



# University Graduate School

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

#### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The Council of Graduate Schools has encouraged discussions on the career trajectories of PhD alumni in an effort to strengthen doctoral education. Understanding career pathways of our graduates will help us develop relevant offerings and appropriate mentorship opportunities. Prospective students will be empowered to make better decisions about program fit and current students will be more inclined to take advantage of the full range of professional development opportunities available on the campus. It is well established that a complete set of information on discipline-specific PhD career pathways will help students, faculty, and administrators alike. Doctoral students from underrepresented minority groups might particularly benefit, since literature shows that they are more likely to follow nonacademic career pathways than those from well-represented groups.

**Last Day to Admit Summer 2015 Doctoral Students**  
March 9, 2015

**Last Day to Admit Summer 2015 International Students Living Abroad**  
March 9, 2015

**McNair Fellowship**  
March 20, 2015

**Last Day to Issue I-20's for Summer 2015 International Students Living Abroad**  
March 23, 2015

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

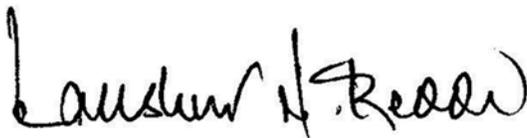
**LAC Fellowship**  
April 1, 2015

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)

At FIU, we do not have formal mechanisms to collect career pathway information from our doctoral alumni, but our units do a good job of informally gathering the information to include in their Annual Program Summaries (APS). Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED), a national dataset, places FIU consistently above national average in terms of percentage of doctoral students placed in academia. There are attempts at other universities to develop formal mechanisms to collect this information at discipline-level, and we might find it beneficial at FIU too.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this topic.

Thank you,



#### NEWS

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### 2015 Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Outstanding Dissertation Award

**Graduate Student Appreciation Week**  
April 6 - April 10, 2015

The Center for Leadership at Florida International University is pleased to invite submissions for the 2015 Alvah H. Chapman Jr. Outstanding Dissertation Award. This award honors an individual whose dissertation makes an outstanding contribution to the scientific study of leadership. Submissions are encouraged from all disciplines (History, Medicine, Management, Psychology, Law, etc.). The recipient of the award will receive a \$3,000 cash prize, be honored at the Network of Leadership Scholars meeting at the Academy of Management Annual Conference in Vancouver, BC and be invited to deliver a presentation at the FIU Center for Leadership in Miami, FL.

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

**Theater Group: Mentoring Graduate Students**  
April 8, 2015  
9:00 am - 10:30 am  
MARC Pavilion  
Please [click here to RSVP](#).

The deadline for submissions is **April 30, 2015**. Please note that only abridged versions of the dissertation are accepted. For further information and full application details, please visit <http://lead.fiu.edu/research/award> or contact the Center for

Leadership at [lead@fiu.edu](mailto:lead@fiu.edu) or (305) 348-5323.

### Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan

The Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan for doctoral students serves as a tool to promote engaged student mentoring, to communicate expectations, and to facilitate timely progress towards degree completion. This year's Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan is due on **May 30th, 2015**. The form can be found at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Annual-Doctoral-Student-Evaluation-Form.pdf>. If you have any questions regarding the successful completion of your Annual Evaluation and Mentoring Plan, please contact the University Graduate School at [ugs@fiu.edu](mailto:ugs@fiu.edu) or (305) 348-2455.

### International Student and Scholars Services Advising Workshops

The International Student and Scholar Services office is offering two workshops for graduate academic advisors. The ISSS F-1 advisors workshop informs academic advisors about important federal regulations that impact our F-1 international students. The workshop is an outreach program designed to inform advisors about ISSS policies and functions and to impart a basic knowledge about F-1 international student immigration regulations. This knowledge will allow advisors to assist ISSS with Department of Homeland Security and Student Exchange Visitor Program compliance for the F-1 program at FIU. The workshops will be held on **Wednesday, March 11, 2015** at 10:00 a.m. in GC 283A and on **Thursday, March 12, 2015** at 3:00 p.m. in PC 212. Any questions can be sent to Ted Randall at [randallt@fiu.edu](mailto:randallt@fiu.edu).

### Graduate Faculty and DAS Applications

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.

### Navigating Federal Employment

March 18, 2015  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
MMC - GC 230

### CV Writing

March 19, 2015  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
MMC - GC 230

### Interviewing/Salary Negotiation

March 19, 2015  
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
BBC - WUC 255

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



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