Call for Proposals

Faculty Scholarship Exchange Awards

The Office of Faculty Development is seeking applications for funding for the 2012-2013 academic year. The application deadline is Monday, February 27, 2012.

Full details can be found on the UMMC Academic Affairs Web site: (http://academics.umc.edu/faculty_development/funding.html)

Proposals will be accepted in each of three categories:

1. Instructional Integration Awards,
2. Collaborative Research Exploration Awards, and
3. Mini-sabbaticals.

The maximum amount that may be requested for any single award is $10,000 (*$5,000 for mini-sabbaticals) and funding of two awards/category is anticipated. Funds will be awarded for one year. Applicants should complete all requested information on the Faculty Scholarship Exchange Award Proposal Cover Page, as described in the Proposal Instructions. One original plus five copies of all required documents must be received in the Office for Faculty Development by the required deadline.
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGE
2012 Seminar Series

“The Future of Health Care: What to do about where we are going.”

Tommy Prewitt, M.D.
Associate Professor of Surgery, UMMC
February 9th

“AAIM Report: Task Force on Clinician Educators and the Department of Internal Medicine Faculty Development Initiative”

Stephen Geraci, M.D.
Professor of Medicine, UMMC
March 8th

“An Accidental Academician”

Helen Turner, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UMMC
May 10th

Room R354
Upper Amphitheater
12:00 - 12:50
Lunch provided on a first come/first served basis!
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program

RWJCSP PURPOSE

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs collaborate to foster the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans’ health and health care through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars program. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans.

WHAT IMPACT WILL YOU HAVE ON HEALTH CARE?

INFORMATION SESSION FOR UMC

Thursday, December 29, 2011
12:00 Noon
CW - 106

Program Applications Due February 29th, 2012
INFO SESSION QUESTIONS EMAIL:
Charlene.Collier@yale.edu
Dr. Turner honored as 2012 Taste of the U Honorary Chair

A massive multi-theme party and UMMC annual mainstay of more than two decades will honor Dr. Helen Turner, a pillar of the medical center in her own right and a woman who serves many roles including physician, mentor, volunteer, administrator and alum.

Turner, UMMC associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and 28-year faculty member, plans to retire in June. She has been selected as the 2012 Taste of the U Honorary Chair.

Turner earned both a Ph.D and an M.D. at the Medical Center, which may have led her to a deep appreciation not only for medicine and teaching, but also to a commitment to serving her alma mater.

Turner’s high-power day job in academic affairs came as a second career. Her first love is teaching.

A Kosciusko native, she taught kindergarten and fifth grade in Arizona while her husband, Jim, was stationed at Fort Hauchuca. Later, she also taught fifth grade in Louisiana.

After moving back to Mississippi, Turner wanted to continue teaching, but knew she would eventually need a master’s degree.

With an undergraduate degree in biology from MUW, she picked the microbiology department at the University of Mississippi Medical Center because of its excellent reputation.

Turner’s pursuit of a master’s degree morphed into a mission to earn a Ph.D, which she received in 1975. But she didn’t stop there. Doctoral classes that she took alongside medical students sparked an epiphany. She realized that she was already managing much of the same curriculum content as medical students. At that point, she decided she would pursue an M.D. degree.

“It was something I always thought I’d like to do but never thought I could,” she said.

Growing up with no M.D.s among her family and friends, Turner said she never saw the road to physician-hood as clearly attainable.

“I think for me, getting the microbiology Ph.D set me on the path to pursue a career in infectious diseases,” she added.
She entered the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and, subsequently, graduated in 1979.

Following her residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases, Turner joined the UMMC faculty as a staff physician at the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery VA Medical Center in 1984. She hasn’t stopped climbing since. At the VA she held leadership positions as associate chief of staff for education and chief of medical service, the first woman to hold these positions.

In 1993, she moved to the UMMC campus to take a position as School of Medicine associate dean for academic affairs. In 2003, she became UMMC’s first associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

As the chief academic officer for UMMC, Turner has worked with students and faculty in all schools and has overseen an increase in student enrollment of 17 percent over the last five years. This growth occurred while the schools have maintained the quality of their academic programs.

Additionally, she has served the Mississippi State Medical Association as secretary, member of the board of trustees, president elect and president. She also served 10 years on the American Medical Association’s Mississippi delegation.

Turner said that even though academic administration presents its own opportunities and rewards, taking care of patients and teaching have been most rewarding.

She instructs class sections on infectious disease, pharmacy and infection control.

“I think of myself as a physician and a teacher at heart.” she said.

As honorary chair of the 23rd annual Taste of the U, Turner will be a central figure in an event that raises fun and funds for the UMMC Alliance, a non-profit that benefits the entire UMMC community – students, faculty, patients, staff and campus.

At each year’s Taste, chef teams representing different departments, offices and divisions from across the medical center pick themes, cook recipes, decorate booths and dress up to put on a huge, multi-theme party.

Attendees get to sample taste-size portions from each booth, vote on their favorite theme, participate in a silent auction, sing and dance along with a live band and have a great time while raising money for the Alliance.

Tickets for 2012 Taste of the U, scheduled for Feb. 25th at the Jackson Medical Mall, can be purchased by calling (601) 983-6669.
Learn More about the Educational Technology of the Future
-- read this article!

2011 Horizon Report

“The internationally recognized series of Horizon Reports... identifies and describes emerging technologies likely to have a large impact over the coming five years on a variety of sectors around the globe. The 2011 Horizon Report (Johnson, L., Smith, R., Willis, H., Levine, A., and Haywood, K., (2011)). The 2011 Horizon Report., Austin, Texas: The New Media Consortium. (http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2011-Horizon-Report.pdf) examines emerging technologies for their potential impact on and use in teaching, learning, and creative inquiry. It is the eighth in the annual series of reports focused on emerging technology in the higher education environment. The Horizon Project’s Advisory Board, an international body of experts in education, technology, business, and other fields, engaged in a discussion based on a set of research questions intended to surface significant trends and challenges and to identify a broad array of potential technologies for this report ... Each edition of the Horizon Report introduces six emerging technologies or practices that are likely to enter mainstream use within three adoption horizons over the next five years...”.

The six areas of technology covered this year are:

- On the near-term horizon — that is, within the next 12 months — are electronic books and mobiles.
- On the 2-3 year horizon are augmented reality and game-based learning.
- On the 4-5 year horizon are gesture-based computing and learning analytics.

SACS

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) road to reaccreditation is a long one. We submitted our documents to the Commission in September of 2010. The onsite committee came at the end of March and left us with a recommendation on part of one of the principles. We satisfactorily responded to the recommendation over the summer, and the board reviewed our documents in total during the early part of December. This extensive review resulted in the recent announcement of reaccreditation with no follow up - the best report possible.

This is a major achievement for UMMC. Hundreds of faculty, staff, and students worked over a six year period to develop and update policies, document procedures, provide information, and review systems. These efforts will continue to benefit the institution by providing consistent information and services to both faculty and students. Our responsibility as we move toward a 2016 mid-point review by SACS- COC will be to maintain and continue the progress.

A colleague on the Oxford campus, who went through the SAC-COC reaccreditation process a couple of years before us, made a statement that is applicable to those of you who worked on our reaccreditation.

“You can know that you have achieved a once in a decade mountain of service to UMMC.”

Thank you for that service,
Mitzi Norris, Ph.D., Director of Accreditation