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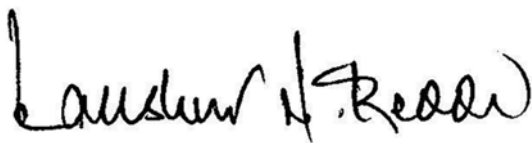
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

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.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

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

Deadline to Submit AGILE Applications
Friday, October 10, 2014

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

Last day to admit 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/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf

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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

Interviewing Skills / Salary Negotiation
Oct 6 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
MMC - GC 241

Citation and Bibliography Management
Oct 7 - 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
BBC - HL 124

Interview Skills / Salary Negotiation
Oct 8 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
BBC- WUC 255

Writing the Personal Statement
Oct 8 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
MMC - GL 125

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

CV Writing Workshop

Oct 9 - 5:00pm - 6:00 pm
MMC - GC 241

Sleep and Wellness

Oct 9 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm
MMC - PC 447

Job Search for International Students

Oct 10 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
MMC - GC 241

Research Strategies for the Lit. Review

Oct 14 - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
MMC - GL 280

Job Skill Workshop

Oct 15 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
MMC - GC 241

Writing the Personal Statement

Oct 16 - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
BBC - HL 250

Salary Negotiation

Oct 22 - 11:00am - 12:00 pm
MMC - GC 241

Targeted Resumes

Oct 22 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
BBC - WUC 255

Citation and Bibliography Management

Oct 28 - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
MMC - GL 280

Interview Skills

Oct 29 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
BBC - WUC 255

For more information about Professional Development, please go to:

<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/cs-professional-development-2014-fall.shtml>

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_ERFAzFltvY27y25qw%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
- Hailing 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/acf/>

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>



**Be Worlds
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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.