MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The FIU graduate admissions application has received high marks from applicants! Based on a survey of applicants for the 2014-15 admissions cycle, nearly 90% of the 1,014 respondents rated the graduate application in a positive light. Approximately 58-60% of the respondents indicated strongly agree with the application’s ease of use, appearance, and clear instructions. Of the remaining responses, 26-32% indicated agree, 9% as somewhat agree and only 1% as disagree or strongly disagree. When asked how they would rate FIU’s application compared to applications from other graduate schools, 44% of the respondents indicated that FIU’s application was the best, so far. Approximately 45% of respondents rated the application as being in the top 25%. Only 11% rated the application as in the middle or in the bottom 25%. This is especially good news considering the growth in applications, which is on pace this year for another 7% increase.

Thank you.

DEA and DYF Fellowships Final Call for Nominations

The deadline to submit 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) is fast approaching. All completed electronic applications must be submitted in a single pdf file application via email to Michael Dudley at UGS (dudleym@fiu.edu), by Friday, October 10, 2014. Should you have any questions, please contact Michael Dudley, Assistant Director at UGS at 305-348-4711 or visit http://gradschool.fiu.edu/fellowships.shtml for more information.

AGILE: Final 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. The application deadline has been extended to October 10, 2014.

Last Call for Graduate Faculty and DAS Applications

Complete DAS and graduate faculty applications—including the departmental and college level recommendations—are due at UGS by October 15th, 2014. 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 or (305) 348-3342.

FEF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Application is Open

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 go to http://fefonline.org/mdf.html

GEM Fellowship Application is Open

The 2015 GEM Fellowship Application Cycle Now Open! GEM's principal activity is the provision of graduate fellowships at the MS and Ph.D. levels coupled with paid summer internships. http://www.gemfellowship.org/gem-fellowship

GEM MS Engineering Fellows receive:

• $4,000 living stipend per full-time semester up to 4 semesters ($8K per academic year - 3 quarters)
• up to two paid summer internships with a GEM Employer Member
• full tuition and fees provided by a GEM University Member

GEM Ph.D. Engineering/Science Fellows receive:

• $16,000 stipend in the first academic year of the GEM Fellowship
• GEM Member University provides a living stipend up to the 5th year of PhD program, equivalent to other funded doctorate students in the department
• a minimum of one paid summer internship with a GEM Employer Member
• full tuition and fees at a GEM University Member

Student-Centered Mentoring and Support

All graduate major advisors are invited to attend an 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 272. 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 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 RSVP go to https://fiugrad.hobsonsradius.com/crm/forms/C6700kB0708Ex6700kzCJ

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

Productive Writer Community Available to All Graduate Students

Sponsored by the Cornell Graduate School, the Productive Writer community is a free listserv-based tool that is open to all, especially graduate students writing papers, proposals, fellowship applications, theses, and dissertations. Those who join the listserv will begin to receive messages, every other week, about managing time for greater writing productivity, reducing distractions, staying motivated, revising and editing, binge writing, communicating with advisors, dealing with writer’s block, and managing procrastination and perfectionistic tendencies. Please share this with your students. To join, please go to: http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=0017CAV_ERFAzFItvY27y25gw%3D%3D

UGS Welcomes the 2014-2015 Graduate Advisory Board (GAB) Members

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming our 2014-2015 GAB Members

• Tania Abouzeide  Higher Education Admin
• Melisa Balos  International Relations
• Ransford F. Edwards  Political Science
• Rachel Emas  Public Affairs
• Laura L. Gonzalez  MBA
• Daniel Hiram Zengotita  History
• Ashley Milne  International Education
• Hailiang Ren  Hospitality Management
• Ruth Rios  MBA
• Reza Sheykhi  Civil Engineering
• Tiffanie Stewart  Dietetics and Nutrition
• Tereza Vokata  Chemistry
• Nathalie Yerak  Psychology

Upcoming External Fellowship Deadlines

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships
October 22, 2014
http://www.acls.org/programs/dcf/

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
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

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.