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## **GREAT Group Annual Meeting “Meeting the Challenge”**

October 19-22, 2007  
The Westin Providence  
Providence, R.I.

Association of  
American Medical Colleges

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# Agenda

## Friday, October 19, 2007

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3:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration	<i>Providence Foyer</i>
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception	<i>Narragansett A</i>
7:00 pm	Dine-Around or Dinner on own	
7:00 pm	Postdoctorate Committee Meeting Dinner (by invitation only)	<i>Newport</i>

## Saturday, October 20, 2007

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7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	<i>Providence Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:30 am	New Members Breakfast	<i>Bristol/Kent</i>
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	<i>Waterplace Ballroom</i>
8:30 – 8:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
	<p><b>David Korn, M.D.</b> Senior Vice President Association of American Medical Colleges</p> <p><b>Nancy B. Schwartz, Ph.D.</b> Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs University of Chicago, The Pritzker School of Medicine Chair, GREAT Group</p>	
8:45 am – 1:30 pm	<b>Topic 1: Remaining Competitive: The Next Generation of Innovators</b>	
8:45 – 9:15 am	<b>America's Perfect Storm Report</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
	Moderator:	
	<p><b>Nancy B. Schwartz, Ph.D.</b> Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs University of Chicago, The Pritzker School of Medicine Chair, GREAT Group</p>	

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**Saturday, October 20 (continued)**

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Speaker:

**Irwin S. Kirsch, Ph.D.**  
Senior Research Director  
Educational Testing Service

9:15 – 10:15 am

**Innovative Programs**

*Providence Ballroom*

Moderator and Panelist:

**Victoria H. Freedman, Ph.D.**  
Associate Director, Sue Golding Graduate Division  
Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University

Panelists:

**Roger Chalkley, D. Phil.**  
Senior Associate Dean for Biomedicine Research, Education, and Training  
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

**Wayne T. McCormack, Ph.D.**  
Associate Dean for Graduate Education  
University of Florida College of Medicine

**C. Gita Bosch, Ph.D., M.B.A.**  
Associate Dean, Gerstner Sloan-Kettering Graduate School  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

**Joel D. Oppenheim, Ph.D.**  
Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences  
New York University Medical Center

10:15 – 10:45 am

Break  
*Supported by Science Careers*

*Providence Foyer*

10:45 am – 12:00 pm **Young Scientist Panel**

*Providence Ballroom*

Moderator and Introduction:

**C. Gita Bosch, Ph.D., M.B.A.**  
Associate Dean, Gerstner Sloan-Kettering Graduate School  
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

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**Saturday, October 20 (continued)**


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Panelists:

**Alex Dehgan, J.D., Ph.D.**

Afghanistan Country Director  
Wildlife Conservation Society

**Carol L. Manahan, Ph.D.**

Associate Director, Education Office  
Novartis Institutes of Biomedical Research

**Lisan Parker, Ph.D.**

Senior Research Biologist  
Merck Research Laboratories

12:00 -1:30 pm

**Breakout Lunches  
Training Goals for the Future**

Introduction:

**Wayne T. McCormack, Ph.D.**

Associate Dean for Graduate Education  
University of Florida College of Medicine

1:30 – 1:45 pm

Break

*Providence Foyer*

1:45 – 3:30 pm

**NIH Report**

*Providence Ballroom*

Moderator:

**Nancy E. Street, Ph.D.**

Associate Dean, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center

Speakers:

**Henry Khachaturian, Ph.D.**

NIH Extramural Program Policy Officer  
Acting NIH Research Training Officer  
Office of Extramural Research  
National Institutes of Health

**Clifton A. Poodry, Ph.D.**

Director, Minority Opportunities in Research  
National Institute of General Medical Sciences  
National Institutes of Health

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**Saturday, October 20 (continued)**


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3:30 – 4:00 pm	Break	<i>Providence Foyer</i>
4:00 – 5:30 pm	<b>GREAT Group Business Meeting</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
	Presiding:	
	<b>Nancy B. Schwartz, Ph.D.</b> Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs University of Chicago, The Pritzker School of Medicine Chair, GREAT Group	
5:30 pm	Evening Free	

