

# GSBS @ RWJMS

## April Monthly Announcement

### Happy Spring!!!!

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#### **Commencement/Graduation Schedule of Events**

Sunday, May 17, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Pre-Commencement Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Bridgewater Marriott

Bridgewater, NJ

Monday, May 18, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Class of 2009 Convocation

State Theatre

New Brunswick, NJ

Invited Speaker: Nancy Snyderman, MD, NBC News Chief Medical Editor

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Commencement

PhD hooding

IZOD Center

East Rutherford, NJ

#### **Student Travel Award**

The GSBS currently offers a travel award of up to \$600 for travel expenses to doctoral students who have completed an approved thesis proposal or all qualifying examinations and who are presenting papers at scientific meetings. The guidelines for these awards are:

1. A formal abstract acknowledging UMDNJ-Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as a research site.
2. The student must be first author on the abstract to be presented.
3. The research must be part of the approved dissertation proposal.
4. Doctoral candidates are eligible for a total of two awards, but only one award will be approved within any 12-month period.

The approval form can be found on the GSBS website click on current graduate students and then on the drop down menu – academic forms.

## **Executive Women of New Jersey Merit Award**

Eligible GSBS New Jersey women graduate students,

Executive Women of New Jersey will accept two nominations of female graduate students from GSBS for an EWNJ Graduate Merit Award. We have had successful nominations in the past.

These awards are for women pursuing graduate education to further their careers and are competitive. Candidates must have completed at least 12 credits at the time of nomination and be carrying a minimum of 6 credits per term during the time of the award (which would include thesis phase). In addition, it is required that nominees be "permanent New Jersey residents." EWNJ anticipates granting awards of at least \$2,000 each in August 2009.

Nominations are to be made by my office and must be postmarked by June 8, 2009. Attached please find the application forms and detailed information. If you wish to apply, please complete the application and send it to me with the two letters of recommendation and other supporting documentation. Please submit the completed application to:

Susan Lomanto  
Executive Assistant to the Dean  
Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences  
65 Bergen Street, SSB/Suite 517  
Newark, NJ 07101

If there are more than two eligible nominations, I will convene a committee to make a decision. In order to accomplish this by the deadline, I must receive your application by May 22, 2009. Please note that I require only the original; we will make the photocopies.

## **Panel Discussion & Networking Event**

Success in Today's Economy: Perspectives from Leaders in the Biopharma Industry

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (UMDNJ Campus),

Dean's Conference Room (Rm-123)

675 Hoes Lane West, Piscataway, NJ 08854

Dinner and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

You are invited to join us for an expert panel discussion that will address leveraging your degree for success in today's economy, career path(s) for non-academic track, the roles of advanced degree holders in different sectors of industry, the current state of the biotech and pharma industries, and perspectives on the future. This is also an opportunity to network with, and gain first-hand insight from, established leaders in the Biotech and Pharma industries.

RSVP to: [secretary@rubitech.org](mailto:secretary@rubitech.org)

Panelists will include:

Ildiko Antal, Ph.D.

Associate Director - Neuroscience Drug Discovery

Wyeth Research

Joanne Gere

CoFounder, The BioScience Collaborative

Joleen T. White, Ph.D.  
Senior Research Investigator  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Research Institute

Nancy E. Rawson, Ph. D., C.N.S.  
Chief Scientific Officer  
WellGen, Inc.

### **Annual Committee Meeting**

The deadline for the annual tracking meeting will be September 15th every year, and as you know, it's not always easy to get your committee together in the summer months. You may want to begin planning now!

### **Creating new job opportunities**

All postdocs in the NYC region are encouraged to complete a very brief survey here to be used to gauge the interest and gather some essential information on interests in teaching. Please know that all responses are confidential. So far 135 of you have filled out the survey but we would like at least 300 - a big thanks to those of you who did . The survey will be used in reporting back interest in developing a teaching program to NYC public school system representatives. Link to survey: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=A\\_2bmXoaHUnNrAX1FO1doKIg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=A_2bmXoaHUnNrAX1FO1doKIg_3d_3d)

### **The Academy has a job opening for an Assistant Editor**

The Academy is looking for an Assistant Editor for Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. The Assistant Editor will work closely with the Annals staff, participate in development, intake, assessment and editorial management of manuscripts and manage or coordinate additional editorial tasks as assigned. A Ph.D. in life-sciences with postdoctoral experience is required; professional publishing experience is not necessary but familiarity with online publishing processes, standards and protocols and editorial processing and tracking systems would be a plus. The link to the complete job description may be found at: <http://www.scienceallianceforum.org/>

### **Science Alliance Events**

Two upcoming events offer a great opportunity to learn from some great speakers and network for those able to attend the event live. For those farther away the events will be available by webinar.  
<http://www.nyas.org/sa/calendar/alliance.asp>

Mastering Professional Meetings: Dr. Michael Zigmond, an Associate Director of the well-respected Survival Skills and Ethics Program at the University of Pittsburgh and Dr. Colin Purrington, who shares a passion for scientific posters will be key presenters at this special event on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am - 1pm. A light breakfast and reception food will be served prior to the event and during the poster session/reception following the meeting, respectively. Gift card prizes being awarded to the best posters present: \$100 for best of show, and two \$50 awards for runners' up. Besides tips for producing standout posters, other topics addressed will be how to network effectively at meetings and how to prepare make an impression in the various types of conversations encountered during a meeting.

Your Best Offer: The Art of Negotiation: Join us as Paul Cramer, a negotiation and mediation specialist and a co-founder of CMI Concord Group, and his brother Dr. Stephen Cramer, a professor at UC Davis and member of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory share with us some insights into negotiation and its application to our lives as scientists and professionals. From deciding who is doing the dishes to agreeing on a start-up package or starting salary, good negotiation skills are valuable for anyone and are becoming increasingly important as our work becomes more collaborative. A reception will follow. The event is Thursday, May 7th from 6-8pm.

### **NEW AND REVISED NJCSCR GRANT PROGRAMS FOR 2010**

## **Individual Research Grants**

- \* Individual Research Grants support senior scientists to explore meritorious novel scientific and clinical ideas.
- \* Up to \$600,000 for up to three years (\$200,000 per year)
- \* Key goal is to enable established researchers to test and develop pilot data needed for future funding.

## **Fellowship Grants**

- \* Postdoctoral and Graduate Student Fellowships engage promising young investigators in spinal cord research.
- \* All fellowships include an annual stipend, research allowance and travel budget.
- \* Post-doctoral run for three years with a total award of \$150,000; (\$50,000 per annum)
- \* Graduate Fellowships run for two years with a total award of \$60,000 (\$30,000 per annum)

## **Exploratory Research Grants**

- \* Enable independent investigators to apply their specific expertise to spinal cord research.
- \* Develop preliminary data needed to justify higher levels of funding.
- \* Apply innovative ideas from other areas to spinal cord research.
- \* Encourage inter-institutional and/or inter-state collaborations.
- \* Up to \$200,000 for a two-year non-renewable grant.

## **GRANT CYCLE INFORMATION**

### **2010 B Grant Cycle**

Application Deadline: June 8, 2009

Notification Date: November 30, 2009

### **2010 A Grant Cycle**

Application Deadline: December 8, 2009

Notification Date: May 31, 2010

Please see our website and official Notices of Grant Availability for full details.

<http://www.state.nj.us/health/spinalcord/index.shtml>

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