Seminar Calendar

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1
PRL Seminar: Robert Burnap, Oklahoma State University, “Function and Regulation of the High Affinity CO$_2$-Concentrating Mechanism in Cyanobacteria”.
4:10 PM, Room 101 Biochemistry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2
PRL Seminar: Brandon Rohnke & Sarah Newnham “Potential Regulation of Carboxysome Structure by Light Sensing Kinase RcaE” (Brandon) & “Fundamental Understanding of Carboxysomes and RuBisCO Activase” (Sarah).
12:00 PM, Room 168 Plant Biology
3M Interest Group: Cecilia Martinez-Gomez, “Characterization of Lanthanide-Dependent Enzymes”.
12:00 PM, Room 1425 Biomedical Physical Sciences
4:10 PM, Room 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3
Pharmacology & Toxicology Seminar: David Scheinberg, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
12 PM, Room B448 Life Sciences

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
EEBB Seminar: Elizabeth Leger, University of Nevada, Reno, “Practical Applications of Contemporary Evolution: Examples from the Highly Disturbed Ecosystems of the Great Basin”.
3:30 PM, Room 118 Eppley Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Science at the Edge Seminar: Susan Hafenstein, Penn State College of Medicine, “New Advances in Structural Biology Used to Explore Virus-Host Interaction”.
11:30 AM, Room 1400 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Announcements

2016 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND ARTS FORUM Registration is now open for the 2016 UURAF, which will be held in the MSU Union on Friday, April 8 from 9 AM - 5 PM. The UURAF is an opportunity for students to showcase their scholarship and creative activity to the University community in a conference-like venue.
Register by Friday, February 19 at 11:59 PM.
Registration and other detailed information can be found here.

57th ANNUAL NATIONAL STUDENT RESEARCH FORUM Abstracts are being accepted NOW for this forum hosted by the medical and graduate students of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. This event’s purpose is to showcase current and groundbreaking research in the fields of biomedical sciences, medical humanities and public health. This event will be held on the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch in in Galveston, April 27-29th.
Application and event details can be found here.
Job Postings & Other Opportunities

SUMMER 2016 DCF-CONTINUATION-EARLY START FELLOWSHIPS

The College of Natural Science has the funds to award a sizable number of dissertation completion and/or continuation fellowships for Summer 2016, as well as “early start” fellowships for new recruits. The amount of each fellowship is $6,000; tuition and fees will not be paid. Students receiving fellowships can be appointed as quarter or half time graduate assistants. Early start fellows should be on campus by July 1 and they need not be enrolled. Their admit term should remain FS16, so their eligibility for NSF funds is not affected. Early starts cannot be awarded to international students unless they are already in the U.S. and need not obtain a visa to arrive in time for their summer experience.

Nomination packets should include the following:

1. US16 CNS Fellowship Nomination Form
2. Curriculum vitae (to include PID, email address and current mailing address).
3. An outline of the dissertation with the specific status of each chapter and projected completion dates (1-2 pages) for dissertation completion nominations, or a 1-2 page progress report for continuation nominations, or a complete application file for early start awards.
4. A letter of support and statement of progress by the major professor. This letter should also address the funding status of the professor in regard to their ability to support the student.
5. An endorsement from the Department Chairperson or Graduate Program Director (should indicate type of support student is being nominated for, dissertation completion, continuation, early start).

If there are more applicants than we can fund, the nominations will be reviewed based on need, publications and presentations, evidence of timely completion or progress toward the degree, department/program citizenship, support from the unit and quality of work. The applicants will be reviewed in three groups: Life Sciences (BMB, CMB, ENT, GEN, MMG, NEU, PHM/TOX, PLB, PSL, and ZOL), Physical Sciences (CEM, GLG, PHY), and Mathematical Sciences (MTH, MTH ED, STT). Awards will be given roughly based on the percentage of PhD candidates that their group represents. If there are fewer fellowship nominations from a particular group, then the number of awards will be increased for other groups.

Note that the summer allotment from the Graduate School, which will fund early starts, has a “sweep back” date of April 22. We will impose a deadline date of April 15 for acceptance of early starts, consistent with the deadline for offers of admission. When the deadline passes for acceptance of these early starts, we will reallocate these awards for dissertation completion, continuation, and other early starts. These later offers will be made from the same pool of ranked candidates as for the initial summer awards. There will not be a second call for nominations; all nominations for summer awards should be made in the current process.

Please send a list of the names of students you are nominating and forward your nominations to 103 Natural Science OR electronically to roache@msu.edu no later than Monday, February 29.

S.C. LEE BEST PAPER COMPETITION FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University makes awards for undergraduate and graduate students for papers focusing on Asian topics. Students in any academic discipline may submit a research paper (typically 15 – 25 pages with citations) completed for a course or under the supervision of a faculty member, at MSU during the spring, summer or fall semesters of 2015. The paper must focus on an Asian topic or have significant content related to Asia. Book reports or reviews are not eligible. The paper competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled through Spring 2016. Only one paper may be submitted by a student for a particular annual competition. APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 29, 2016.
Application and full contest details can be found here.