**MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

The University Graduate School will conduct an internal audit of all of its processes and procedures. The purpose is to identify areas for improvement in operational efficiencies. Graduate students, faculty, and graduate program directors are the ultimate judges for the quality and effectiveness of our policies, procedures, and practices. Shortly, you will receive a survey covering all areas of UGS: i) Admissions, ii) Forms and Procedures, iii) Communications, and iv) Financial Support. **Please take time to complete the survey.** Since the last survey, conducted about five years back, the number of graduate students has increased significantly, and UGS has undergone several changes in all of its operations. You will have an opportunity to provide feedback on items not covered in the survey as well.

Thank you,

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**NEWS**

**Student-Centered Mentoring and Support**

All graduate major advisors are invited to attend the upcoming webinar on Graduate Student-Centered Mentoring and Support on **Wednesday, November 19th, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm**. The UGS has registered for the webinar, and it will be available for viewing at the MMC campus in the Graham Center, GC 150. The webinar will focus on different approaches to graduate student advising; provide examples of interpersonal relationships between research students and graduate supervisors; explore examples of the advantages of

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

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For a complete list of upcoming Graduate Admissions deadlines, go to [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Networking and Interview Skills**
  - Nov 19, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
  - BBC - WUC 255

- **Grant Writing**
  - Nov 20, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
  - MMC - CBC 155

- **Resumes and Job Search Strategies**
student-centered advising and how this approach differs from traditional advising or supervising models; and will cover specific strategies to maintain or rebuild student-centered advising in a range of challenging situations. All interested graduate program directors and faculty are welcome to attend.

To confirm your attendance to the webinar, please click on the link:
https://fiugrad.hobsonsradius.com/crm/forms/C6700kB0708Ex6700kzCJ

For more information about the webinar, please contact Magnolia Hernandez at mehernan@fiu.edu.

**Graduate Open House this Saturday, November 22**
MMC Campus, GC Ballrooms

The Graduate School Open House will take place this Saturday, November 22, 2014. All programs are strongly encouraged to attend. For additional information about Open House, please contact Ana Rosado or Magnolia Hernandez at the University Graduate School (305) 348-2455 or mehernan@fiu.edu

**McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Application Deadline January 15, 2015**

Please encourage eligible prospective fall 2015 doctoral students to apply. The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship program is designed to address the under-representation of African American and Hispanic faculty at colleges and universities in the state of Florida by increasing the pool of citizens qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels. Newly admitted doctoral students who have been awarded a McKnight Fellowship from the Florida Education Fund are eligible to receive UGS Enhancement Funding. For more information, please visit: [http://fefonline.org/mdf.html](http://fefonline.org/mdf.html)

**Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Application Deadline April 15, 2015**

The Phi Kappa Phi fellowship program is designed to provide support to active Phi Kappa Phi members as they prepare to enter their first year of graduate or professional studies in the upcoming 2015 academic year. The program also awards two Dissertation Fellowships of $10,000 each to active members

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| Job Search Strategies for International Students  | Dec 8, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm |
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For more information about Professional Development, go to: [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/cs-professional-development-2014-fall.shtml](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/cs-professional-development-2014-fall.shtml)
who are completing their dissertations. For additional information, please go to: www.phikappaphi.org/fellowship or www.phikappaphi.org/dissertationfellowship

upcoming External Fellowship Deadlines

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
January 15, 2015
http://fefonline.org/mdf.html

McNair Fellowship
March 20, 2015
http://gradschool.fiu.edu/fellowships.shtml

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Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship
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Department of Homeland Security Summer Research Team Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate Office of University Programs (OUP) sponsors the DHS Summer Research Team Program for Minority Serving Institutions to provide faculty and student research teams with the opportunity to conduct research at the university-based DHS Centers for Excellence. Faculty members are encouraged to apply for this excellent research opportunity that may result in follow-on funding for their home institution.

To learn more about this opportunity with the DHS, please click on the following:

http://www.orau.gov/dhseducation/faculty/index.html

Graduate Student Appreciation Week: Call for Presentation Proposals

The Graduate and Professional Student Committee will begin to accept graduate student proposals for the 2015 GSAW Scholarly Forum in the next few weeks. The Scholarly Forum, which includes poster sessions and oral presentations, provides a platform for graduate students to showcase their research, compete for cash prizes, gain professional
experience, and compete for a place at the state’s Graduate Symposium. This year’s Scholarly Forum will take place on Monday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 7, 2015. The deadline to submit proposals is February 9, 2015. For additional information, students may contact the GPSC at gpsc@fiu.edu or visit http://gpsc.fiu.edu. Please share this information with your students.

The current and previous issues of the UGS Faculty e-Newsletter are available at http://gradschool.fiu.edu/faculty-staff-newsletter.shtml. If you have any questions or comments, please email Magnolia Hernández at mehernan@fiu.edu.