



# University Graduate School

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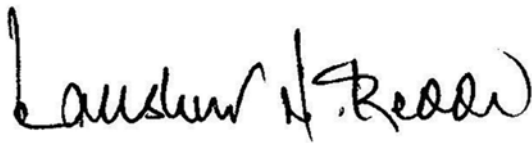
### FACULTY E-NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

In response to requests from multiple units, UGS is taking a close look this year at the issue of granting dual degrees to graduate students, and awarding MS degrees en route to doctoral degrees. In particular, three possibilities are being explored: i) granting master's degrees en route to doctoral degrees in those programs where students with bachelor's degrees were admitted directly into doctoral programs, ii) granting master's degrees to those students who were originally admitted into doctoral degrees but who have chosen to discontinue their studies at FIU and have met the requirements for a master's degree, and iii) granting dual degrees; in particular, granting a master's degree in a discipline complementary to the student's doctoral field of study (ex. Doctoral degree in engineering with Master's degree in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science), when requirements for both degrees are met. At this time, we are studying best practices and policies at our peer institutions so that we can propose recommendations that will suit our needs. I welcome your input and your past experiences on this matter. I will soon bring this up for discussion with college administrators and our advisory committee.

Thank you.



### GRADUATE EVENTS

**Interviewing/ Networking Skills**  
September 17, 2014, 10:00 am  
MMC Campus - GC 241

**Interview Skills and Resumes**  
September 17, 2014, Noon  
BBC Campus – WUC 255

**Library Refresher**  
September 23, 2014, 2:00 pm  
BBC Campus - HL 124

**Research Strategies for the Lit Review**  
September 24, 2014, 3:00 pm  
MMC – GL 280

**Writing the Lit Review**  
September 24, 2014, 4:00 pm  
MMC – GL 125

**Interviewing Skills/Salary Negotiation**  
September 26, 2014, 11:00 am  
MMC – GC 241

**Research Strategies for the Lit Review**  
September 30, 2014, 3:00 pm  
BBC – HL 124

For more information about Professional Development, please go to:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/cs-professional-development-2014-fall.shtml>

### NEWS

#### **10% Conditional Admission of Master's Applicants Policy**

UGS announces the launching of the 10% Conditional Admission of Master's Applicants policy beginning with the Spring 2015 admissions cycle. The 10% policy gives master's programs the flexibility of admitting students who do not meet the minimum admissions requirements to the program, up to 10% of their total number of admitted students for one academic year. Students admitted under the 10% condition must achieve a 3.0 GPA on 9 graduate credits within one year of being admitted to the program. Please note that this policy is replacing the current 2 term conditional admission policy immediately. For more information, please contact your program admissions evaluator or Louis Farnsworth, UGS Director, at [farnswor@fiu.edu](mailto:farnswor@fiu.edu).

#### **Graduate Faculty and DAS Applications Now Available**

Complete DAS and graduate faculty applications—including the departmental and college level recommendations—are due at UGS by **October 15th, 2014**. We

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**Last day to Opt out of the University Insurance**  
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

**Last day to submit online Graduation Application for Fall '14**  
Friday, September 19, 2014

**Removal of Spring 2015 online application option**  
October 1st, 2014, 5:00 pm EST

**Spring 2015 deadline for domestic Master's, Specialists, and Certificate**

strongly recommend that all applications be submitted in a timely manner to your respective college/school dean, allotting for enough time (at least two weeks) for the application to be reviewed and assessed by your dean before it is submitted to UGS by the October 15th deadline. Applications received after October 15th will be automatically moved into the spring evaluation cycle. Instructions for graduate faculty status, DAS, and DAS renewal applications can be found by going to <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/faculty-staff-grad-das-faculty.shtml>. For questions about the process, please feel free to reach Ms. Irene Baquero at [ibaquero@fiu.edu](mailto:ibaquero@fiu.edu) or (305) 348-3342.

