

# MUGS NEWS



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## 1. Upcoming Deadlines: Graduation, Financial Aid

If you read nothing else in *MUGS News*, please read the “Upcoming Deadlines” section each month! *MUGS News* will keep you informed of all important Graduate School deadlines. It is our principal way of keeping you on track so you can officially complete your program. Missing certain deadlines can have serious academic or financial consequences.

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**Graduation: December, 2011**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

Final day to submit dissertation to the Graduate School with results and signatures.

### **Graduation: May, 2012**

#### **Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

Deadline to apply for May graduation online.

If you submit your *Graduation Application* after this date, you will not graduate and you will not receive your diploma. You will have to apply for graduation for a future term. Corresponding deadlines for your program may be earlier than those listed in the *Graduate School Bulletin*; contact your program for specific information. Materials must be submitted to the Graduate School or GSM on or before the dates listed in the *Graduate School Bulletin*.

Master's, certificate, and doctoral students must apply for graduation online at [http://www.marquette.edu/grad/forms\\_applygraduation.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/grad/forms_applygraduation.shtml).

Graduate School of Management (GSM) students (accounting, MBA, executive MBA, economics or human resources) must apply for graduation online at <http://www.busadm.mu.edu/graduate/graduation.shtml>.

### **Graduation: End of Summer, 2012**

No formal graduation ceremony is held in August.

August master's and certificate graduates wishing to participate in the May, 2012 ceremonies must submit graduation applications early: **Monday, April 2, 2012** for Graduate School students, and **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** for GSM students.

August master's and certificate Graduate School and GSM graduates not intending to walk in the May, 2012 ceremony must submit graduation applications by **Wednesday, June 13, 2012**.

August Graduate School doctoral graduates walk in the December, 2012 ceremony.

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Graduate School of Management students (accounting, MBA, executive MBA, economics or human resources) must apply for graduation online at <http://www.busadm.mu.edu/graduate/graduation.shtml>.

### **Financial Aid: Fall, 2012**

#### **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

Deadline to apply for fall, 2012 merit-based financial aid (tuition scholarships, teaching and research assistantships, Milwaukee Area Teachers Scholarships). Apply online at [http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid\\_forms.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid_forms.shtml).

#### **Friday, June 15, 2012**

Deadline to apply for fall, 2012 Catholic Schools Personnel Scholarships. Apply online at [http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid\\_forms.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid_forms.shtml).

### **Financial Aid: Summer, 2012**

#### **Monday, April 16, 2012**

Deadline to apply for summer, 2012 merit-based financial aid (tuition scholarships, Milwaukee Area Teachers Scholarships, Catholic Schools Personnel Scholarships). Apply online at [http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid\\_forms.shtml](http://www.marquette.edu/grad/finaid_forms.shtml).

Note: No assistantships are offered by the Graduate School in summer.

### **Financial Aid: Student Loans**

Visit the Office of Student Financial Aid's website for information on applying for student loans and deadlines: <http://www.marquette.edu/financialaid/index.shtml>.

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## **2. December Graduation Information**

The 2011 Mid-Year Commencement activities will take place December 17-18, 2011.

### **Cap and Gown Pickup**

Tuesday, December 13, 2011  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Alumni Memorial Union, Room 227

### **Baccalaureate Mass**

The Mass will be concelebrated by **Fr. Pilarz** and other members of the Marquette Jesuit Community:  
Saturday, December 17, 2011  
7:30 p.m.  
Church of the Gesu  
1145 W. Wisconsin Avenue

### **Mid-Year Commencement**

Sunday, December 18, 2011  
9:30 a.m.  
U.S. Cellular Arena  
400 W. Kilbourn Avenue

More details about the events are available at [December Graduation](#).

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## **3. Financial Aid: Student Loans and the Budget Control Act of 2011**

On July 1, 2012 some important changes in federal student loan programs will take effect. The Office of Student Financial Aid sent information to students about these changes prior to Thanksgiving. The information they sent is reprinted below:

The Budget Control Act (BCA) of 2011 was signed into law on August 2, 2011. This Act makes two important changes to the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program.

### **Loss of Subsidized Loan Eligibility for Graduate and Professional Students**

Effective for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012, graduate and professional students will no longer be eligible to receive Federal Direct *Subsidized* Stafford Loans. Federal Direct *Unsubsidized* Stafford Loans will continue to be available. The existing annual Stafford loan limits and aggregate Stafford loan limits will remain the same. Loans disbursed *before* July 1, 2012 will not be affected by this change.

