1. RUN FOR CHAIR ELECT

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) has now opened the nominations process for chair-elect to ALL graduate students. This position was initially only open to individuals with prior GSC experience, however it is now open to the entire graduate student community. You will find details about the position and process below.

2. FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is offering the following Fellowships and Grants to qualified applicants:

- Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowship - $30,000
- Summer/Short-term Research Publication Grant - $6,000
- Dissertation Fellowship - $20,000

**Application deadline:** November 15, 2008
For more information visit:
http://www.aauw.org/education/fga/fellowships_grants/american.cfm

The Institute of Education Sciences is offering the following grants to qualified applicants:

- Mathematics and Science Education
  (http://ies.ed.gov/ncer/funding/math_science/index.asp)

- Teacher Quality - Mathematics and Science Education
  (http://ies.ed.gov/ncer/funding/tq_math/index.asp)

The former focuses on curriculum and instructional approaches to improving student learning, and the latter focuses on approaches to improved teacher professional development that will result in increased student learning.

Applications are requested to focus on one of five research goals: identification of factors that influence student and teacher performance, development of a program to improve student achievement or teacher professional development, efficacy and replication trials of previously developed interventions, scale-up trials of interventions, and development and/or validation of student and or teacher assessments (measurement). IES research supports a broad range of
methodologies, appropriate to the research questions. Depending on the research goal, and the duration and scope of the project, typical awards range between $700,000 for two years up to $6,000,000 for five years.

**Deadline:** October 2, 2008

3. CALLS FOR PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

**Contemporary Issues in Criminology and Social Sciences is seeking academic papers**

Contemporary Issues in Criminology and the Social Sciences is a peer-reviewed, multidisciplinary journal that includes research and/or policy papers from a broad range of disciplines. Disciplines that are specifically earmarked as appropriate for this journal include Criminology & Criminal Justice, Psychology, Educational Psychology, Sociology, and Counseling.

For more information go to:
[http://ellis.nyit.edu/CICSS/reviewers.php](http://ellis.nyit.edu/CICSS/reviewers.php)

**Academic Exchange Quarterly is seeking submissions to its 2009 Spring Edition with a focus on “Education in the 21st Century”**

Curriculum issues at the secondary level, including reading and writing across the disciplines, capture our attention as we struggle with questions of authenticity, standards, interdisciplinary and integrated approaches to teaching and learning, and content specific curriculum. Such increasingly complex issues at the secondary level create the need for opportunities for educators to contribute to a vital professional conversation. Articles may that address current theory, research, and practice with clear relevance to current issues at the secondary level. Articles may include reports of empirical research, case studies, innovative teaching practices grounded in research, or evidence-based commentary papers advocating for a particular action agenda.

Submission Deadline: November 2008

For more information go to:
[http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/7sec.htm](http://www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/7sec.htm)
Hi, everyone. As you may recall, the Graduate Student Council nominations committee is in the process of developing our slate for the January 2009 officer elections. To run for the position of Chair-Elect, we normally require prior GSC experience. However, we did not have enough people with GSC experience self-nominate this year, and we would like to offer our electorate a well-rounded slate with several excellent choices. Therefore, we have decided to open the nominations to all graduate student members of AERA.

If you'd like to work collaboratively with a great group of people and to hold a prominent leadership position within AERA -- one that allows you to serve the needs of graduate students, please consider running for this office. The job responsibilities are listed below. Note that the responsibilities include, during one's year as Chair (the second year of one's term), serving on the Association Council, which is the governing body of AERA. This group is comprised of some of the most accomplished and prominent scholars currently working in ed. research -- it's an unparalleled opportunity!

If you are interested in running, please send your CV, a statement of interest, and the information listed below to gscnominations@aol.com by September 12. Your statement of interest should be between 250 and 500 words and should address the reasons you would like to run and why you believe you would be a good candidate for the position. In addition to your cv and statement of interest, please include the following information:

- your name
- the university where you are pursuing your graduate degree
- the name of the degree you are pursing
- your anticipated date of graduation (which must be after April 2011)

If you have any questions regarding the position or the election process, please feel free to contact our current Chair, John Oliver at oliver10@msu.edu or Stacy DeZutter, GSC nominations committee chair, at gscnominations@aol.com.

Position description:

The chair-elect position has a three-year term, taking office in April 2009 and serving through April, 2012. In the first year, the chair-elect is primarily responsible for the Graduate Student Resource Center. In the second chair, the Chair-Elect becomes Chair, and oversees the activities of the Graduate Student Council. Also during this year, the Chair serves as a member of AERA’s Association Council. In the third year, the Chair becomes the Past Chair, who chairs the nominating committee and serves in an advisory capacity to the incoming Chair and to the GSC.
Eligibility

- Must be a graduate student for Fall and Spring semesters of first two years (through spring, 2011)
- Must be a member of AERA
- Requirement of prior GSC experience has been waived. However, if you have prior experience within AERA, please mention this in your application.

Responsibilities, Year 1 (as Chair-Elect)

- Plan and coordinate the Graduate Student Resource Center at the Annual Meeting.
- Plan and chair the Chair-Elect’s Fireside Chat session at the Annual meeting
- Attend the October Coordinated Committee meeting in Washington, DC. Chair GSC if it is necessary for Chair to be absent for some portion of the GSC meeting.
- Attend the GSC orientation, open, and closed business meetings at the Annual Meeting.
- Attend Association Council meeting at the Annual Meeting in year rising to Chair position
- Prepare article for each issue of the Graduate Student Newsletter.
- Prepare Chair-elect annual report.
- Assist GSC Chair in creation of a budget for GSC.
- Serve on GSC executive committee.
- Assume responsibilities of Chair if Chair is unable to complete his/her term of office

Responsibilities, Year 2 (as Chair of the GSC)

- Set agenda for GSC activities for the year.
- Create GSC budget for the upcoming year and submit to Central Office.
- Attend Association Council Meetings at Annual Meeting for year as Chair; attend Council meetings in meetings in June and February. Association Council is the governing body for AERA.
- Attend Coordinated Committee meeting in Washington, DC in October; chair GSC during this meeting, including agenda setting.
- Attend GSC orientation, open and closed business meeting at Annual Meeting; chair GSC business meetings, including agenda setting.
- Present summary of GSC activities at GSC Open Business Meeting.
- Report the pertinent actions and events occurring at all Association Council, and GSC Executive Committee meetings to the GSC.
- Publicize GSC functions through announcements in Educational Researcher, the AERA graduate students email list, and GSC newsletter; when appropriate, submit announcements to the GSC Web Secretary for inclusion on the web site.
- Prepare article for each issue of the Graduate Student Council Newsletter.
- Prepare GSC Annual Report for year served as Chair.
- Prepare pass-down materials for incoming Chair.
- Send email letter to Division VPs encouraging the appointment of new Division representatives by date of Annual Meeting.
- Participate in Discussion Forum on GSC web site.

Responsibilities, Year 3 (as Past Chair):

- Chair the nominating committee, to assemble slate for election of new GSC officers.
- Attend the Coordinated Committee Meeting in Washington, DC, in October.
- Attend GSC orientation and open and closed business meetings at the annual meeting.
- Serve in advisory capacity to incoming GSC Chair.