International Visiting Scholar Academy (IVSA) at University of Massachusetts Boston

The University of Massachusetts Boston is nationally recognized as a model of excellence for urban public universities. The scenic waterfront campus, with easy access to downtown Boston, is located next to the John F. Kennedy Library and Presidential Museum, the Commonwealth Museum and Massachusetts State Archives, and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The University of Massachusetts Boston, founded in 1964, is metropolitan Boston's only public research university, offering its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great American city. The University of Massachusetts Boston has been designated as an institution of "higher research activity" by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, another milestone in the university's evolution as a hub for world-changing research. UMass Boston has also formed high-impact research alliances with a variety of key partners, leveraging its location in one of America's most innovative cities. Collaborative research partners include the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center, IBM, Children’s Hospital Boston, Partners HealthCare, New England Aquarium, Sanofi Genzyme, and Boston Public Schools.

Its ten colleges and graduate schools serve more than 16,000 students at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels while engaging local, national, and international constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service activities. UMass Boston, which proudly speaks of itself as “a research university with a teaching soul,” is increasingly recognized as a national model of excellence for urban universities. The more than thirty research institutes and centers bring faculty and students together from across the University to pursue research, teaching, and service on a broad range of topics that include public policy, gerontology, environmental issues, green chemistry, nursing, health sciences, life sciences, media and society, labor issues, women's leadership, and issues vital to Asian Americans, African Americans, and Latinos - to name a few.

The Campus Center provides both an academic and social focal point for many student services and activities, including more than seventy student clubs and activities, the student-run Harbor Art Gallery, and the Mass Media student newspaper. The Clark Athletic Center is the home of fourteen varsity teams and fine facilities for competition and recreation, including an ice rink, a basketball court, and a swimming pool. UMass Boston also sponsors public radio station WUMB-91.9 FM, the country's foremost station for folk and acoustic music.
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A Certificate Program Offered by the Office of Global Programs

Program Information:

This is an academic program designed for international scholars interested in coming to University of Massachusetts Boston to participate in a series of transdisciplinary professional development workshops for continuous improvement in teaching, research, and services related to their field.

In this program visiting scholars (J1 visa holders) may be current faculty in post-secondary settings, researchers, and post-doctoral students seeking faculty positions in post-secondary settings.

A cohort of 15 to 20 visiting scholars from various field and different countries will be selected for each semester. As a group the participants will interact and learn about topics related to

- Interconnectedness of teaching, research, and services and its triad-relationship building;
- Conceptual understanding and differences among disciplinary, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches with examples;
- Why transdisciplinary approaches?
- Transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with colleagues;
- Transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with students;
- Transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with community members;
- Multiple forms of constructive teaching and transdisciplinary pedagogical transformation;
- Two-Way Language Instructions (English-Chinese; English-Korean; English-Japanese; etc.) and
  - Pedagogical Practices at the college level teaching;
- Social responsibilities in the life of scholar for community transformation;
- International scholar network-building for transdisciplinary teaching, research, and service activities; and
- Tips for professional growth, scholar-leadership, and advancement in higher education academy

The academy program will be coordinated and led by the director of IVSA program, Cheryl Nixon Cheryl.Nixon@umb.edu. It is a semester-long program available for both Fall (September – December) and Spring (January –May) semesters each year. Visiting scholars can apply for the program for either one semester (up to 6 months) two semesters (up to 12 months).
Program fee: $4,500 USD per individual visiting scholar for one semester-long workshop, $8000 for 2 semesters. The fee includes expenses of program curriculum materials, handouts, Internet access, guest speaker honoraria, receptions, refreshments for each workshop, library access, and space rental, mini-conference, services for assigning/matching academic department at UMass Boston during the visiting program, closing ceremony, certification, J1 visa-processing services, field trips, and airport pick-up transportation service.

Program Contents and Timeline

- Rolling Application: a year long
- Application Review: First week of each month
- Invited visiting scholar announcement and sending and receiving the official invitation letter: Forth week of each month
- Registration time: For Fall term – anytime during July 1 - August 10; For Spring term – anytime during November 1 - December 15
- Orientation: For Fall term - First Saturday of September; For Spring term - Third Saturday of January
- Workshop I: Interconnectedness of teaching, research, and service and its triad relationship building; Conceptual understanding and differences among disciplinary, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary approaches with examples; Why transdisciplinary approaches? (September/January)
- Workshop II: Transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with colleagues; Transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with students; transdisciplinary approaches to teaching, research, and service with community members (October/February)
- Workshop III: Transdisciplinary Teaching, Research and Curriculum Transformation from the department chair’s perspective/academic unit head’s/ administrative perspective and an evolution of creating the new School for Environment that is transdisciplinary (October/February)
- Workshop IV: Social responsibilities in the life of the scholar for community transformation; Multiple forms of constructive teaching and transdisciplinary pedagogical transformation; Two-Way Language Instruction and Pedagogical Practices (November/March)
- Workshop V: Transdisciplinary engagement and social responsibilities in the life of the scholar for community transformation; Social responsibilities in the life of the scholar for community transformation: an example of transdisciplinary research, teaching, and community engagement, in, with, and for the community; International scholar network-building for transdisciplinary teaching, research, and service activities; and tips for professional growth, scholar-leadership, and advancement in higher education academy (December/April)
- Closing Ceremony, Program Self-Evaluation, and Certification Award: For Fall term - December; For Spring term – May; For one year term - August
Application

- If you are interested in participating in the program “International Visiting Scholar Academy (IVSA)” at University of Massachusetts Boston or have any questions regarding the IVSA program, please feel free to contact:

  Office of Global Programs
  University of Massachusetts Boston
  100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3963
  Main Office: 617.287.5586  Fax: 617.287.3963
  http://www.umb.edu/academics/global

Application requirements: Email your CV and the application form to Ksenija Borojevic (Ksenija.Borojevic@umb.edu), Senior Director of Office of Global Programs, UMass Boston.

