dominguez from GSBS at RWJMS , along with 2 good friends of our students Sue Lomanto Administrative Director GSBS and Dr. Jerry Langer our IMSD Training grant director along with faculty and staff from across the University were honored for 25 years of service. I am sure you join me in being surprised they could have been here this long since they are all so young, and in thanking them for their service.

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1. Student Wellness Program / Information "Soft Skills"

A message from your Student Wellness Program: 732-235-5933

The Value of "Soft-Skills" within the Academic Community & Beyond

The acquisition of soft-skills is essential to a student's success within the scholastic milieu; which can be transitioned into an individual's future professional career pathways, creating a more robust environment for individuals to negotiate the diverse landscapes in which social & emotional intelligence/competency is an essential ingredient in day-to-day social interactions.

Soft skills can be viewed within social/interpersonal dimensions as comprising the following: Courtesy, respect for others, a good work ethic, teamwork, self-discipline, self-confidence, conformity to norms of the academic & vocational/professional setting in which you're placed in, language proficiency, behavior and

communication skills, active-listening and responsibility (Career Directions, 2003)¹. Research purports that approximately 15% of one's success is determined by hard-skills (i.e., technical skills associated with one's academic degree), whereas nearly 85% of that success hinges upon attributes related to the effective cultivation of acquiring soft-skills.

For students, communication skills (i.e., speaking, listening and writing) are most desired. Additionally, cultivating a proficiency in time management will impact a student's achievement by way of learning to plan, delegate, schedule, set-goals, and prioritize tasks, while lessening distractions and procrastinations. Additionally, having a firm understanding of what constitutes professional conduct or social decorum both within the university milieu and society-at-large cannot be underscored, as this adeptness is a much desired set of traits that will have a profound impact on how one is able to navigate diverse social settings. Other soft-skills of importance might include negotiating skills, motivation (yes, this is a skill), decision-making skills, problem solving skills (very important), ability to teach/instruct others, professional attitude, analytical skills and networking skills. Given the philosophy that we are all "lifetime learners," it behooves all of us entrenched in the educational pipeline to cultivate and upgrade our soft skills as the attainment of these unique aptitudes' can lead to success in our academic, vocational, social/personal spheres.

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment with a Student Wellness Program Clinician, please call 732-235-5933 Monday to Friday (both day and evening appointments are available). For those who prefer to be seen on the Piscataway Campus, an appointment can be arranged to meet with students at 671 Hoes Lane, Room # 421; please alert the receptionist at the time of the call. Our main office location is listed below:

**UMDNJ – University Behavioral Healthcare
501 Hoes Lane, Suite # 202
Piscataway, NJ 08854**

1. Career Directions: Job Skills. (2003, May). Tech Directions, 62 (10), 22-23.

Resource: Adapted in part, from <http://uncc49er.com/518/employers-desire-soft-skills-from-college-graduates/>. This resource was developed in 2012 by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Charlotte, NC 28223.

2. Special Student Opportunities Available from the New York Academy of Sciences



2013 Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists

Nomination Period: December 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013

[The New York Academy of Sciences Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists](http://www.nyas.org/BlavatnikAwards) acknowledges and celebrates the excellence of our most noteworthy young scientists and engineers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The Awards recognize highly innovative, impactful, and interdisciplinary accomplishments in the life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, and engineering with unrestricted financial prizes for both finalists and awardees.

Nominate leading students and faculty between Dec. 1, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013

For more information please visit www.nyas.org/BlavatnikAwards

Poster Competition: Call for Submissions!

Deadline: January 14, 2013

New York Structural Biology Discussion Group 8th Winter Meeting

Symposium date: January 24, 2013 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Website: www.nyas.org/StructureBioWinter2013

Location: The New York Academy of Sciences, New York City

Meeting Description: *Join structural biologists, biophysicists, and biochemists spanning the academic, industrial, and start-up communities, at this bi-annual conference as they discuss cutting-edge research on proteins and other macromolecules. This meeting provides a relaxed forum to exchange ideas, network, and form research collaborations.*

Poster Competition: *Submissions are invited for a poster competition. All posters on site will be judged by a scientific committee, and three or more posters will be selected for a **cash prize of \$100 each**. For complete poster submission instructions, please send an email to NYSBDG@nyas.org with "Poster Information" in the subject line. There is no need to*

type a message; instructions will be forwarded automatically. Please call 212.298.8632 with any questions. **Deadline for submissions is January 14, 2013 (possibly earlier if space is filled)**

