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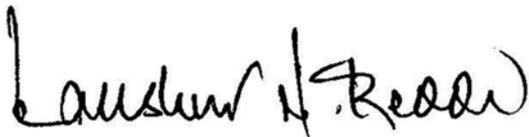
**FACULTY E-NEWSLETTER**

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**MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

FIU has awarded a record number of research doctoral degrees this year. A total of 189 research doctoral degrees have been awarded, a 19% increase over last year. The UGS attributes this increase to several initiatives that have been implemented in the past few years. The first is the implementation of the Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan, which doctoral students and their committees complete to keep the students on track and to agree upon and establish goals for completing the dissertation. Secondly, the UGS has also revised its practices on the funding provided to doctoral programs. This funding is now directly linked to the individual programs' performance metrics as provided in the Annual Program Summaries. One of the most critical metrics that has driven funding increases for the departments has been the improvement in graduation rates. The third initiative that has led to the increase in doctoral degrees awarded has been the UGS's decision to significantly increase Dissertation Year Fellowships to assist doctoral students in their final year of their dissertation work. All of these efforts combined are helping to improve the graduation outlook for this and future years.

Thank you,



**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

**Last Day to Issue I-20s for Fall 2015**

Thursday, May 21, 2015

**D-5/M-3 Deadline for Summer 15 Graduation**

(due three weeks before defense)  
Friday, June 12, 2015

**Deadline to Defend Thesis or Dissertations for Summer 15 Graduation**

Thursday, July 2, 2015

**Final ETD Approval Form Deadline**

Friday, July 24, 2015

For a complete list of upcoming Graduate Admissions deadlines, please go to

[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad\\_Admissions\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf)

**NEWS**

**DEA and DYF Fellowships Call for Nominations**

The deadline to submit Fall 2015 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship (up to 2 nominations allowed per department), and the Fall 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](mailto:dudleym@fiu.edu)), by Friday, May 29, 2015.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Summer 2015**

**Professional Development Workshops**

The Summer 2015 Professional Development Calendar will be made available beginning the first week of Summer classes.

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.

#### **Call for Recruitment and Colloquium Enhancement Proposals**

The University Graduate School (UGS) is pleased to announce its 2015-2016 funding initiatives to help enhance the recruitment and research colloquium efforts of PhD granting units at the university. To learn more about the initiatives, the proposal process and eligibility criteria, please go to: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/recruitment-and-colloquium-enhancement-initiative.shtml> . For information regarding the Recruitment proposals, please contact Louis Farnsworth at [farnswor@fiu.edu](mailto:farnswor@fiu.edu) ; for information regarding the Colloquium proposals, please contact Magnolia Hernandez at [mehernan@fiu.edu](mailto:mehernan@fiu.edu).

#### **Deadline Approaching for Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan**

The Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan is due on **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Please note that the form is due to your college one or two weeks before our deadline. To access the form, please visit the UGS website at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Annual-Doctoral-Student-Evaluation-Form.pdf> . If you have any questions regarding the successful completion of your student's Annual Evaluation and Mentoring Plan, please contact the University Graduate School at [ugs@fiu.edu](mailto:ugs@fiu.edu) or (305) 348-2455.

#### **Delores Auzenne Graduate Scholarship**

The Delores Auzenne Fellowship is awarded to minority students who are pursuing graduate degrees in disciplines in which minority students are underrepresented. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2015. Application materials can be accessed at the FIU HR website at [http://hr.fiu.edu/index.php?name=scholarships\\_educational\\_leave](http://hr.fiu.edu/index.php?name=scholarships_educational_leave)

#### **Fellowship Opportunity for Dissertation and Post-doc Candidates who Enhance the Diversity of the Academy**

The Consortium for Faculty Diversity at Liberal Arts Colleges invites applications in all disciplines for Scholar-in-Residence appointments. Applicants should either be working toward a Ph.D. or a M.F.A. degree, or should have been awarded the degree no more than five years prior to the date of the application. For more details, go to: <http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/provost/cfd/current-past-scholars/>

#### **2015-2016 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Awardees**

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 FIU McKnight Doctoral Fellowship awardees:

Shamaria Engram, Computer Science  
Jacqueline Moses, Clinical Psychology  
Ileana Pacheco, Clinical Psychology  
Krystine Pimentel, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Nicole Sebesta, Biological Sciences  
Judith Williams, Global Sociocultural Studies

To access the calendar, please go to: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/current-students-professional-development.shtml>



**FIU Students Place First and Second in Statewide Graduate Research Competition**

Please join us in congratulating the following two doctoral students who competed and won awards at the Second Statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium held at UCF in April:

***Joana Antunes, Doctoral Student, Chemistry***

Physical Sciences, First Place

DNA Methylation Markers as a Powerful Tool for Age Prediction and to Discriminate Body Fluids from Crime Scenes

Advisor: Dr. Bruce McCord

***Sahar Ajabshir, Doctoral Student, Dietetics and Nutrition***

Health Sciences, Second Place

Pulse Pressure and Blood Triglyceride Levels among a Young Multi-Ethnic Group Living in South Florida

Advisor: Dr. Fatma Ercanli-Huffman

The current and previous issues of the UGS Faculty e-Newsletter are available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/faculty-staff-newsletter.shtml>.  
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