Thank You.
Below is an example of the schedule of IVSA program from year past to illustrate the course of the IVSA program.

**Workshops**

**Fall Semester Schedule:**

**Workshop I** - September 9, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400 [on First floor]  
Speakers: Dr. Schuyler S. Korban, Vice Provost for Global Programs/Ms. Susan Connors, Director of ISSS  
Topic: Introduction Session and Program Overview/Immigration Clearance and Information Session

**Workshop II** - September 23, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400  
Speaker: Dr. Eunsook Hyun, Dean and Professor, College of Education, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, Florida  
Topic: Transdisciplinary Approaches in a University Curriculum along with its Challenges, Opportunities, and Social Responsibilities

**Workshop III** - October 7, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC), room 02-2003 [on Second floor]  
Speaker: Ms. Danitta Wong, Reference, Outreach, and Instruction (ROI) Librarian & Interim Head  
Topic: Library and Literature-based Research

**Workshop IV** - October 21, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400  
Speaker: Dr. Luis F. Jimenez, Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Topic: Politics of Immigration: An overview

**Workshop V** - November 4, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 02-2003  
Speaker: Dr. Schuyler Korban  
Topic: Integration of Research, Teaching and Outreach at Land-grant Institutions

**Workshop VI** - November 18, 2016  
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 02-2003  
Speaker: Dr. Jay Dee, Associate Professor and Director of Doctoral Program of Higher Education Administration  
Topic: Understanding Faculty Work in a Changing University Environment: Global trends and international contexts

**Workshop VII** - December 1, 2016 – [It is on Thursday]  
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM  
Location: Campus Center 3545  
Speaker: Dr. Brian White, Associate Professor of Biology  
Topic: Flipping the Classroom
Workshop VIII - December 16, 2016
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC), room 02-2003
Speaker: Dr. Joan Arches, Professor of Human Services and Youth Work
Topic: Service Learning and Community Engagement

Spring Semester 2017

Workshop I (January 6, 2016)
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400 [on First floor]
Speaker: Dr. Schuyler S. Korban, Vice Provost for Global Programs and Professor
Topic: Introduction Session and Program Overview

Workshop II - January 20, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Ms. Teresa Maceira, Reference, Outreach, Instruction Librarian
Topic: Trends in Scholarly Research and Publication

Workshop III - February 2, 2017 [Thursday]
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Ray Franke, Assistant Professor, College of Education and Human Development
Topic: Quantitative Research Methods

Workshop IV - February 17, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Luis F. Jimenez, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Topic: Facilitating More Effective Learning: Role Play Models

Workshop V - March 3, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Cheryl Nixon, Department Chair, English Department
Topic: Encouraging Student Engagement: Creative Approaches to Course and Assignment Design

Workshop VI - March 17, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Maureen Scully, Associate Professor of Management
Topic: Idea of Meritocracy in the United States

Workshop VII - April 7, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Vivian Zamel, Professor, English Department
Topic: Engaging Diverse a Student Population
Workshop VIII - April 21, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Maria-Idali Torres, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the Gaston Institute
Topic: Participatory Research with the Community

Workshop IX - May 12, 2017
Time: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: To be announced
Speaker: Office of Faculty Development
Topic: 2017 11th Annual University Conference on Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Workshop X - May 19, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Speaker: Dr. Rajini Srikanth, Dean of Honors College and Professor of English
Topic: Honors College

Workshop XI – May 26, 2017
Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Location: Integrated Science Complex (ISC) Bldg., room 01-1400
Host: Dr. Schuyler Korban, Vice Provost for Global Programs, Professor
Topic: - GRADUATION CEREMONY - Scholar presentations and graduation ceremony

Immigration Clearance and Information Sessions

Provided by: Ms. Susan Connors, Director, International Student and Scholar Services

- Friday, September 9, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM,
- Friday, January 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM, ISC 03-3300

Cultural Immersion

Mr. Edward C. Henry, International Education and Scholarly Programs Assistant

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UMass Boston International Visiting Scholar Academy (IVSA) Program

Application Form

Last Name/Family Name: ______________________ First Name: ______________________

Name of University: ____________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________

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E-mail address: ________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________

Academic Department: ________________________________

Faculty Position/Rank: ________________________________

Research interests: __________________________________________________________________

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Check (√) the term you apply:

☐ Fall term/ up to 6 months (Regular IVSA fee $4,500 USD): _____

☐ Spring term/ up to 6 months (Regular IVSA fee $4,500 USD): ______

☐ Both Fall and Spring/ up to 12 months (Regular IVSA fee 8,000 USD): _____

Rationale:

☐ Please briefly explain your reason for participating in the IVSA program:

☐ Briefly explain why you are interested in learning about Transdisciplinary Research, Teaching, Service, and Curriculum Transformation in higher education.

Please email your CV and the application form to Ksenija Borojevic (Ksenija.Borojevic@umb.edu), Interim Senior Director of Office of Global Programs, UMass Boston. Thank you.