#### **DEA and DYF Fellowships Call for Nominations**

The University Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the Spring 2015 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship (up to 2 nominations allowed per department), and the Spring 2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) (up to 2 nominations allowed per department). The deadline to submit completed electronic applications, in a single pdf file application email to Michael Dudley at UGS ([dudleym@fiu.edu](mailto:dudleym@fiu.edu)), is **Friday, October 10, 2014**. Should you have any questions regarding fellowships, please contact Michael Dudley, Assistant Director at UGS, at 305-348-4711, or go to <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/fellowships.shtml> for more information.

#### **AGILE: Call for Doctoral Student Applications**

The University Graduate School is currently accepting applications for the second cohort of participants in the Academy of Graduates for Integrative Learning Experiences (AGILE). The first of its kind among US graduate schools, AGILE seeks to enrich the doctoral student learning experience by enhancing students' interpersonal and intrapersonal skills through a series of structured and accessible interdisciplinary workshops, dialogues, and experiential programs. Please encourage your doctoral students apply and maximize on the innovative and integrative learning experiences that this academy will bring them. For additional information about AGILE and to access application criteria and information, please go to: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/agile> or contact Magnolia Hernandez at [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu). The application deadline is **October 1st**.

#### **Save the Date! UGS Open House**

The Graduate School Open House will take place on Saturday, November 22, 2014. All programs are strongly encouraged to attend. To confirm your attendance to Open House, please go to:

<https://www.hobsonsradius.com/crm/forms/zzx68FB08670x6700ICJ>

#### **Statistical Consulting Services**

The Office of Statistical Consulting is pleased to announce its services for 2014-2015. The office continues to provide statistical consulting services to the graduate student community and faculty. Priority will be given to graduate students who are conducting research for MS theses or PhD dissertations. If any of your students' projects will involve statistical analysis, you should encourage them to contact us during the time of project and proposal development. They can make an appointment by calling the office at 305-348-2261 or 305-348-7421 or emailing them directly ([zhuj@fiu.edu](mailto:zhuj@fiu.edu), [tstout@fiu.edu](mailto:tstout@fiu.edu), and [jqu002@fiu.edu](mailto:jqu002@fiu.edu)). More information is available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/statistical-consulting.shtml>. We do not provide tutoring services or help for classwork. If you have any suggestions regarding the statistical consulting services or encounter any issues, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jianbin Zhu, Statistical Coordinator, at [zhuj@fiu.edu](mailto:zhuj@fiu.edu).

#### **Call for Discussion Leaders, Poster Presenters, and 3MT Participants**

The Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) is seeking discussion leaders, poster presenters, and graduate student representatives for the 3MT Competition for the 2015 CSGS meeting to be held in New Orleans, March 5-8, 2015. The theme of the Conference is *Navigating the River of Change*, reflecting the rapid pace of change graduate schools are experiencing across numerous levels. For more information, please go to: <http://www.csgs.org/index.html>

#### **Upcoming External Fellowship Deadlines**

**Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships**

October 22, 2014 <http://www.acls.org/programs/acf/>

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)**

**applicants to submit admissions, readmissions, and/or certificate applications, as well as supporting academic credentials and test scores**  
October 1, 2014

**Deadline to Submit Spring 2015 DEA and DYF Fellowship Applications**  
Friday, October 10, 2014

**Last day to admit international students living abroad**  
Monday, October 20, 2014

**Last day to admit domestic PhD students**  
Monday, October 20, 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

For a complete list of upcoming Graduate Admissions deadlines, please go to <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/deadlines.shtml>



**Be Worlds  
Ahead**

November 3rd for Psychology <http://www.nsfgrfp.org/>

**Ford Foundation Fellowship Program**

November 19th, 2014 <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/fordfellowships/>

**McKnight Doctoral Fellowship**

January 15, 2015 <http://fefonline.org/mdf.html>

**Correction to e-Faculty Newsletter (Volume 04 – Issue 07)**

In the last issue of the e-Faculty Newsletter, UGS inadvertently stated that 2014 Presidential Fellow Tiyash Parira was in the Biomedical Engineering doctoral program. The student is in the Biomedical Sciences doctoral program.

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](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu).