Hello Graduate Students,

There’s something for everyone at www.aera.net! Remember to check out the AERA website on a regular basis. My favorite source of information is the tab on the left side of the screen that says “beyond AERA” http://www.aera.net/Default.aspx?id=788 There are so many great opportunities within beyond AERA all listed in one convenient place. You will find everything from calls for journal manuscripts to upcoming conferences and workshops.

AERA’s divisions are also offering several wonderful opportunities. There are a few outlined below, and many more on the website. For those of us who are looking for money… Leaves are falling, temperatures are dropping…it’s that time of year again – it’s fellowship season! If you’re looking for funding to support your work read on for many great opportunities…

DIVISION OPPORTUNITIES…

Division D – Measurement and Research Methodology

Division D Graduate Student Website:

New Division D Graduate Student Listserve: Please join and participate in our listserve! Great information about upcoming trainings and events across the country has already been disseminated. http://listserv.aera.net/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=aera-div_d_grad_students&A=1.

Division D In-Progress Research Gala: Want to share your in-progress research (non-dissertation) with an audience of researchers, including a panel of reviewers who will provide feedback? The top 50 proposals will be in the Gala and top 3 honored at the Division D Business Meeting. The overall best proposal will receive conference registration fee for the 2010 conference. (http://aera.net/divisions/Default.aspx?menu_id=70&id=492).

For more information about any of these initiatives, please contact Jill Adelson, jill.adelson@uconn.edu, or Dubravka Svetina, dubravka.svetina@asu.edu - Division D GSC Representatives.

Division G – Social Context of Education

*Distinguished Dissertation Award *

This award recognizes a dissertation of exemplary conceptual, methodological and rhetorical quality on an important topic that addresses social contexts of education.
Nominees must be members of AERA. Dissertations must be completed and defended between May, 2007 and August, 2008.

Nominations must include electronic copies of the following:

- A one-page letter and overview from a member of the dissertation committee, which can be sent separately from the other materials as an email attachment;
- A title sheet showing the dissertation title, awarding institution, members of the dissertation committee, date of completion of the degree, and nominee's current contact information; and
- A summary of the dissertation written in APA style not exceeding 7500 words in 12 point font, exclusive of title page, references, and appendices and without author identification; and

Self-nominations are not accepted

***For more division opportunities visit www.aera.net and click on “divisions” on the left-hand navigation bar.

FROM AERA…

AERA-AIR (A²) Fellows Program
In collaboration with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), the AERA-AIR (A²) Fellows Program aims to build the talent pool of high skilled education researchers experienced in large-scale studies in a major research organization. A² fellows will receive mentoring from a diverse group of highly recognized researchers and practitioners in a variety of substantive areas in education. Fellows will hone their skills in all aspects of the research process from proposal development through writing and presentations. Up to three fellows are selected annually for a two-year, rotational position at AIR in Washington, DC. More information is available at http://www.aera.net/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=698. Application deadline: December 15, 2008.

AERA-ETS Fellowship Program in Measurement
In collaboration with Educational Testing Service (ETS), AERA offers the AERA-ETS Fellowship Program in Measurement. This fellowship is designed to provide learning opportunities and practical experience to recent doctoral degree recipients and to early career research scientists in areas such as educational measurement, assessment design, psychometrics, statistical analyses, large-scale evaluations, and other studies directed toward explaining student progress and achievement. Up to two fellows will be selected for this rotational research position at ETS's facilities in Princeton, NJ. More information is available at http://www.aera.net/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=702. Application deadline: December 15, 2008.
Minority Fellowship Program in Education Research
AERA offers dissertation support through the Minority Fellowship Program in Education Research. This program offers doctoral fellowships to enhance the competitiveness of outstanding minority scholars for academic appointments at major research universities by supporting their conducting education research and by providing mentoring and guidance toward completion of their doctoral studies. Information about the Fellowship is available at http://www.aera.net/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=88. Application deadline: December 15, 2008.

AERA Grants Program
The AERA Grants Program provides dissertation support and small grants for researchers who conduct studies of education policy and practice using quantitative methods and data from the large-scale data sets sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and the National Science Foundation. The next application deadlines are August 29, 2008; January 7, 2009; and March 6, 2009. More information is available at http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/.

FROM ETS…

ETS Summer Internship Program for Graduate Students
Interns conduct research under the guidance of an ETS mentor in Princeton, N.J. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a full-time doctoral program and have completed a minimum of 2 years of coursework toward their PhD or EdD.

Harold Gulliksen Psychometric Research Fellowship Program
Fellows study at their universities during the academic year and conduct a research project under the supervision of an academic mentor and in consultation with ETS research scientists or psychometricians. During the summer, fellows participate in the ETS Summer Internship Program. Applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program, have completed all required coursework, and be working on a dissertation related to statistics, psychometrics, educational/psychological measurement or quantitative methods.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Award Program
Selected fellows conduct independent research under the mentorship of ETS senior researchers in Princeton, NJ. Candidates must have received their PhD or EdD within the past 3 years.

Sylvia Taylor Johnson Minority Fellowship in Educational Measurement
Selected fellows conduct independent research under the mentorship of ETS senior researchers in Princeton, NJ. Candidates must have received their PhD or EdD within the past 10 years and must be US citizens or permanent residents.