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**Sunday, October 21, 2007**


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7:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration	<i>Providence Foyer</i>
7:30 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	<i>Waterplace Ballroom</i>
8:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Topic 1 Breakout Reports</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
	Moderator:	
	<b>Wayne T. McCormack, Ph.D.</b> Associate Dean for Graduate Education University of Florida College of Medicine	
10:00 – 10:30 am	Break <i>Supported by Science Careers</i>	<i>Providence Foyer</i>
10:30 am – 2:00 pm	<b>Topic 2: Future Funding</b>	
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Balancing Priorities: Funding Biomedical Graduate Programs</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
	Moderator:	
	<b>Allan J. Yates, M.D., Ph.D.</b> Chair-Elect Director, MD/PhD Program The Ohio State University	

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**Sunday, October 21 (continued)**


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Speakers:

**John M. Deeley**  
Executive Dean for Administration  
Brown University

**Carolyn W. Slayman, Ph.D.**  
Deputy Dean for Academic & Scientific Affairs  
Yale University School of Medicine

**Douglas S. Twells**  
Associate Vice Chancellor, Development and Alumni Relations  
Vanderbilt University

12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Breakout Lunches**  
**Funding of Biomedical Graduate Programs**

Introduction:

**Allan J. Yates, M.D., Ph.D.**  
Chair-Elect  
Director, MD/PhD Program  
The Ohio State University

2:00 – 4:30 pm

Free Time

2:00 – 4:30 pm

MD-PhD Section Executive Committee Meeting  
(by invitation only)

*Narragansett B*

4:30 – 6:00 pm

**5 Minute Talks***Providence Ballroom*

Moderator:

**Roger Chalkley, D. Phil.**  
Senior Associate Dean for Biomedicine Research, Education and Training  
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

6:00 – 6:30 pm

Break

*Providence Foyer*

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Reception

*Waterplace Ballroom*

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**Sunday, October 21 (continued)**


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7:00 pm                      **Dinner with Speaker**                      *Waterplace Ballroom*

Introduction:

**Nancy B. Schwartz, Ph.D.**

Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs  
University of Chicago, The Pritzker School of Medicine  
Chair, GREAT Group

Speaker:

**Robert A. Copeland, Ph.D.**

Vice President, Biology  
Oncology Center of Excellence in Drug Discovery  
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals

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**Monday, October 22, 2007**


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7:00 am – 1:00 pm      Registration                      *Providence Foyer*

7:30 – 8:30 am              Continental Breakfast                      *Waterplace Ballroom*

8:30 – 10:00 am              **Topic 2**  
**Breakout Reports**                      *Providence Ballroom*

Moderator:

**Allan J. Yates, M.D., Ph.D.**

Chair-Elect  
Director, MD/PhD Program  
The Ohio State University

10:00 – 10:30 am              Break                      *Providence Foyer*  
*Supported by Science Careers*

10:30 am – 12:45 pm      **Topic 3**                      *Providence Ballroom*

**John Perkins Policy Session: Globalization**

Moderator and Introduction:

**Joel D. Oppenheim, Ph.D.**

Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences  
New York University Medical Center

**Monday, October 22 (continued)**

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Speakers:

**Thomas O. Fox, Ph.D.**

Associate Dean for Graduate Education  
Harvard medical School

**Susan A. Gerbi, Ph.D.**

George Eggleston Professor of Biochemistry  
Founding Chair, Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and  
Biochemistry  
Brown University Division of Biology and Medicine

**Robert K. Yu, Ph.D., Med.Sc.D.**

Professor and Director, Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics and  
Institute of Neuroscience  
Medical College of Georgia

12:45 – 1:00 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<i>Providence Ballroom</i>
1:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns	
1:00 – 3:30 pm	GREAT Group Steering Committee Luncheon (by invitation only)	<i>Waterplace II</i>

# Meeting Facts

## Location

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The Westin Providence  
One West Exchange Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
Front Desk Phone: 401/598-8000  
Guest Fax: 401/598-8200  
[www.Westin.com/Providence](http://www.Westin.com/Providence)