Call for Poster Abstracts & Travel Fellowship Applications

Deadline: March 22, 2013



Probiotics, Prebiotics, and the Host Microbiome: The Science of Translation Conference

Conference date: June 12, 2013 | 7:45 AM - 6:00 PM

Website: www.nyas.org/Probiotics2013

Location: The New York Academy of Sciences, New York City

Conference Description: This 1-day conference presented by The Sackler Institute for Nutrition Science at the New York Academy of Sciences and The International Scientific Association for Probiotics and Prebiotics will serve as a neutral forum to critically examine the potential population-wide economic and public health benefits of translating this research into innovative functional foods and biotherapeutics for a broad spectrum of conditions including obesity, diabetes, inflammatory and gastrointestinal disease, and malnutrition.

Call for Poster Abstracts:

The deadline for abstracts is Friday, March 22, 2013.

Select poster abstracts will be chosen for short oral presentations.

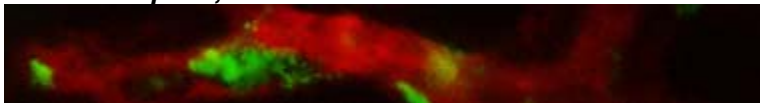
For complete abstract submission instructions, please send an email to Probiotics2013@nyas.org with the words "Abstract Information" in the subject line. There is no need to type a message; instructions will be forwarded automatically. Please call 212.298.8620 with any questions.

Call for Young Investigator and Underrepresented Minority Travel Fellowship and Child-Care Grant Applications: The deadline for application is Friday, March 22, 2013.

A small number of fellowships will be made available to qualified early career investigators, early career investigators from underrepresented minorities, and investigators requiring child-care support. For detailed information on eligibility and application instructions, please send an email to Probiotics2013@nyas.org with the words "Grant Information" in the subject line. There is no need to type a message; instructions will be forwarded automatically. Please call 212.298.8620 with any questions.

Call for Poster Abstracts & Travel Fellowship Applications

Deadline: April 5, 2013



The Bone Marrow Niche, Stem Cells, and Leukemia: Impact of Drugs, Chemicals, and the Environment Conference

Conference dates: May 29 - 31, 2013

Website: www.nyas.org/BoneMarrow

Location: The New York Academy of Sciences, New York City

Conference Description: This 2.5-day conference presented by, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and the New York Academy of Sciences, will join two fields of research, toxicology and hematology, around a jointly shared goal: to better understand, prevent, and treat myeloid neoplasms. Sessions will combine basic science and toxicology with clinical findings.

Call for Abstracts:

The deadline for poster abstracts is Friday, April 5, 2013.

Select poster abstracts will be chosen for short oral presentations. For complete abstract submission instructions, please send an email to niche@nyas.org with "Abstract Information" in the subject line. There is no need to type a message; instructions will be forwarded automatically. Please call 212.298.8696 with any questions.

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GradFund News

Upcoming Events

Spring 2013 Proposal Writing Workgroup information session: 12/18 @ 11am

Spring 2013 Drop-in hours: 1/22, 1/23, 1/24

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News and Information for graduate students

1. Follow GradFund!
2. Upcoming deadlines of note
3. GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup
4. Start the new year with a planning meeting
5. Spring 2013 drop-in hours

1. **Follow GradFund**

Keep up to date with GradFund news and activities. Follow GradFund on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) or keep abreast of our Twitter feed on [GradFund Central](#). Read funding related news and advice weekly on our blog, [GradFund Conversations](#) and find in- depth information or advice on specific fellowship and grant programs in the [GradFund Knowledgebase](#). Be sure to join the [GradFund Virtual Office on Sakai](#) to receive announcements and information about upcoming events and deadlines.

2. **Upcoming deadlines of note**

There are a number of grant and fellowship deadlines in January and February. If you plan to apply for these or any other fellowships or grants with deadlines in January or February, we encourage you to schedule a help with a funder or application review appointment in December in order to receive early assistance with the application and then to schedule a follow-up appointment or two in January or February. To request an appointment, send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Some of the major fellowship and grant deadlines for January and February are listed below. If you would like assistance with finding a fellowship or grant to apply for, send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu to request a planning meeting.