**Annual Stafford Loan Limits for Graduate/Professional Students:**

	Loans disbursed before 7/1/2012		Loans disbursed after 7/1/2012	
	Subsidized Loan Annual Maximum	Unsubsidized Loan Annual Maximum	Subsidized Loan Annual Maximum	Unsubsidized Loan Annual Maximum
Graduate/ Professional Students	\$8,500	\$20,500, less Subsidized loan Received	\$0	\$20,500
Dental- 1-3 Students	\$8,500	\$47,167, less Subsidized loan Received	\$0	\$47,167
Dental- 4 Students	\$8,500	\$40,500, less Subsidized loan Received	\$0	\$40,500

**Discontinuation of the Up-Front Loan Processing Fee Rebate**

BCA eliminates the authority of the Department of Education to offer up-front fee reductions to encourage on-time repayment of loans. As a result, the federal net loan fee deducted at the time of disbursement will increase as of July 1, 2012, from .5% to 1% for the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and from 2.5% to 4% for the Grad PLUS Loan.

**Annual Net Loan Fee Changes:**

Loan Type	Example	Before 7/1/2012	After 7/1/2012
Stafford Loans	Loan Amount	Net Fee	Net Fee
Graduate/ Professional	\$20,500	\$102	\$204
Dental- 1-3	\$47,167	\$234	\$470
Dental- 4	\$40,500	\$202	\$404
<b>Grad PLUS Loans</b>	\$15,000	\$374	\$600

**Verification Changes as of 2012-13**

Final regulations (*published on October 29, 2010 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended, effective beginning 2012-13*) exclude most graduate/professional students from verification. Students whose award consists exclusively of non-need based financial aid will *not* be required to complete verification. Applicants selected for verification whose award includes need based assistance (e.g. Federal Perkins Loan, HHS Disadvantaged Scholarship, Health Professions Loan and Disadvantage Loan) will still be required to complete the Verification process. Please visit [marquette.edu/mucentral/verify/](http://marquette.edu/mucentral/verify/) for more detailed information.

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#### **4. Doctoral Students: Register Now for January Dissertation Boot Camp**

Registration is still open for the Graduate School's **January 2012 Dissertation Boot Camp**. Dissertation Boot Camp (DBC) offers a dedicated time and location for students to come together and work towards the completion of their dissertations. Faculty facilitators are available throughout the week to monitor progress and offer suggestions. The boot camp also provides an opportunity for dissertators to connect with other doctoral students and establish a sense of community.

The January 2012 DBC will be held from **Monday, January 9 through Friday, January 13** in the lower level of the [Raynor Library](#). Participants will work from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily with an early dismissal on Friday.

If you are interested in participating, please e-mail [Bethany Neubauer](#) with the following information **by December 20, 2011**:

- Your name and Marquette ID number,
- Your academic department,
- The current stage of your program (pre-DQE, conducting research, writing, etc.),
- A brief description of your dissertation or intended area of research, and
- Your adviser's name.

A \$50 deposit will be required to secure a place at the boot camp. The deposit will be refunded on the final day of the event. If demand exceeds capacity, we will enroll students on a first-come, first-served basis, with the caveat that we will review applications to ensure an equitable distribution across the colleges/departments.

Since 2008, more than one hundred doctoral students have benefitted from this program. We continue to receive positive feedback from our boot camp alumni and hope you will consider joining us in January. Ask a past participant about their DBC experience or feel free to contact **Bethany Neubauer** at (414) 288-4873 or by [e-mail](#) with any questions.

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#### **5. Resources: Graduate School on Facebook**

Marquette University Graduate School is now on Facebook. This group page was created to act as a forum for both inquiry and discussion for Marquette University graduate students. The page is administered by both Marquette University Graduate School staff and current graduate students. The page will also include important news, announcements, deadline reminders and trivia.



Please join our online community at: <http://go.mu.edu/gradfacebook>.

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## **6. Resources: Seminar on the Responsible Conduct of Research Make-Up Sessions**

Students who attended our *Seminar on the Responsible Conduct of Research* October 27 and 28 but had to miss portions of the seminar can now make up the sessions they missed.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) has recordings of all the sessions which you can view in the ORSP office, located in Holthusen Hall, Room 341. The records may be viewed during normal business hours: Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Contact ORSP at (414) 288-7200 for more information.

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## **7. Resources: Summer Fellowship Program for Students Interested in Teaching in Catholic Colleges and Universities**

“Collegium” is a joint effort by 67 Catholic colleges and universities to recruit and develop faculty who can articulate and enrich the spiritual and intellectual life of their institutions. Next year’s program, which is part conference and part retreat, will be held at St. John’s University in Minnesota on June 15-22, 2012. Fellowships are available to cover the cost of the program, including transportation.

As noted on their [website](#), “The Collegium summer colloquy developed in response to the long-standing concern among educators and church leaders for the future prospects of the religious identity of the many Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Catholic institutions have found it increasingly difficult to uphold their faith-based mission statements and identify, recruit, and develop new faculty who can both articulate and expand the vision of the Catholic intellectual tradition.”

Students interested in applying for the program can pick up an application packet from the MU Graduate School receptionist desk. The deadline for applications is December 30, 2011.

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## **8. Resources: Tips on Writing National Research Service Awards**

The College of Nursing is hosting a Doctoral Student-Faculty Forum entitled *Tips on Writing NRSAs* and is extending an invitation to faculty and students from other disciplines.

