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ORSP Newsletter



OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

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Applications now available for UMass Boston internal grant programs

Applications and proposal guidelines for the financial year 2010 Healey, Public Service, Proposal Development, and Doctoral Dissertation internal grant programs are available on the Vice Provost for Research website by selecting the "Opportunities" menu and then selecting the "Internal Funding Programs" option. Print copies are also available in the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, located on the 3rd floor of the Quinn Administration Building.

The submission deadline for the the first three programs is Friday, January 16, 2009, and the deadline for the fourth program (i.e., the Doctoral Dissertation) is Friday, May 22, 2009.

Questions? Please contact Paul Mullane at 617.287.5600 or paul.mullane@umb.edu.

Venture Development Center nears completion

October 6, 2008 — After six months of construction, the former cafeteria in Wheatley Hall is in the final stages of its transformation into the Venture Development Center (VDC), a collaborative and cross-disciplinary research space that will stimulate innovation among students and faculty, and help drive the Massachusetts economy.

The 18,000-square-foot facility, designed by Sasaki Associates, Inc., and built by J & J Contractors, Inc., is outfitted with four wet labs (two with fume hoods, and another two with the option of installing them at a later date), and two dry labs, as well as ten offices, which are expected to be licensed for 18- to 24-month periods.

The Center will also feature space for conferences, presentations, and meetings. Two-thirds of the space will be dedicated to "non-hard sciences," and, in a throwback to its roots, the VDC will also house a coffee bar, around which Vice Provost for Research Richard Antonak hopes "A-ha!" moments will happen as researchers cross paths in what he envisions as "a home away from home for visionaries."

For details contact VDC Executive Director William Brah at 617.287.7723.

ORSP Grant and Business Managers Network

As a staff member do you provide grant administration support to faculty? If you do, then the Network is for you. Network meetings focus on grant administration policies, processes, and procedures, and serve as information sharing sessions with your colleagues with similar responsibilities in other colleges, departments, programs, institutes, and centers.



Meetings are held monthly, last one hour, and include lunch. For details contact Jim Mortenson at james.mortenson@umb.edu.

More than 150 faculty and staff at 2nd Annual Research Luncheon



Cheryl Nixon

On October 28th, the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs cohosted the 2nd Annual Research Luncheon in the main ballroom of the Campus Center. The luncheon was both a thank you to the faculty and staff responsible for bringing external grants to UMass Boston, and as a way for people to meet and discuss their current and future projects. More than 150 faculty and staff from across the disciplines attended.



Joan Becker

Opening remarks were made by Richard Antonak, vice provost for research; Marcellette Williams, senior vice president for academic affairs, student affairs and international relations of the President's office; and Winston Langley, interim provost. Their remarks highlighted the many accomplishments of the past year, including a record-breaking increase in extramural funds.

The importance of research at UMass Boston was also addressed, and Richard Antonak remarked: "Thanks to all of you here today, we are a university on the move."

Faculty Profile



Liz Roemer, associate professor of psychology in the College of Liberal Arts, conducts research that focuses on understanding how individuals respond to their own emotional responses in ways that may promote or interfere with healthy functioning, with a particular focus on factors underlying anxiety disorders.

In collaboration with Dr. Susan Orsillo, she has developed a new treatment for generalized anxiety disorder that emphasizes mindful acceptance of emotional responses, coupled with a commitment to approaching (rather than avoiding) situations that are important to the individual, regardless of distress. Roemer and her colleague are currently conducting a large-scale \$2.4 million National Institute of Mental Health-funded study examining the efficacy of this treatment in comparison to established treatments for generalized anxiety disorder. They are also examining who responds best to this treatment approach, as well as how it leads to change for chronically anxious individuals.

To learn more about Liz Roemer's research visit her faculty homepage at <http://psych.umb.edu/faculty/roemer/roemer.htm>.

Some recent new awards

Jay Dee (Department of Leadership in Education) has been awarded a \$92,000 grant by the Connecticut State University to conduct a faculty workload study for that institution.

Debra Hart (Institute for Community Inclusion) has been awarded a \$1.5 million, three-year grant by the United States Department of Education to establish a "Center on Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities."

Joann Mulready-Shick (Department of Nursing) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the Foundation for National Student Nurses' Association to support the "Promise of Nursing for Massachusetts Nursing School Grant Program."

Joan Arches (College of Public and Community Service) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant by the Massachusetts Service Alliance to support the "Harbor Point Outreach Partnership."

Deyang Qu (Department of Chemistry) has been awarded a \$60,000 grant by the United States Department of Defense to support his research on developing a high energy, high power carbon capacitor.

Compliance Corner

Required training for research with human subjects

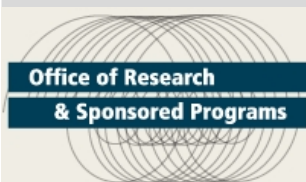
Since November 1, 2004, all PIs and co-investigators have been required to provide evidence of their understanding of the federal rules and regulations, as well as the UMass Boston policies and procedures, concerning research with human subjects before the UMass Boston Institutional Review Board (IRB) will consider the approval of new submissions, modifications, or continuation requests for research with human subjects.

In addition, the release of university funds, from either external or internal sponsors, that support PIs' or co-investigators' research with human subjects requires similar evidence. For students engaged in research with human subjects, both the student and his or faculty or staff sponsor must provide the required evidence.

UMass Boston has contracted with the University of Miami to provide online training through the Collaborative IRB Training Initiative, or CITI, on issues related to the protection of human subjects in research. The training is free and must be completed by all researchers planning to conduct research with human subjects. The process for accessing the CITI training course appears below.

1. Visit the CITI website at <http://www.citiprogram.org>.
2. Click on the red link "Register for the CITI course".
3. From the "All Others" drop down menu select "University of Massachusetts Boston" and click on "Submit".
4. Select a username and a password.
5. Follow the registration prompts until you reach the main menu. Select "Basic Course".

Researchers who successfully complete the CITI training will be required to complete the refresher training course 3 years later. Kristen Kenny, the university's IRB administrator, will notify you by e-mail when it is time for you to complete the one-hour refresher course. Ms. Kenny is available at 617.287.5374 or kristen.kenny@umb.edu to answer your questions about as well as how to register for the training.



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