



# GSBS at RWJMS

## March Monthly Announcements

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Dear students,

**Happy Spring.** This is also the time we remind PhD students if you have not had a committee meeting in the past 12 months or have not proceeded in completing your qualifying exam requirements in a timely manner you will soon hear from the GSBS at RWJMS. Please note, this policy is in place to assist you in progression to your degree. Feedback is critical in advancing your education and research. In addition, as we approach summer and many scientific conferences, you are not eligible for a GSBS travel award if you are not up to date on your requirements. So, it is a great time to make sure you are up to date.

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### **1. Grad Fund, the Resource Center for Graduate Student External Support --Upcoming Events and Information Spring Semester 2012**

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### **2. Grad Fund Summer Mentoring Programs**

Use your summer to work on fellowship and grant applications and learn how to integrate the process of applying for funding into your scholarly career!

The GradFund Summer Mentoring Programs<<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/mpintro.php>> are structured, writing-intensive and supportive environments for the development, review, and critique of external funding applications. External funding includes grants and fellowships offered by a range of public and private agencies to support graduate students and new PhDs. In addition to providing financial support, these awards are an important building block to a successful scholarly career and have a transformative impact on one's graduate study and career as a junior scholar.

Our Summer Mentoring Programs<<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/mpintro.php>> offer current and incoming graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows, a unique opportunity to be immersed in the proposal writing and application process. This year, we are offering two Mentoring Programs: the Graduate Funding Mentoring Program <<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/gfmp1.php>> and the Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentoring Program.<<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/postdocmp1.php>>

The Graduate Funding Mentoring Program <<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/gfmp1.php>> is for students intending to apply for early graduate study fellowships, predissertation research grants, dissertation research grants or dissertation completion fellowships. This is a low-residency, multi-platform program incorporating small-group Skype meetings, online forums and chat sessions. The deadline to apply to the Graduate Funding Mentoring Program is June 1 by 5pm EDT. You must complete a consultation meeting before you apply to a Mentoring Program. You can arrange for a consultation meeting by emailing [gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu) before April 30. In order to apply, you must also

arrange for the submission of a letter of endorsement from a Faculty Mentor or Graduate Program Director (entering graduate students only) or from your advisor (all other graduate students) by June 8, 5pm EDT.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentoring Program <<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/postdocmp1.php>> is for advanced doctoral candidates and current postdoctoral fellows intending to apply for nationally competitive, annual postdoctoral fellowship competitions, including Mellon postdoctoral fellowships (various universities), government-funded postdoctoral fellowships (NIH, NSF, NRC, etc.) and Society of Fellows postdoctoral fellowships (Harvard, Columbia, Princeton, etc.). The Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentoring Program participants take part in a weekly on-campus seminar. The deadline to apply to the Postdoctoral Fellowship Mentoring Program is April 13 at 5pm EDT. You must complete a consultation meeting before you apply to a Mentoring Program. You can arrange a consultation meeting by emailing [gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:gradfund@rci.rutgers.edu) before April 2. In order to apply, you must also arrange for the submission of a letter of endorsement from your Faculty Advisor by April 23, 5pm EDT.

For more information about our 2012 Summer Mentoring Programs<<http://chaser.rutgers.edu/index.php>>, including schedules and application instructions, please visit our website at

### **3. A Message from your Student Wellness Program: “Bringing Awareness to Eating Disorders”**

Eating disorders are serious and complex illnesses that affect individuals of all ages, cultures and socioeconomic groups, but are often found to be especially prominent among college/university students. The complexity of eating disorders often result in these conditions being misunderstood and misdiagnosed, which can lead to dangerous consequences. Eating disorders can cause potentially life threatening impairments to almost every organ system in the body; and often presents with other types of psychological concerns such as depression, anxiety and substance abuse.

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### **4. Seeking Resident Assistants for 2012 Summer Programs**

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### **5. 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.

### **6. Graduation Exercises**

Dear Students/Graduates,

The graduation exercises are scheduled as follows:

Pre-Commencement Reception – May 20, 2012. (The Heldrick, New Brunswick, NJ)

Convocation – May 21, 2012 at 7 p.m. (State Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ)

Commencement – May 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (IZOD Center, East Rutherford, NJ)

For further information or any questions, please contact Tina Cicoletta ([cicoletm@umdnj.edu](mailto:cicoletm@umdnj.edu) or call 732-235-2106)