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) are offered through the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This individual pre-doctoral research training fellowship provides support for promising doctoral candidates who will be performing dissertation research and training in scientific health-related fields relevant to the missions of the participating NIH Institutes and Centers during the tenure of the award.

**Dr. Donna McCarthy**, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Research and the Mildred E. Newton Professor in the College of Nursing at The Ohio State University, will be presenting. She served as a regular and ad hoc member of several NIH scientific review groups. The Doctoral Student-Faculty Forum will specifically focus on how to prepare individual pre-doctoral NRSAs for submission to the NIH. Be sure to bring a lunch to enjoy during the session.

What: Doctoral Student-Faculty Forum, “Tips on Writing NRSAs”

Where: College of Nursing’s Emory T. Clark Hall Terrace, located on the ground floor

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

RSVP by January 10 to [Jennie.schatzman@marquette.edu](mailto:Jennie.schatzman@marquette.edu) or call (414) 288-7225.

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## 9. Raynor Memorial Library News

### Books Due Date

Library materials checked out on semester loan are due back **Saturday, December 17, 2011**. Graduate students who are registered for the spring, 2012 semester may renew books beginning Saturday, December 3rd. [Books may be renewed online here](#) or see [instructions for online renewals here](#). Please call (414) 288-7555 or stop by the Raynor Circulation Desk if you have questions.

### New E-Book Collection

The Libraries have added a large e-book collection, **ebrary**, with more than 70,000 books spanning all academic subjects. Features include advanced searching, printing, note-taking, and a "bookshelf" that allows an individual user to maintain and archive items for future reference. A RefWorks link facilitates easy exporting of citations. All **ebrary** books are cataloged and linked in MARQCAT. [Read more and link to ebrary here](#).

### Reading Recommendations Offered in *Ex Libris*

The staff of the Libraries offer reading recommendations in their occasional newsletter, *Ex Libris*. The November issue features contemporary fiction and nonfiction books in the Browsing Collection, plus literary prize winners and recent books by faculty and alumni. [Read \*Ex Libris\* here](#).

### Holiday Library Hours

Closings and reduced library hours for December begin Dec. 16, [full details can be viewed here](#). [Library hours for January can be viewed here](#).

Please note that the Libraries are closed on: Sunday, December 18; Friday, December 23 – Sunday, January 1; Saturday, January 7 – Sunday, January 8; Saturday, January 14; and Monday, January 16.

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## 10. Recent Graduate Student and Alumni Accomplishments

### Department of English

**Byran Gast**, a doctoral student in English, presented a paper at the European Studies Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on October 8, 2011. His paper was called "The Body in Dante Gabriel Rossetti's Poetry."

What have you been up to lately? Have you presented the results of your research at a conference? Have you had a publication accepted? Did you receive a scholarship or grant? Our graduate students are a productive, if somewhat modest, lot. We know you don't want to brag, so let us do it for you.



Please email your professional and scholastic accomplishments for inclusion in this newsletter to Mr. [Thomas Marek](#), Assistant Director for Financial Aid.

Your digital photos for reprint are welcome.

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4	5	6	7 December Graduates: Final day to submit dissertation to the Graduate School with results and signatures.	8	9	10 Fall Classes End (Sessions 1 & 2).
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Mid-Year Commencement.	19	20	21	22	23 University offices closed	24
25 Christmas 	26 University offices closed	27 University offices closed	28 University offices closed	29 University offices closed	30 University offices closed	31

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## January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Dissertation Boot Camp January 9-13.						
15	16 Martin Luther King Day: classes excused except for M.B.A. classes at the Kohler and Waukesha sites. University offices closed.	17 Spring classes begin (Sessions 1, 2 & 6). <div style="border: 1px solid #add8e6; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Writing NRSAs <a href="#">See Article 8</a></div>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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## February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Graduate School May Graduates: Deadline to apply online for <u>May</u> graduation. GSM May and August Graduates: Deadline to apply online for <u>May and August</u> graduation.	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Merit-based financial aid online applications due for fall.	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

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## March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Spring Break March 11-18, 2012: Classes excused.						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 End of Summer Graduates: Deadline to apply online for end of summer graduation if attending May ceremony (not GSM students).	3	4	5 Easter Break: Classes excused April 5-8).	6 Good Friday: University offices closed.	7
8 Easter	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Merit-based financial aid online applications due for summer, 2012.	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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## May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Classes end for Spring Sessions 1 & 5.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Summer classes begin for Sessions 4 and 6.	15	16	17	18	19
20 Commencement	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day: University offices closed, classes excused.	29	30	31		

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## June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Dissertation Boot Camp June 4-8					
10	11	12	13 Graduate School August graduates: Deadline to apply online to graduate if not attending May ceremony. GSM August graduates must apply online by Feb. 1.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day: University offices closed, classes excused.	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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## August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Dissertation Boot Camp August 6-10					
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26	27	29	30	31		

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