



# GSBS at RWJMS

## September Monthly Announcements

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Happy fall, below are some important events and information, including 2 TERRIFIC grant opportunities for students.

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### 1. What is the Student Wellness Program?

The attached file gives you more info on our student wellness program, and may answer questions you have. It is free and confidential.

### 2. CABM 25th Anniversary Symposium

The website for the CABM 25th Anniversary Events is now online and available for registration, abstract submission, and other information. Please note that online registration must be completed by Friday, October 7th in order to attend the Symposium without charge.

Thursday, October 20th - 6pm reception and alumni dinner \$25/per person RWJMS - Great Hall  
Friday, October 21st - 9am Symposium No fee until 10/7, then \$25 UMDNJ/RWJMS - Main Lecture Hall

<http://www2.cabm.rutgers.edu/symposium/index.htm>

### 3. What can you be with a PhD symposium registration is open, please note this is very popular and fills up fast.

Please go to:

<http://www.whatcanyoubewithaphd.net/registration/>

### 4. NSF Graduate Fellowships

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has opened applications for the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) awards for FY 12; application deadlines cluster around mid-November 2011 and vary by field.

GRFs provide three years of “early-stage” support for graduate students seeking research-based master’s or doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, including the social sciences. Funding levels are expected to be \$42,000 per year for each fellow, including \$12,000 for tuition, reflecting an increase to the cost-of-education allowance from its previous level of \$10,500. The program expects to award 2,000 new fellowships in FY 12. Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents. According to the announcement, “A high priority for NSF and GRFP is increasing the diversity of the science and engineering workforce, including geographic distribution and the participation of women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans.”

More information is available at: [nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11582/](http://nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11582/).

## **5. Howard Hughes Medical Institute's (HHMI) International Student Research Fellowship program**

GSBS at RWJMS is soliciting nominations for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's (HHMI) International Student Research Fellowship program. These three-year fellowships (Stipend of \$30,000 plus allowance of \$3,000 for health insurance, books, computers, travel etc...) will be awarded to students engaged in their doctoral dissertation research. The program announcement, which provides details about the program is attached.

Students eligible for nomination are international graduate students in the biomedical or related sciences who have demonstrated exceptional talent for research, are in the second (or third) year of graduate study, have entered a laboratory in which they will conduct their dissertation research, and are NOT U.S. citizens, noncitizen nationals, or permanent residents of the U.S. The nomination applications will be reviewed by a committee of RWJMS faculty and up to 3 GSBS at RWJMS students will be put forward to be considered by UMDNJ GSBS. UMDNJ GSBS is allowed to submit 3 nominees from the university to HHMI. HHMI anticipates supporting about 50 fellows from a total of 63 institutions in this second year of the program.

If you would like to nominate a student, please submit one hard copy of following by October 14, 2011 to Johanna Sierra in the GSBS office R102 ([sierrajo@umdnj.edu](mailto:sierrajo@umdnj.edu)).

- 1) Student CV
- 2) Half page description of proposed thesis research
- 3) Letter of recommendation from the mentor
- 4) Transcript

If a student is approved as a nominee, the deadline for online application submission is February 9, 2012. Award notification is June 2012 and Fellowships begin September 2012.