UPCOMING EVENTS

FACULTY COUNCIL
Thursday, March 7, 2019 | 4:00–5:00pm | Hiatt Auditorium S1-608
The Faculty Council considers issues and matters of interest to the faculty and advises the Chancellor, the Provost, other senior administrators as appropriate, and the Executive Council on substantive matters. All faculty are welcome to attend the monthly Faculty Council meetings.

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
Monday, March 19, 2019 | 7:45–11:45am | S2-351
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
The purpose of the orientation is to provide new faculty at all levels with a foundation for a successful academic and professional career at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Registration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WRITING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Writing Accountability Groups (WAGs) are designed to build the habit of writing regularly. WAGs consist of 4-8 individuals who meet for 1 hour a week for 10 weeks for the sole purpose of writing. New WAGs will start in the first week of April at 4:00–5:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:00–9:00 am on Tuesdays. Watch for an email announcement from the OFA. Contact OFA for more information at Faculty.Affairs@umassmed.edu

WOMEN IN DATA SCIENCE—CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS CONFERENCE
Monday, March 4, 2019 | 9:00am–5:30pm | Worcester Polytechnic Institute Campus Center Odeum
Sponsor: WPI Women’s Impact Network
This one-day event will showcase local talent, bringing together individuals from industry and academia to celebrate the contributions of women in Data Science from Central Massachusetts and beyond. Register here: https://wp.wpi.edu/widscentralmass Contact: widscentralmass@gmail.com

WORCESTER REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR—Call for Judges!
Friday, March 8, 2019 | 8:15am–12noon | Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Annual Science & Engineering Fair needs judges, particularly in biology, medicine and biophysics. For details and to sign up, please visit http://www.wrsef.org and click on judges.

WOMEN’S FACULTY COMMITTEE OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS—Call for Nominations!
Sponsor: Women’s Faculty Committee
You are invited to nominate women faculty who have demonstrated excellence in education, community service, scientific achievement or patient care and to nominate both men and women faculty for the mentoring award. The awards will be presented at the 19th Annual Awards Luncheon on Monday, May 20, 2019. For nomination guidelines see here. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of Faculty Affairs (University Campus, S1-710G) or by email to Faculty.Affairs@umassmed.edu no later than March 15, 2019.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
Thursday, March 21, 2019 | 12:00–1:00pm | Faculty Conference Room
Sponsor: Diversity & Inclusion Office
Join us for Women’s History Month as we celebrate “Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence” featuring keynote speaker Susan Bro, whose daughter was killed during the white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Bro set up a foundation in her daughter’s name. The Heather Heyer Foundation grants scholarships, works with groups such as the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and supports social-justice causes. Lunch provided (11:30am–12:00 pm). Registration

UMASS MEDICAL SCHOOL ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS RECEPTION
Friday, April 12, 2019 | 6:00–8:00pm | Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, PA
Please join us in Philadelphia for a reception at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. You do not need to be registered for the meeting to attend the reception. More information here

OPPORTUNITY—INTERDISCIPLINARY SENIOR DESIGN PROJECTS
Sponsors: UMCCTS & Department of Engineering, UMass Lowell
Undergraduate engineering majors at UMass Lowell complete a senior design capstone project. We invite UUMS faculty to provide problem statements for the students to solve in this course. The problem statement will identify a pressing health care/laboratory problem, and if a project is selected, the faculty sponsor will be invited to help mentor the student team over the two semesters. For more information contact Nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

UMMS BRIDGE FUND
Sponsor: UMMS Business Development & Innovation
UMMS has established a new fund to support innovative scientific advances at the Medical School. The BRIDGE Fund will provide up to $1 million annually to UMass Medical School faculty and scientists whose research shows particular promise for commercialization and translation to a clinical application. Deadline for letters of intent: February 28, 2019. For more information see here
2019 WORCESTER FOUNDATION GRANTS — Request for Proposals!
Sponsor: UUMS Office of Research
Funds raised through the Hudson Hoagland Society have been earmarked for start-up or seed grants to be awarded to investigators at the Medical School in support of innovative projects in basic, translational or clinical research. The ideal applications are for support of projects in which initial or additional data would likely advance the project’s merit for federal or other external funding. Deadline: March 15, 2019. For more information see here

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AAMC MINORITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
June 27–30, 2019 | Atlanta, GA
This program is designed for early-career faculty who are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups. Attendees will be equipped with innovative leadership tools and a variety of mentoring and networking opportunities. The application deadline will be announced soon; for more information see the AAMC website here

AAMC GRANT WRITERS COACHING GROUP FOR NIH AWARDS
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
June 27, 2019 | Atlanta, GA
This program helps underrepresented faculty in medicine enhance critical writing skills and strengthen grant proposals. The intensive 1-day workshop is open to those actively working on both K and R NIH grant proposals. Application deadline: April 11, 2019. For more information see here

AAMC EARLY CAREER WOMEN FACULTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
July 27–30, 2019 | St. Louis, MO
Designed for women faculty at the assistant professor level who are considering leadership positions, this comprehensive and engaging program provides an introduction to the knowledge and skills needed to pursue leadership roles within academic medicine. Application deadline: March 13, 2019. For more information see here

FUTURE EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars!

PREPARING FOR PROMOTION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 8:00–10:00am | S2-351
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
This workshop is designed for UUMS faculty who are considering promotion in the near future. It will focus specifically on selecting your Area of Distinction and writing a Narrative Statement. Registration

EMPOWER SUMMIT 3 (Empowering Professional Women for Executive Roles)
Friday, May 17, 2019 | 8:00am–5:00pm
Sponsors: Office of Faculty Affairs, Department of Ob/Gyn, UMass Medical School, UMass Memorial Health Care, UUMS-Baystate, Baystate Health
The third annual EMPOWER Summit is a one-day immersive, interactive leadership development opportunity focused on gender equity in medicine and leadership, and the role leaders play in increasing faculty engagement, mitigating burnout and promoting vitality. Current and aspiring women leaders, and the men and women who mentor or sponsor them are welcome to attend. Registration

UMMS 24th ANNUAL RESEARCH RETREAT
October 17–18, 2019 | UMass Amherst Conference Center
Sponsors: The Office of Research, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the Center for Clinical and Translational Science
You are cordially invited to attend the UMMS 24th Annual Research Retreat. Look for more announcements in May regarding registration and other important information!

RESOURCES

The Office of Faculty Affairs has revised the online information and resources related to the revised Academic Personnel Policy. Visit the OFA website at www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic for information regarding the eligibility and criteria for promotion and tenure, areas of distinction, the basic file, and categories of appointment. The revised Academic Personnel Policy is available online: www.umassmed.edu/ofa/governance-policies/academic-personnel-policy

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