

GSBS @ RWJMS

May Monthly Announcements

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1. The Rochester Institute of Technology's annual Future Faculty Career Exploration Program (FFCEP) is an opportunity to invite minority Ph.D., MFA or Post Doctoral students interested in a teaching career for an all-expense-paid opportunity to visit Rochester Institute of Technology.

The annual FFCEP is one of a series of recruitment strategies designed to build relationships and fuel the future pipeline of faculty. The FFCEP program is a unique and exciting opportunity to explore potential career choices through exploratory interviews, presentations, meetings with deans, department heads, and RIT president, as well as campus and community tours. The program allows RIT deans to engage prospects in discussions about their academic work and career interests. It also allows faculty to share RIT's teaching and research agenda and to dialog on current open faculty positions or those that may be available in the near future.

This year marks the 7th annual program to take place at RIT. The past programs have been very successful in providing the participants with a valuable experience including preparing them for official campus interviews. Past participants have also greatly enjoyed networking and building relationships among each other which have resulted in future collaborations. To date, we have hired eight participants and invited many others back to campus for official job interviews.

FFCEP 2009 Selection Criteria

- * Individuals with the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the university's continuing commitment to cultural diversity, pluralism, and individual differences. We are especially interested in applications from people of color who are underrepresented and underserved in teaching professions; i.e., African American, Latin American, American Indian, or Alaskan Native.
- * Within one to two years of receiving Ph.D. -or-
- * Within one year of receiving or already received MFA -or-
- * Engaged in a Post Doctoral assignment
- * Desire academic teaching career at an exceptional institution
- * Receiving degrees that are relevant to RIT in Business, Liberal Arts, Science, Engineering, Applied Science & Technology, Computing & Information Sciences, Imaging Arts & Sciences
- * Demonstrate potential to fill open and/or anticipated vacancies at RIT
- * Be able to travel to Rochester, NY for a weekend, September 23-27, 2009

The RIT mission is to provide technology-based educational programs for personal and professional development. We rigorously pursue new and emerging career areas. We develop and deliver curricula and advance scholarship relevant to emerging technologies and social conditions. Our community is committed to diversity and student centeredness and is distinguished by our innovative and collaborative spirit. Internal and

external partnerships expand our students' experiential learning. RIT is committed to mutually enriching relationships with alumni, government, business and the world community. Teaching, learning, scholarship, leadership development, and student success are our central enterprises.

Additional information and applications can be found online at <https://finweb.rit.edu/humanresources/employment/ffcep/>.

All applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Faculty Recruitment at 585-475-5775 or faculty@rit.edu

2. GSBS at RWJMS adopts the AAMC Compact Between Biomedical Graduate Students and Their Research Advisors

The Executive council of the GSBS at RWJMS has voted to adopt the Compact as a mechanism to promote discussions between students and their mentors and help both understand the best mechanisms to support quality graduate education. This compact is a new addition to the GSBS at RWJMS handbook. In addition, we want to encourage ALL students and faculty to review this and discuss it between them. This is especially helpful for students just starting in their labs, and forms a good basis upon which to build open communications between mentors and students.

3. New Joint on line course registration

We are now piloting a NEW process where all joint program students, GSBS at RWJMS and Rutgers, will register via the Rutgers system. You will soon receive an email from the GSBS Registrar Ms. ColemanLee with your RU ID information and instructions. We know this is another change and there may be questions and comments. PLEASE do not hesitate to contact the GSBS at RWJS staff for help or to report any problems or with questions.

4. 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

5. 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.