

Setting Expectations for Doctoral Study: Developing Communication and Conflict Management Skills to Save Time and Enhance Productivity

SATURDAY, October 18, 2008

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Room 147 University Center

(Boxed lunch is provided)

This is a FREE workshop, sponsored by the School of Graduate Studies, for “pre-candidacy” Interdisciplinary Ph.D. students to help you survive and thrive in your doctoral program.

To allow for more interaction, the workshop is limited to 20 students. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Students who have already advanced to candidacy will be accepted as space allows.

Program Description:

The content used in this workshop was developed by the University of Michigan Graduate School over a period of several years where they tested their unique, proactive approach using interest-based negotiation strategies to set explicit expectations within graduate programs – in an early and on-going manner, as well as to resolve conflicts between graduate students and faculty

- Participants engage in facilitated discussions that use video vignettes as catalysts. Each vignette depicts a snippet from a potential conflict situation within graduate education.
- Participants are led through the basic concepts of interest-based strategies for setting expectations and resolving conflicts.
- Additional small and large group discussions using video vignettes further emphasize the interest-based strategies and permit practice and active learning of the skills.
- The video vignettes also make explicit potential points of conflict that might arise in your doctoral programs; and, as we discuss options for resolving conflicts in the vignettes, participants will begin to link the interest-based strategies to the successful setting of mutually understood expectations as a process to prevent conflicts.

To Register: Send an email by October 13 to hovisp@umkc.edu and include your name, coordinating discipline, and email address. You will receive a return email confirming your registration.