Dear students,

Season’s greetings! As this semester ends and a new year starts, we hope you will see many exciting advances in your education and research in 2012.

We want to thank our JMBGSA for the fantastic job they did hosting the casino night for Dr. Scotto, it was a lot of fun. The events they hosted in 2011, from Nobel Prize winner lectures to social events are great for everyone, and we want to give special recognition for all they have done this past year. You can check them out on Facebook at Joint Molecular Biosciences Graduate Student Association (JMBGSA).

Regards
Terri Kinzy

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The Inter-American Foundation
Grassroots Development Fellowships
Funding Ph.D. Dissertation Research
Visit [www.iie.org/iaf](http://www.iie.org/iaf) for eligibility criteria and how to apply.
IAF Fellowships support dissertation research in Latin America and the Caribbean undertaken by students who
have advanced to Ph.D. candidacy in a university in the United States. Fellows must be U.S. citizens or citizens
of the independent Latin American countries. Proficiency in the language(s) appropriate to the research
proposal is required.

Awards are based on both development and scholarly criteria. Proposals should offer a practical orientation to
field-based information on the following topics:
· Organizations promoting grassroots development among the poor;
· the financial sustainability and independence of such organizations;
· trends affecting historically excluded groups such as African descendants, indigenous peoples, women and
  others;
· transnational development;
· the role of corporate social responsibility in grassroots development;
· the impact of globalization on grassroots development;
· the impact of grassroots development activities on the quality of life of the poor.

The Fellowship includes:
· round-trip international transportation to the research site;
· a research allowance of up to $3,000;
· a monthly stipend of $1,500 for up to 12 months;
· emergency health insurance;
· expenses related to required attendance at a mid-year conference.

For more information on this exceptional grant opportunity, including application instructions and additional
information on the deadline, visit www.iie.org/iaf. For more information on the IAF, visit www.iaf.gov.

2. Save the Date! North Jersey Regional Science Fair Judging
Graduate students and welcome and encouraged to serve as judges for this great event.
The North Jersey Regional Science Fair will be held at the New Brunswick campus of Rutgers University on
Friday & Saturday, March 16 & 17, 2012.

Judge registration info will be emailed soon!

Please tell your colleagues about the NJRSF – our fair gets bigger and better every year and we need all the
judges we can get.

Interested judges should send me an email and I'll add them to the list.

I’m looking forward to seeing you at this year’s fair!

Lenore Neigeborn, NJRSF Judging Coordinator
(neigeborn@sas.rutgers.edu)

3. The National Research Council of the National Academies is pleased to announce the Graduate,
Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs.
Detailed program information, including the instructions on how to submit online applications, a list of
participating laboratories and their locations, and area of research, can be found on our website at
www.nationalacademies.org/rap. Prospective applicants must contact Adviser(s) and the lab(s) before their
application deadline to discuss research interests. Applicants are invited to contact the NRC directly at 202-
334-2760 or rap@nas.edu if additional information or assistance is required.

Thank you for your effort on behalf of the National Research Council Associateship Programs.

4. Student Wellness Program / Information
A Message from your Student Wellness Program: 732-235-5933
Do You Know of Someone in a Dangerous Relationship? (Please read attachment)
5. 2012 Symposium (February 2 and 3, 2012) - Microbiology at Rutgers University - Cultivating Traditions, Current Strength and Future Frontiers

The annual microbiology symposium organized by the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology offers two days filled with speakers, and student poster presentations. The symposium continues to bring together all microbiologists on campus with speakers from the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Rutgers-Newark.

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Friday, February 3, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: Trayes Hall, Douglass Campus Center, 100 George Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Speakers: February 2, 2012: Keynote speaker Stephen Picataggio, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Verdezyne Inc.

Speakers: February 3, 2012: Nihal Altan-Bonnet (Federated Department of Biological Sciences – Rutgers Newark/NJIT); Jeferson Gross (Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources); Costantino Vetriani (Department of Biochemistry & Microbiology and Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences); Nathan Yee (Department of Environmental Sciences); Richard Ebright (Waksman Institute); Don Kobayashi (Plant Biology and Pathology); Nancy Woychik (Department of Molecular Genetics, Microbiology & Immunology – UMDNJ); Ann Stock (Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine); Kay Bidle (Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences) and Jim Polashock (Philip E. Marucci Center for Blueberry and Cranberry Research and Extension).

Online Registration: To assist us in our preparations for the meeting, please click on:
https://njaes.rutgers.edu/rsvp/microbiology

1) Register yourself, and have your students register by Friday, January 27, 2012
2) When you have registered, a page will display asking you to also input your poster information.

Easels, pins and tables will be made available to display all posters.

Deadline - Date : Friday, January 27, 2012

As always, we have an exciting program in store and look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

Many thanks,
Tamar Barkay, Max Häggblom and Douglas Eveleigh
More information please go to our website: http://aesop.rutgers.edu/~dbm/symposiumonMicrobiology2012.html

6. Applying for Early Graduate Study Fellowships

Graduate students in their first or second year of graduate study and who are US citizens or permanent residents may (depending on their disciplinary focus) be eligible to apply for a number of prestigious, generous, early graduate study fellowships including: the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pqa/fordfellowships/), the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (http://www.nsfgrfp.org/) and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (http://ndseg.asee.org/). Information on these and additional early graduate study fellowships can be found in the Grad Fund database (http://gradfund.rutgers.edu) and on our Sakai Fellowship Guide (https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal).

To learn more, interested students should send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu (place Early Graduate Study Fellowships in the subject line) to request an appointment and access to our Sakai Fellowship Guide.

7. Applying for Dissertation Funding

The fall semester is the major deadline season for dissertation funding programs. If you plan to work on your dissertation during the 2012-2013 academic year and need fellowship or grant money to support your work, you should apply for funding now.

To schedule an appointment, send an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu and place “Appointment Request” in the subject line.
8. Grad Fund Electronic Resources
We offer a number of electronic resources to help students identify funding opportunities and to learn more about applying for merit-based fellowships and grants:

GradFund Funder Database ([http://chaser.rutgers.edu/database](http://chaser.rutgers.edu/database)) is a directory of over 4000 fellowships and grants to support graduate study. Use your university Net Id to access the database. For information on how to get a university Net Id visit: [https://netid.rutgers.edu/](https://netid.rutgers.edu/)

Sakai Fellowship Guide ([https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal](https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal)) provides information on applying to specific fellowship and grant competitions, proposal writing tools, links to useful articles and website and sample proposals. We use the Sakai Fellowship Guide to host on-line chat sessions and to advertise appointments available on short notice due to cancellations. To access the Sakai Fellowship Guide, request access by sending an email to gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu. Please include in your email your full name, graduate program and your Net Id user name.

GradFund is now on Facebook and Twitter where we regularly post fellowship and grant deadlines, news, information, workshop announcements and appointment availability.

9. 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:


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

10. GSBS "Academic Forms"
Attention All Students:
Please visit the GSBS "Academic Forms" link [http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/education/gsbs/current/forms.html](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.