



# University Graduate School

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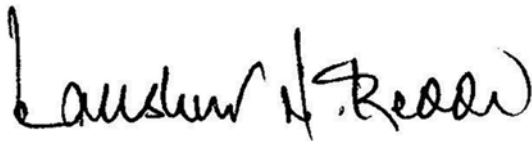
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**MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

Welcome to the new academic year! We are in the midst of carrying out our new student orientations and helping students get acclimated to FIU. The first few weeks in the fall are always exciting for all of us here at UGS. This year, I am excited to share with you that we received the largest number of international applications. The Council of Graduate Schools released the results of its surveys on graduate applications from international students, and FIU has seen a 49% increase in the number of applications received, compared to 2013. This is the best we have seen thus far. We are well above the national average of 7%. However, our numbers are still small for the size of our campus and we should continue our efforts to attract more international students. Applications from India and China have increased by 51% and 24%, respectively. On the other hand, we are below national averages for Brazil and Mexico where we could step up our recruitment efforts. UGS will continue its efforts to make recruitment enhancements at the master's level, but doctoral student recruitment is best done by individual units and/or faculty members. Recruitment enhancement funds provided by UGS could be used to target the individual needs of programs.

Thank you,



**GRADUATE EVENTS**

**Week of Welcome (WoW) Graduate Student Social**

Thursday, August 28, 2014  
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
Chili's Too Patio - MMC Campus  
For more WoW events, visit:  
<http://campuslife.fiu.edu/wow/>

**Resume Writing/Interviewing Skills**

September 8, 2014, 11:00 am  
MMC Campus - GC 241

**Library Refresher**

September 9, 2014, 3:00 pm  
MMC Campus – GL 280

**Job Search Strategies for International Students**

September 10, 2014, 2:00 pm  
BBC Campus – HM 211

For more information about our Professional Development Programs, please go to:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/current-students-professional-development.shtml>

**NEWS**

**UGS Associate Dean Receives Prestigious Award**

Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter, Associate Dean, received the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities (GEM) University Representative of the Year Award for her commitment to the GEM mission. Thanks to Dr. Montas' leadership, GEM applications from FIU increased by 100 percent, and FIU became the first in the state of Florida to host a (GEM) GRAD Lab, which attracted dozens of young minority students from the South Florida region who were encouraged to consider the STEM fields for their graduate education. A second GEM GRAD Lab will be hosted at FIU's MMC campus on **October 18, 2014**.

Founded in 1976, the mission of The National GEM Consortium is to enhance the value of the nation's human capital by increasing the participation of underrepresented groups (African Americans, American Indians, and Hispanic Americans) at the master's and doctoral levels in engineering and science. To learn more about GEM and GEM fellowships, please go to:

<https://www.gemfellowship.org/gem-fellowship>

**2014-2015 Recruitment Enhancement Funds**

UGS announces its 2014-2015 initiative to assist doctoral programs to recruit highly qualified Ph.D. students. UGS will make recruiting money available for each academic unit with a doctoral program. The deadline to apply for these funds is

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**Last day for Spring 2015 Admitted Transfer International Students and International Students Living Abroad to Submit all Supporting Academic Credentials, Test Scores and Declaration and Certification of Finances**  
Monday, September 1st, 2014

**Last day to Submit GA Employment Agreement Forms**  
Thursday, September 4, 2014

**Last Day for Graduate Assistants to Submit Alternative Insurance Forms**  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

**Last day to submit online Graduation Application for Fall 2014**  
Friday, September 19, 2014

**Deadline to Submit Spring 2015 DEA and DYF Fellowship Applications**

**October 1st, 2014.** More information can be found at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/recruitment-resources.shtml>

### **2014-2015 Colloquium Awards**

The University Graduate School (UGS) is pleased to announce its 2014-2015 initiative to assist doctoral programs in planning their colloquium or seminar series. UGS will make colloquium enhancement funds available for each academic unit with a doctoral program. The deadline to apply is **October 1st, 2014**. Applications must be submitted to [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu). If you are interested in applying or have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter at [smontash@fiu.edu](mailto:smontash@fiu.edu) or Magnolia Hernandez at [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu).

### **Save the Date: Fall 2014 AGILE Lecture**

The UGS is proud to welcome guest speaker Dr. Genevieve Bell, VP and Intel Fellow and director of User Experience Research with Intel. An accomplished anthropologist and researcher, Dr. Bell leads a team of social scientists, interaction designers, human factors engineers and computer scientists focused on people's needs and desires to help shape new Intel products and technologies. Dr. Bell's lecture will take place on **Wednesday, November 5, at 4:00 pm in the MARC Pavilion**. For more information and to RSVP for this event please go to <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/agile> under Lecture Series or contact Magnolia Hernandez at [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu)

### **UGS Welcomes New Graduate Fellows**

#### ***McKnight Fellows***

Haydee Borrero- Geosciences  
Armando Falcon – Psychology  
Teshawn Francis – Biomedical Engineering  
John Gibson – Electrical Engineering  
Alejandro Pacheco – Finance  
Alan McKenzie - Chemistry

#### ***McNair Fellows***

Vanessa Quiroz-Industrial and Organizational Psychology  
Kao Yang-Material Science Engineering  
Brionna Powell-Epidemiology  
Tyler Wieland-Geosciences

#### ***Presidential Fellows***

Nicolas Beckman – International Relations  
Jonathan Flickinger – Biology  
Ankush Mohekar – Business  
Mehrnaz Mojtabavi – Material Science Engineering  
Tiyash Parira – Biomedical Engineering  
Geri Satin – Psychology  
Mary Weiss – Chemistry  
Tanja Zerulla – Biology

Friday, October 10, 2014

**D-5/M-3 Deadline for Fall 2014 Graduation  
(due three weeks before defense)**

Friday, October 24, 2014

**Deadline to Defend Thesis or  
Dissertations for Fall Graduation**

Friday, November 14, 2014

**Final ETD Approval Form Deadline**

Friday, December 5, 2014



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If you have any questions or comments, please email Magnolia Hernández at [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu).