

IGERT Inquirer
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Solicitation

Anyone who has "items of interest" to share with the rest of the group is encouraged to send a note to Doris King so that the information can be submitted or the issues can be addressed. We are especially looking to inform fellows about various activities such as additional seminars, workshops, and conferences that would enhance their research experience especially if a fellow is presenting at the conference.

The *Inquirer* looks to not only inform, but also to become a vehicle to be used by faculty, staff, associates, supporters and fellows to improve the overall program. Hence, we welcome any feedback that may arise from this text. All views will be evaluated and posted.

Everyone Doing Their Part

Clearly, the WSU-IGERT program has benefited its fellows. Currently, its stipend and additional features such as having co-advisors and internships provide fellows with experience in academe or industry. Furthermore, WSU-IGERT fellows present research at select conferences with travel funds not provided to other graduate students or fellows. Again, those fellows who are in the WSU-IGERT program are extremely fortunate to be in this program.

At the orientation, co-sponsored by WIGSCO and WSU-IGERT, portions of the event were designed to expose fellows to the expectations of the program as well as the potential growth of the fellows' research assignments if the interdisciplinary philosophies are embraced.

While all these aspects provide a solid foundation relative fellow experience, there is an additional cost for having all of these perks. The faculty and staff are working constantly to maintain and even improve the current program. The program has changed over the years and this has been due to the vision of those who run the program as well as the feedback from fellows.

Over the years, fellows in our program have taken on more responsibilities. While some IGERT programs nationally are structured to have its fellows sign an agreement to participate in the all IGERT activities as a condition of being in its program WSU does not. However, this does not mean the activities or requests of WSU fellows are designed to be an annoyance to its participants. The various requests made of the fellows are to strengthen the program and develop its fellows.

WSU-IGERT believes that making a commitment to develop these areas places it in the elite status relative to other IGERT programs across the country. We hope that this will translate into favorable evaluation of our program resulting in renewed funding. Hence, it is vital that everyone do their part so that our program can continue to flourish. WSU-IGERT faculty and staff are committed to this and we hope that its fellows do their part to strengthen the current

program and establish it for years to come. Together we can make this a reality and impact the science along the way.

Election Day

In keeping with the spirit of this election season. It is time to vote for our November social activity. More than likely this event will be held after the seminar in November. The choices are as follows:

- 1). Dinner at local pub
- 2). Bowling
- 3). Movie night
- 4). Social at someone's home
- 5). Shopping at area outlet stores
- 6). Warriors sporting event
- 7). Health night (Workout at the fitness center)
- 8). Financial planning seminar

Please send top three choices to Doris King at AD5513@wayne.edu by Wednesday November 10th.

Student Seminars Fall '04

The list of fellows will be presenting seminars in the months of September and October on the followings dates. See below.

DATE	PRESENTER
11/5/04	JP Walters-Accelerating bioinformatics applications using the Stretch architecture
11/19/04	John Knox – Recent research
12/3/04	Hrant Hratchian
12/17/04	Cristina Piluso

The seminars will be held on Fridays in 313 State Hall from 1:00P to 2:00P. If fellows would like to have the titles of their presentations added to this text please send them to Keith Williams at kbw@chemwayne.edu.

Profile of Persons in WSU-IGERT

Readers can feel free to introduce themselves to WSU-IGERT by answering a series of questions.

- 1). What do you think in the most important discovery in the last 50 years?
Computer
- 2). The quickest way to lose your attention is to...
Not look at me when you talk
- 3). What is your favorite sport
Soccer
- 4). What is your favorite movie?
To Kill a Mockingbird
- 5). What is your favorite Motown group?
The Four Tops

Please send responses to Darryl Gardner at darryl@wayne.edu

Inquirer Statement

The *Inquirer* was originally designed as part of the WSU-IGERT Summer Internship program. This document's main purpose was to inform readers about policies and issues related to this summer project. Clearly, communication was vital to the development of an effort such as the WSU-IGERT Internship program. With the success of the *Inquirer*, it was decided that the format of the *Inquirer* would be changed to a monthly, year round component. Moreover, it was decided that the scope of this document would be changed to reflect the activity of the WSU-IGERT program in high performance computing and simulation in its entirety. Thereby, evolving into a resource that can be used by a larger audience.

With this in mind, the *Inquirer* will target text that introduces its readers to the highlights of some of the accomplishments of its members. It would also inform readers about the structure of WSU-IGERT. The *Inquirer* will look to become a feedback mechanism relative to policy, course work and most importantly, promoting the concept of "Interdisciplinary research."

Next Month's issue

The *Inquirer* is getting geared up for the last push for Fall '04. Next month the *Inquirer* hopes to bring news to its readership about the next IGERT social. Also, the next in a series of WSU-IGERT profiles will be featured as well as tips for getting the most out of the time between

semesters. The *Inquirer* will post various deadline dates and advise readership of significant occurrences within the WSU-IGERT structure. Lastly, an article will be drafted about “What it means to be an WSU-IGERT fellow”, the internship experience required by the program, ways to identify a good appointment, tips on when to schedule it and much more.