Social Science Research Council (<http://ssrc.org>)

- Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dpdf-fellowship/>)--January 31, 2013
- Drugs, Security and Democracy Fellowship (<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/dsd-fellowship/>)--January 20, 2013

Inter-American Foundation

- Inter-American Foundation Fellowship (<http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program>)--January 22, 2013

IAF webinars in December: <http://www.iie.org/en/Programs/IAF-Grassroots-Development-Fellowship-Program> to view the schedule.

Boren Awards for International Study

Boren Fellowships (http://www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship/)--January 31, 2013

Boren Fellowship webinars in December: <http://www.borenawards.org/webinars.html>

NSF DDIG:

Many of the social science sections of NSF have deadlines for their Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant programs in January and February.

SBE Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants (<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11547/nsf11547.htm>)

January 15: Political Science (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/polisci/ddrip1.jsp>)

January 15: Cultural Anthropology (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/anthro/suppdiss.jsp>)

January 15: Linguistics (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/ling/suppdiss.jsp>)
January 15: Law and Social Sciences
(<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/law/lawguide1.jsp>)
January 15: Research on the Science and Technology Enterprise: Statistics
and Surveys (http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ddig_srs.jsp)
January 16: Methodology, Measurement and Statistics
(<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/mms/diss1.jsp>) January 18: Economics
(<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/econ/ddrip1.jsp>)
January 18: Decision, Risk and Management
(<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/drms/ddrip1.jsp>)
February 1: Science, Technology, and Society
(<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/ssociety/ssdiss1.jsp>) February 14: Geography
and Spatial Sciences (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/grs/suppdiss.jsp>)
February 15: Sociology (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/ses/soc/socck11.jsp>)
No Deadline: Archeology (<http://www.nsf.gov/sbe/bcs/arch/suppdiss.jsp>)

3. GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup--Information meeting in the Sakai Virtual Office, December 18th at 11am.

Spring 2013 Proposal Writing Workgroup

*Are you planning to apply for external funding during fall 2014?
Are you unsure how to write a funding proposal?*

GradFund's Proposal Writing Workgroup with help you with the process!

General Interest Meeting: December 18th at 11am on the GradFund Virtual Office Sakai Meeting Site.

What is it?

The GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup offers a supportive interdisciplinary environment for graduate students to meet weekly to discuss the mechanics of applying for external funding, strategies for putting together a competitive funding application and the opportunity to draft funding proposals and receive peer review in a collegial environment.

What will I get out of it?

The goal of the workgroup is to help graduate students prepare their funding proposals well in advance of the fall 2013 fall deadline season. We also seek to create a proposal writing community in which the workgroup participants may continue to engage independently over the summer and into the fall semester.

What's the time commitment?

Workgroup participants should be prepared to complete preparatory work and to attend the scheduled workgroup meetings. The workgroup will meet regularly from January to May 2013. Each group meeting will run approximately 2.5 hours and will require 1-2 hours of preparatory work. The meeting schedule will be determined after the initial general interest meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 18th at 11am on the GradFund Sakai Virtual Office meeting site.

How many students will be in the workgroup?


The workgroup will be limited to 10 students in order to provide each individual with detailed and constructive feedback.

How do I sign up?

If you are interested in joining the GradFund Proposal Writing Workgroup, 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 in addition to your graduate program, year in program, the funder to which you would like to apply and if you are able to attend the general interest meeting to be held on December 18th. Attendance at the December 18 meeting is not required but strongly advised.

Workgroup discussion topics and activities will include:

Getting ready to apply for funding
Examining how to integrate applying for funding into your graduate career
Understanding the proposal writing genre
Finding funding options and strategies for success
Preparing an application and writing a proposal, personal statement and budget
Becoming familiar with the proposal review process



Drafting and revising proposals
Reviewing and critiquing proposals
Analyzing and discussing examples of successful proposals

To register or for more information email: gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu

4. **Start the new year with a planning meeting**

Are you interested in applying for funding but not sure where to start? Email gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu to schedule a planning meeting so we can assist you with identifying your options and developing a plan to apply for funding.

5. **Spring 2013 drop-in hours**

At the start of the spring semester, we will host drop in hours in the GradFund offices at 25 Bishop Place, CAC. Plan to stop by to learn more about GradFund and applying for external funding.

January 22 1pm-4pm
January 23 10am-noon and 1pm-4pm
January 24 10am-noon and 1pm-4pm

4. 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.