Looking for a Graduate Assistantship? Keep your eye out for newly posted positions on [https://www.emujobs.com](https://www.emujobs.com).

Doctoral students who plan to graduate in April must submit their dissertation to the Graduate School by March 1. If you miss this deadline for April Graduation, the next deadline is July 1 for August Graduation. For master’s students writing a thesis, the deadline for submission to the Graduate School is March 15.

The FAFSA deadline for student aid applications for the state of Michigan is March 1, 2013.

EMU has developed a new notification system for students via text messages. Messages will include reminders about registration, eBills, financial aid, and more. Text STUDENT to 467467 and follow the prompts to sign up.

The Graduate Research Fair will take place Monday, March 18, 2013, in the Student Center. If you are presenting at the event, please review our guidelines for presenters at [http://www.emich.edu/graduate/research/research_fair/index.php](http://www.emich.edu/graduate/research/research_fair/index.php). Even if you are not presenting, support your fellow graduate students by attending one or more sessions that day. Look for future newsletters to provide more details regarding this event.

Registration for Summer and Fall courses begins March 19, 2013. Check the Records and Registration website at [http://www.emich.edu/graduate/research/research_fair/index.php](http://www.emich.edu/graduate/research/research_fair/index.php) to find the date and time of your registration appointment.

See page 3 for April graduation reminders! If you have not yet applied for graduation, apply online through your my.emich account.

Get more information about EMU’s new Physician Assistant (PA) program. See page 4 for details.
Academic Projects Center

Are you presenting at the 2013 Graduate Research Fair? Do you have a project this semester that requires research or design? You may wish to consider consulting the Academic Projects Center (APC), located on the first floor of Halle Library. APC is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Academic Projects Center is a collaborative place where librarians, writing consultants, and technologists help students (as well as faculty and staff) with academic projects. The Academic Projects Center provides

- Space to rehearse presentations
  - Reservations to reserve this space can be made in person or by telephone at 734-487-2543.
- Research help
  - Getting started with research
  - Identifying appropriate databases
  - Developing search strategies
  - Using library tools
  - Locating scholarly journal articles
- Technology Assistance
  - Using Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
  - Using FTP software to transfer files
  - Converting documents from Microsoft Word to Adobe PDF format
  - Using the my.emich portal (email, calendar)
  - Preparing a poster for printing on the large format printer in the Halle Library
  - Developing basic web pages using Dreamweaver
  - Using EMU Online
  - Using Flip video cameras, digital audio recorders, wireless presenters, laptops and netbooks available for checkout through the Library
- Communication consultants
  - Training and coaching for individual and group presentations
  - Assistance managing and reducing presentation anxiety

Find out more by visiting the Academic Projects Center website at http://www.emich.edu/apc/index.html or stop by 116 Halle Library during regular business hours.
Plan your **Summer & Fall** course registration

The course bulletins for summer and fall semesters are now available through your student tab on my.emich.edu.

**Registration begins Tuesday, March 19, 2013.**

Plan ahead; make sure that there are no holds on your student account that will restrict your registration. To find out your registration appointment, check the Records and Registration website at [http://www.emich.edu/registrar/calendars/appointments.php](http://www.emich.edu/registrar/calendars/appointments.php).

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**Winter Wellness**

The winter semester is well underway, and the graduate school would like to remind students to take precaution as Mother Nature and the stress of the semester can take a toll on graduate students. The combination of stress and lack of sleep will make you more vulnerable to illness. Be sure to maintain healthy eating and exercise habits (remember those new year’s resolutions), and if you have not already, get a flu shot! **University Health Services** has many services to help you maintain your wellness this semester. Check out their website at [http://www.emich.edu/uhs/index.php](http://www.emich.edu/uhs/index.php).

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**April Graduation Reminders**

The winter commencement ceremonies will take place **Sunday, April 28, 2013**, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.. If you plan to graduate this semester, please consult your advisor to make sure that everything is in order for your graduation audit. You must **apply for graduation online** (via your my.emich account) **by March 15** for your name to appear in the commencement program.

We suggest that you meet with your advisor to discuss any loose ends that need to be tied up. If you have any exceptions to be made to graduate school policy (i.e. extension of time to degree, old courses, more than the allotted credits of special topics, etc.), you must submit a **petition to waive Graduate School policy** to 200 Boone Hall for approval. Please also contact your advisor to make sure a current **program of study** is on file with the Office of Records and Registration.

Watch for more information in future issues for details about the commencement ceremony.

Applications for August graduation will be available beginning April 29, 2013, through your my.emich account.
Physician Assistant Program

Physician Assistants (PAs) are in demand because they provide cost-effective health care while still maintaining high quality patient-centered care. The changing structure of health care delivery that is predicted in the coming years only appears to bolster the importance and need for PAs to provide health care in our community, state, and nation.

The Eastern Michigan University physician assistant program mission is to identify, train, and support a diverse population of graduate students to become highly respected ambassadors of the profession and extraordinary healthcare providers with a strong foundation in primary care medicine and interdisciplinary practice.

The EMU Board of Regents, the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Health Promotion & Human Performance decided to create the Physician Assistant (PA) master degree program in response to pending local and national primary care provider shortages, the changing health care industry, and the large number of EMU undergraduate students who are interested in the PA profession.

The PA department at EMU has hired three full-time positions and a part-time medical director (see photos below). They also have a full-time administrative assistant, Rebecca Glaser, who has experience in program organization and knows the campus culture at EMU. The current supply of graduating PAs in Michigan is not meeting the demand for PAs, a demand that is expected to grow in the future. With the guidance of faculty and others, the new program at EMU will produce graduates who can provide a wide range of health care services to many Michigan communities.

The new program has applied for Accreditation – Provisional from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). This anticipated provisional accreditation in September 2013 will allow for matriculation of the first class the following May.

For more information check out the EMU PA Program website: www.emich.edu/pa.