

2006 KPMG/ATA Tax Doctoral Consortium

February 23, 2006

The second annual KPMG/ATA Tax Doctoral Consortium will be held on Thursday, February 23 before the ATA midyear meeting in San Diego.

The goal of the consortium is to help prospective new tax faculty make the right choices in the early stages of their careers so that they become successful scholars. Getting advice from and establishing relationships with experienced faculty during one's doctoral program can make a crucial difference in that person's academic career. The program is designed to meet the needs of doctoral students with an interest in tax that are in the middle stages of their doctoral program, as well as attract students to tax early in their doctoral programs. The expected student-faculty ratio of 30:8 will provide an opportunity for doctoral students to meet and learn from successful tax faculty in both small group sessions and on an individual basis.

Faculty participants at the 2006 KPMG/ATA Tax Doctoral Consortium will include Ben Ayers, Andy Cuccia, Dave Guenther, Michelle Hanlon, Kaye Newberry, John Phillips, Richard Sansing, and Bob Yetman. The full program will be posted on the ATA website when it becomes available.

KPMG is providing funding for student hotel costs for Thursday, February 23, and all consortium meals. (This funding is separate from the travel grants provided by Ernst & Young.) The application form is on the ATA website. **The application deadline is Friday, December 16.** Please let doctoral students at your institution know about the 2006 KPMG/ATA Tax Doctoral Consortium. We allow and encourage students that attended the 2005 consortium to apply to attend the 2006 consortium. We also welcome doctoral students who are undecided about taxation as a focus of their research. Please direct questions regarding the consortium to Ben Ayers, Chair, at bayers@uga.edu. Please direct questions regarding the application process to Richard Sansing at richard.sansing@dartmouth.edu.