



# University Graduate School

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

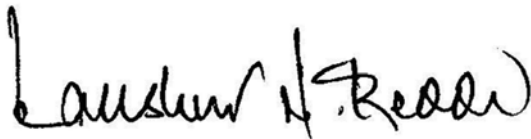
The University Graduate School is reexamining the timeline for reviewing applications for graduate admission. In particular, we are interested in three stages of the review process:

1. The time span elapsed between receipt of application and referral to unit (applications reside at UGS)
2. The time span elapsed between referral to unit and admission decision (applications reside in the unit)
3. The time taken by UGS to prepare the admission decision letter and notify students of further formalities (I-20 processing, etc.)

We intend to gather data from all of our programs and identify areas for improvement. This is a much-needed follow-up to our decision last year to move application deadlines to earlier dates. It is important that our processes encourage timely decisions on applications and assistantships so we may attract top-quality applicants to FIU. It is even more important that our processes prevent any application from being held for extended periods without a decision; that would damage our credibility and reputation.

I look forward to sharing our results with everyone in the near future.

Thank you,



#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**D-5/M-3 Deadline for Spring 2015 Graduation**  
(due three weeks before defense)  
March 6, 2015

**McNair Fellowship**  
March 20, 2015

**Deadline to Defend Thesis or Dissertations for Spring 2015 Graduation**  
March 27, 2015

**LAC Fellowship**  
April 1, 2015

**Final ETD Approval Form Deadline**  
April 17, 2015

**Last Day to Admit International Students Living Abroad**  
April 30, 2015

For a complete list of upcoming Graduate Admissions deadlines, please visit:  
[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad\\_Admissions\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf)

#### NEWS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Theater Group: Mentoring Graduate Students

The University Graduate School's AGILE program will be offering an interactive theater performance on Mentoring Graduate Students, led by the internationally-renown Theater Delta Interactive Performance Group. The performance will take place on Wednesday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided. Departments with a minimum of three faculty participants will be awarded a \$500 colloquium stipend for 2015-2016. Please encourage your graduate faculty to attend. Information about the event can be found below. Please [click here to RSVP](#).

##### Graduate Student Appreciation Week

April 6 - April 10, 2015

For more information about GSAW and a schedule of events, please visit:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/cs-professional-development-2015-spring.shtml>

**How to Brand yourself**  
February 23, 2015  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
MMC - GC 230

## U.S. Department of Homeland Security Chemical and Biological Defense Division Research Participation Program Positions

The Chemical and Biological Defense Division (CBD) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) manages a research portfolio of approximately \$100 million and works to increase the Nation's preparedness against chemical and biological threats through improved threat awareness, advanced surveillance and detection, and responsive countermeasures. CBD offers research opportunities to postgraduates through the DHS Research Participation Program managed by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). CBD is seeking individuals for the following positions:

- DHS Systems Engineering in Biosurveillance Post-Master's or Doctoral Research Participant
- DHS Agricultural Defense Postdoctoral Research Participant
- DHS Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear - Terrorism Risk Assessment Research Participant

All positions require:

1. Knowledge of a broad spectrum of potential chemical and biological threats, and medical and non-medical countermeasure strategies, which might be effective at mitigating impact of an incident or attack.
2. A background investigation and eligibility for a SECRET security clearance.
3. U.S. citizenship.

To learn more about these positions or complete an application, visit <https://www.zintellelect.com>.

If you have questions, please email [DHSed@oua.org](mailto:DHSed@oua.org).

### Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan

The 2014-2015 Annual Student Evaluation form is available. To access the form, please navigate to <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/student-forms.shtml> and select *Dissertation Forms*. Please be reminded that the Major Professor and other members of the dissertation committee are required to meet with the student to review and complete this evaluation on an annual basis. Forms are **due May 30th, 2015**.

### 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 March 15th, 2015** (we will accept applications from the colleges until 5:00 pm on Monday, March 16th). We 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 before it is submitted to UGS. Applications received after March 15th will be automatically moved into the fall evaluation cycle. Instructions for graduate faculty status, DAS, and DAS renewal applications can be found by clicking <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.

### Writing the Personal Statement

February 24, 2015  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
MMC - GL 125

### Resume/Cover Letter Writing

February 26, 2015  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
BBC - WUC 255

### Interviewing/Networking Workshop

March 4, 2015  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
MMC - GC 230

### Writing the Personal Statement

March 4, 2015  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
BBC - HL 255

### Don't Lose Track of Time: Time Management Strategies

March 5, 2015  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
MMC - PC 447

For more information, please visit <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/professionaldevelopment>



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).