1. 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/pga/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.

2. 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.
3. **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 websites, and sample proposals. We use the Sakai Fellowship Guide to host online 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](https://www.facebook.com/) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/) where we regularly post fellowship and grant deadlines, news, information, workshop announcements, and appointment availability.

4. **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.

5. **Student Wellness Program / Information (Balancing School and Family)**
As the holiday season approaches, some students may experience an increased desire to allocate and dedicate more time for family and friends. That said, given the rigors of academia, it’s plausible that some students might encounter complexities in finding an acceptable balance between meeting the requests of your loved ones and fulfilling personal academic goals given the finite disposable time you might have available at any given time. **(Please see attachment)**

6. **Spring Open Enrollment - Dental Plan**
Enrollment for the Student and Post Doc Voluntary Dental Plan for the Spring is now open.

Spring Coverage Period: (1/1/12 – 7/31/12), deadline to enroll is 12/15/11  
Extended Coverage Period: (2/1/12 – 7/31/12), deadline to enroll is 1/15/12  
Extended Coverage Period: (3/1/12 – 7/31/12), deadline to enroll is 2/15/12

**Spring Rates:**
- Student: $181  
- Student + 1 dependent: $343  
- Student + 2 or more dependents: $536  

The premiums are not pro-rated for those enrolling after the 12/15/11 deadline.

Full information is available on the University Health Plans website at [http://www.universityhealthplans.com/](http://www.universityhealthplans.com/). Follow the “University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey” link.
7. 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.

8. Registration for Spring 2012

Dear Students,

Registration for Spring 2012 is now open. Please note the deadline for UMDNJ based students is November 30, 2011 therefore anyone registering after that date will be charged a late fee of $50. Although you will be registering now please be advised that the data will not be transferred into the UMDNJ Banner system until late December so you will not see the courses on your UMDNJ transcripts until then.

Registration requires use of your RUID (Rutgers Student ID number) and PAC (initially the mmdd of your birth.) (The registration page also offers the option of using a net id to register. Make sure to select the RUID method of registration.) Courses are identified by a five-digit registration index number, in addition to the course number. The registration index number is used for registration. Closed courses and courses which require permission of the graduate program require a special permission number for registration along with the registration index number. The department offering the course controls distribution of special permission numbers. The schedule of classes can be found at http://nbregistrar.rutgers.edu/. If you have any questions, please contact me at 732-235-2106 or cicoletm@umdnj.edu.

For Registration Policies please refer to the student handbook: http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/education/gsbs/current/student_handbook.html

Following registration students will be billed for tuition and related fees. Billing statements are mailed to students’ mailing addresses.

Sincerely,

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