## Reservations and Room Rates

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The room rate, which is subject to a tax of 13% is:

\$209.00 Single/Double Occupancy

To make your hotel reservations, call 1-800-937-8461 or make your reservations online by clicking on the following link: [Association of American Medical Colleges](http://AssociationofAmericanMedicalColleges). Be sure to identify yourself with the AAMC in order to receive the group rate. To confirm your reservation, a deposit equal to one night's room charge must accompany your reservation request. Major credit cards will be accepted. **Reservations must be made prior to Friday, September 14, 2007.** Rooms held for this meeting will be released on this date. Any reservation requests received after September 14th will be accepted only on a space available basis at the group rate. Please note that the room block may fill before September 14th, so we encourage you to make your reservations early.

Cancellation of any guaranteed room reservation must be received by the hotel at least 72 hours prior to arrival to recover your deposit. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 pm.

## Air Transportation

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United Airlines is offering special discounted rates for this meeting:

- 2% discount off the lowest applicable discount fare.
- 5% discount off unrestricted mid-week coach fares. Seven-day advance purchase is required.
- 10% discount off first-class fare.
- You can earn an additional 5% discount if you purchase your tickets at least 30 days in advance of your travel.

To receive the discount, you (or your travel agent) must call 1-800-521-4041 and refer to the **AAMC Meeting ID Code: 563VK** when making your reservation. Taking advantage of this discount program not only reduces your own travel costs, it also assists the AAMC in earning free airline tickets that help reduce speaker and staff travel costs for the meeting. Mileage Plus members receive full credit for all miles flown to this meeting.

## Ground Transportation

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The Westin Providence is located approximately 20 minutes from the TF Green Airport. Taxis are available at the airport and in front of the Hotel (a one-way trip from the airport to the hotel costs approximately \$25.00). Airport Limousine offers a shuttle services for guests going to TF Green Airport at 15 minutes past the hour starting from 5:00 am till 11:00 pm 7 days a week at \$11.00 Per Person, One Way. The Airport Limousine shuttle departs TF Green every hour on the hour. Please note that after 7:00 pm the shuttle will only run if there are passengers or reservations. Please call 401/737-2868 to contact the Airport Limousine shuttle.

## Rental Car

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Hertz is offering the following special rates for this meeting:

	Daily (per day)	Weekend (per day)	Weekly (5-7 days)
Economy 2 Door	\$38.00	\$24.00	\$144.00
Compact 4 Door	\$43.00	\$27.00	\$160.00
Midsize 2/4 Door	\$47.00	\$29.00	\$175.00
Standard 2/4 Door	\$49.00	\$34.00	\$191.00
Fullsize 4 Door	\$53.00	\$36.00	\$206.00
Premium	\$58.00	\$41.00	\$216.00
Towncar	\$72.00	\$66.00	\$306.00
4 WD/AWD SUV	\$72.00	\$66.00	\$306.00
Minivan	\$75.00	\$68.00	\$314.00
Convertible	\$72.00	\$66.00	\$306.00

These rates are effective one week before and one week after the meeting dates. Rates do not include tax or optional coverage. Advance reservations are recommended; blackout dates may apply. Rentals are subject to age, driver's license and credit requirements. Weekend rentals are available for pick-up between noon Thursday and noon Sunday and must be returned no later than Monday at 11:59 PM. Thursday pick-up requires a minimum three-day keep, Friday pick-up requires a minimum two-day keep, and Saturday and Sunday pick-up requires a minimum one-day keep. Weekly rentals are from five to seven days. Extra day rate for Weekly rentals will be charged at 1/5 of Weekly rate. To reserve a car, call toll free **1-800-654-2240** and give the reservation agent the **AAMC Discount Code: CV#02WZ0005**. Reservations are subject to car availability, so please make your reservations in advance.

## Climate and Dress

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In October the average temperature in Providence range from a high of 63°F to a low of 43°F. We encourage casual dress at all functions and meals. The temperature of the meeting rooms may be somewhat warmer or cooler than you might expect. You are encouraged to wear layered outer clothing.

