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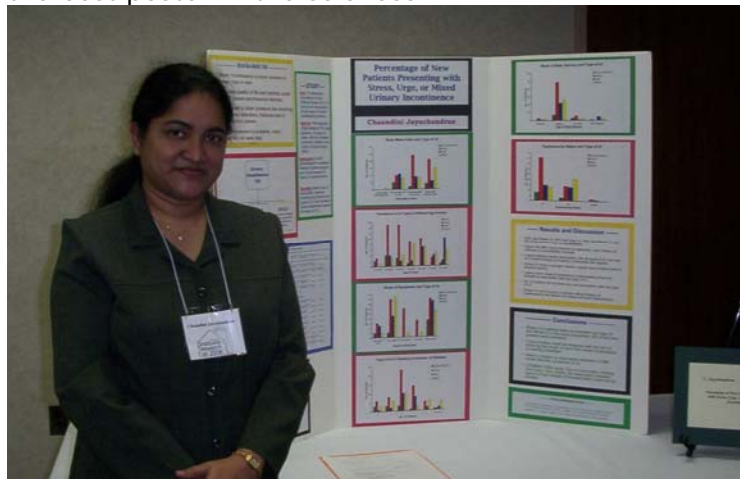
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The mission of the CRA Program is twofold: a) to provide an opportunity for professionals participating in the drug development process to increase their knowledge base as well as their research/creative skills. This should provide a pathway for upward mobility in their professional careers within the drug research and development industry and b) to provide an academic experience which includes both didactic information and hands-on preceptorships in order to provide qualified new personnel to the drug development industry.

CRA Program Growth

EMU's Clinical Research Administration Program continued to grow and mature during the 2005-06 academic year. This Fall, a new cohort of approximately 25 students began the Program and during Spring and Summer, many will be beginning preceptorship programs at our affiliated clinical sites. At commencement this Spring, four students will be awarded the MS degree and there are several other students who are in the final stages of completing theses or projects. We are very proud of Kate McGovren and Chandini Jayachandran who presented their research at EMU's Graduate Research Fair. Chandini received the Sigma Xi award for the best poster in the sciences.



Chandini Jayachandran and her winning poster

For those of you who completed the 4 courses in the certificate program and wish to continue, the MS Program can be completed as either a thesis or non-thesis option and incorporates the 4 courses in the certificate program as requirements. This is especially applicable to students who have been unable to complete the preceptorship and have not received the certificate. If you are interested in further information concerning designing a program of study or registering for courses which can be incorporated into your future MS program, please contact Stephen Sonstein, PhD, CRA Program Director via email at Stephen.Sonstein@emich.edu or 734-487-1238.

Course Offerings for Spring and Fall, 2006

This Spring term, in addition to the preceptorship and thesis/project, the following courses are being offered which are relevant to CRA Program students:

Sec ID 32151 CLSC 501 – Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3cr) - MW 5:30 – 8:20PM. You will need permission to register, so please contact Dr. Sonstein (Stephen.Sonstein@emich.edu)

Sec ID 31600 HLAD510 – Medical Care Organization (3cr) – TTh 5:30 – 8:20PM

This coming Fall term, we will be offering several courses which will be applicable to both the certificate and the MS Program. New students can apply online through EMU's webpage (www.emich.edu). If you are a current student, you can register over the internet using your my.emich.edu account and your student number. If you have not attended a class in over a year, you will have to update your registration information through Graduate Registration. This can be done through EMU's webpage (www.emich.edu) under Current Students – Advising. The following Program courses will be offered in Fall, 2006:

Sec ID 17555 - CLRA510 – Introduction to Drug Development (3cr) – MW 6:30 – 9:10 PM

Sec ID 17556 - CLRA520 – Clinical Study Management I (3cr) – MW 6:30 – 9:10 PM

Sec ID 17282 - CLRA550 – Preceptorship in Clinical Research Administration (3cr)

Sec ID 17682 – CLRA592 – Ethical Issues in Clinical Research (3cr) – T 6:30 – 9:10 PM

Sec ID 16384 – CLRA601 – Graduate Seminar (1cr) – T 5:30 – 6:20 PM

Sec ID 16385 – CLRA695 – Special Project in Clinical Research Administration (3cr)

Sec ID 16387/16388/16389 – CLRA690/691/692 – Thesis (1,2,3cr)

In addition several cognate electives are offered by other departments. Contact Dr. Sonstein for further information.

Please share this newsletter with colleagues who may be interested in the CRA Program.