

Dear Graduate Students,

PROMISE is accepting graduate student applications for the PROMISE Dissertation House to be held on January 17 - 22, 2012 from 9:00 - 5:00 pm in Commons 329. The Dissertation House facilitates students' progression through the doctoral dissertation process by providing the professional consultation, guidance, and support necessary for scholarly research and writing. The Dissertation House On-Campus is based on the successful Scholars' Retreat at the University of Colorado at Denver, the PROMISE Dissertation House (est.2006), the UMBC & UMCP Dissertation House, Dissertation Accomplished – TADA® books and materials from the ABD Solutions Company, LLC. Houses On-Campus, and Dr. Wendy Carter's Thesis and Dissertation Accomplished.

Below are the application procedures. Applications are due no later than Friday, December 16, 2011! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PROMISE Staff via email at [promisestaff@gmail.com](mailto:promisestaff@gmail.com).

We hope you are all having a productive academic semester!

### **DISSERTATION HOUSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The on-campus setting provides Dissertation House participants with productive and rewarding scholastic engagement. Students who participate in this program will spend each day thinking, writing, and sharing ideas about their doctoral dissertations. Students will learn effective time-management skills; learn how to set small manageable goals, and will meet with a dissertation coach in one-on-one consultations to discuss and address obstacles that might prevent them completing their degrees.

This is a weekday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m., non-residential) commitment to focus on the doctoral dissertation. The Dissertation House activities focus on areas where students typically have difficulty: conceptualizing a topic, writing a literature review, transitioning from a proposal to a dissertation, analyzing data, writing the last chapter, and editing.

**To apply to attend the Dissertation House, submit a brief description (maximum 2 pages, font size 11-12 point 1 inch margins) that describes the project that you wish to accomplish during the Dissertation House period. Please use the following guidelines:**

- (1) Summary of the project, including research question(s), data or texts, and method;**
- (2) Amount completed on the project to date; and**
- (3) Any obstacles that you are encountering that hinder completion of the dissertation.**

**Include the following header information with the description:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Gmail - PROMISE Dissertation House Winter 2012: Call for Applications - Due 12/16/11**

**Telephone numbers (home, office, and fax):**

**E-mail address:**

**Institution:**

**Graduate Program (GRAD) (ex. Computer Engineering (CMPE):**

**Department (ex. Computer Science & Electrical Engineering):**

**Year in Program:**

**Expected Graduation:**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Due no later than December 16, 2011**

Email applications to [promisestaff@gmail.com](mailto:promisestaff@gmail.com) with the subject line: Dissertation House Winter 2012

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Sixteen participants will be selected for participation in the Dissertation House. The following applicants will have priority: (1) Applicants who plan to finish the Ph.D. in 2012; (2) Individuals who are working on dissertations and theses rather than a proposal; (3) Applicants who submit earliest; and (4) Individuals who appear most able to benefit from the services offered at the DissertationHouse.

## **NOTIFICATION**

If your application is accepted, you will receive an acceptance notice via email and additional details about the Dissertation House. All students, including those who have not applied or those who are not selected, have the option to participate via the online challenge, a virtual version of the Dissertation House.