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## Local Attractions

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In 1636, Roger Williams, a dissident preacher, and his followers settled at the head of Narragansett Bay to enjoy the religious and political freedom denied them in Massachusetts. Today the Greater Providence area is the economic focal point of Rhode Island.

Providence is the place for you whether your interests lie in architecture, art, gourmet food, history, music, nature, or shopping. Benefit Street boasts the most impressive concentration of original colonial homes in America, Federal Hill is Providence's own 'Little Italy' with gourmet Italian restaurants, sidewalk cafes, specialty shops, and boutiques.

Thayer Street, on College Hill, is the social focal point for Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. The street features more than 100 boutiques and international restaurants.

Waterplace Park and Riverwalk is the focal point of Providence's revitalized downtown. Wickenden Street, located on Providence's East Side, features an eclectic collection of shops, galleries, restaurants, and coffeehouses.

With more than 400 miles of coastline, Rhode Island provides ample opportunities for fun in the sun. The 'Ocean State' features 100 public and private beaches, more than 85 marinas, 28 yacht clubs, and 100 public launching sites.

For more information on Providence, please visit [www.providencecvb.com](http://www.providencecvb.com) or [www.goprovidence.com](http://www.goprovidence.com).

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## Registration Fees and Procedures

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**Online Fee:** \$615.00

**Registration Fee** (via fax or mail): \$640.00

**Postdoc and Graduate Student Registration Fee** (verification of status may be requested):  
\$315.00

The registration fee covers meeting materials; breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday; lunch on Saturday and Sunday; reception on Friday and Sunday; and dinner on Sunday.

### **Registration Online:**

You may register online if paying by credit card (MasterCard, VISA or American Express). Please visit [www.aamc.org/meetings](http://www.aamc.org/meetings). Online registration will close on Friday, October 5, 2007. **Note that there is a discounted rate if you register online.**

### **Registration by Fax or Mail:**

You may print and complete the registration form and return it to the Meetings Registrar by fax or mail. Credit card information (MasterCard, VISA or American Express), a check or an institutional purchase order must accompany this form.

Registrations received with a purchase order will be accepted as a placeholder only. Unless payment is received by Thursday, October 4, 2007 the registration will be cancelled.

Payments from outside the U.S. must be made payable in U.S. funds through a U.S. bank. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Debra K. Hollins at 202/828-0671 or [dhollins@aamc.org](mailto:dhollins@aamc.org).

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## Cancellation Policies

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If you need to cancel your registration for any of the fees noted below, please note the deadline dates which have been highlighted and submit your written requests made by mail, fax or email to:

Debra K. Hollins  
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2450 N Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
Phone: 202/828-0671  
Fax: 202/862-6160  
Email: [dhollins@aamc.org](mailto:dhollins@aamc.org)

### Registration Fee

Notice of cancellation must be received by our office in writing. Cancellations received by September 19, 2007 will be entitled to a full refund. Cancellations received between September 20, 2007 and October 10, 2007 will be assessed a \$100.00 processing fee. Cancellations received after October 10, 2007 will result in the forfeiture of the entire registration fee. Partial or full fees that have been forfeited will not be applied to subsequent years.

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## A Note for those with Special Needs

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The Association of American Medical Colleges wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability or a special need is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services.

If you are in need of auxiliary aids or services, or if you have any dietary concerns or restrictions, please contact Debra K. Hollins at 202/828-0671, or via e-mail at [dhollins@aamc.org](mailto:dhollins@aamc.org).

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## Questions

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## Future Meetings

### 2007

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AAMC Annual Meeting  
November 2-7, 2007  
Washington, D.C.

### 2008

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GREAT Group MD-PhD Section Annual Meeting  
October 2-3, 2008  
Seattle, Washington

GREAT Group Postdoctorate Leaders Meeting  
October 2-3, 2008  
Seattle, Washington

GREAT Group Annual Meeting  
October 3-5, 2008  
Seattle, Washington

AAMC Annual Meeting  
October 31-November 5, 2008  
San Antonio, Texas