

ESO Meeting Notes- September 6, 2005

Website (www.jhsph.edu/assembly/ESO) E-Mail eso@jhsph.edu

When do we meet? 1st Monday of each month.

Goals of ESO:

1. Administrative organization:
 - a. Likes and dislikes of the department
 - b. Forum for students' interests- The goal this year is to **increase 1st year involvement** from the beginning!
 - c. Way to convey news.
2. An Opportunity to Relax
 - a. Happy Hour on Fridays at 4:30 in the student lounge
3. Monitoring and Assisting with graduation
 - a. Successfully navigate coursework
 - b. Mentorship program

For the first years: what you can expect for the upcoming year:

1. Comprehensive exams are at the end of the year. It will be helpful for you to organize into study groups to review all the material covered in the EPI/Biostats series.
2. The Epi Holiday Party occurs in December. It is a tradition that the first years put together a skit for the party.
3. ESO will coordinate helpful workshops
 - a. How to transition from masters to doctoral program
 - b. How to be a good/successful TA
 - c. Working with your advisor

Introduction of ESO officers and Liasons:

Please visit the website for further contact information

<http://www.jhsph.edu/assembly/ESO/officers.html>

Positions that remain open:

Please submit a short paragraph explaining why you want to be involved.

1. DrPH Student Liaison
2. Epi focused MPH Student Liaison
3. Student Rep to admissions and credentials committee- The committee reviews incoming student applications, changes of advisors, waivers out of classes, switching programs, and student progress throughout the year. (4th, 5th years preferred, but 3rd can apply)
4. Student Rep to Monthly faculty meeting: These meetings are run by Dr. Samet. Overall issues include \$, curriculum, school wide issues and some discussion of students. (4th, 5th years preferred, but 3rd can apply)

How to Seek funding in the Epi Dept?

Contact person: Matt Miller- Oversees funding for students in the Epi department. Reviews student applications for endorsements, dissertation rewards, scholarships, travel awards

Overall Support: After successfully passing the Comprehensive exams at the end of 1st year, support is provided for 3 years. (Masters students entering into doctoral program are considered 2nd year doctoral students). Support in 4th year is provided if you are making progress. For 5th year and above, there may not be funding.

Support after Oral exams:

1. Dissertation scholarships- Must apply and can receive up to 5K.
2. Travel award- Must apply and can receive up to \$500 to present materials.

Training Grants and Fellowships

1. Training grants in:
 - a. Clinical trials
 - b. Cardiovascular
 - c. Aging
 - d. Cancer (7 slots)
 - e. STD training grant in MMI
 - f. Mental Health training grant

Please contact Matt Miller early because there is a process for signatures.