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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

During this restructuring phase of graduate school activities, UGS will continue to post this newsletter with important deadlines and news for faculty. I will also use this opportunity to share with you a summary of important discussions and surveys done by consortia of US universities and the Pew Charitable Trusts. In general, a distillation of the major areas of concern on doctoral programs can be simplified into three sets of continua, shown below. In the coming newsletters, I will share with you survey results on each of these three dimensions. I found them to be very valuable in identifying our challenges ahead. I'm sure you too will find them valuable.



Purpose

Ph.D. is a research certification.

Ph.D. requires broader professional preparation.

To prepare students as academics.

To prepare students for a variety of career options.

Enrollment

Ph.D. programs need to be very selective.

Ph.D. programs should admit all qualified applicants.

Need to decrease the number of Ph.D.s.

Need to increase the number of Ph.D.s.

U.S. students should be privileged.

International students should be encouraged.

Training

Best preparation is the apprenticeship model.

Other types of mentoring are needed.

Funding practices work well.

Funding practices need to change

Current model attracts the "best and the brightest."

Current model discourages the "best and the brightest."

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Deadline to Submit DYF/DEA Spring 2016 Nominations

Friday, October 9, 2015

D-5/M-3 Deadline for Fall 15 Graduation (due three weeks before defense)

Friday, October 23, 2015

Deadline to Defend Thesis or Dissertations for Fall 15 Graduation

Friday, November 13, 2015

Final ETD Approval Form Deadline

Friday, December 4, 2015

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

http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf

Thank you,



NEWS

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 **October 15th, 2015**. We strongly recommend that all applications be submitted to your respective college/school dean in a timely manner, allotting for enough time (at least two weeks) for the application to be reviewed and assessed by your dean before it is submitted to UGS by the October 15th deadline. Applications received after October 15th will be automatically moved to 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.

DEA and DYF Fellowships Call for Nominations

The deadline to submit nominations for the Spring 2016 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition (DEA) Fellowship (up to 2 nominations allowed per doctoral degree granting program), and the Spring 2016 Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) (up to 2 nominations allowed per doctoral degree granting program) 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 9, 2015**. 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.

Statistical Consulting Services

The Office of Statistical Consulting is pleased to announce its services for 2015-2016. The office continues to provide statistical consulting services to the graduate student community and faculty. Priority is given to graduate students who are conducting research for MS theses or PhD dissertations. If any of your students' projects will involve statistical analysis, you should encourage them to contact us during the time of project and proposal development. They can make an appointment by calling the office at 305-348-2261 or 305-348-7421 or emailing them directly (zhuj@fiu.edu, tstout@fiu.edu, and jqu002@fiu.edu). More information is available at <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/statistical-consulting.shtml>. If you have any suggestions regarding the statistical consulting services or encounter any issues, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jianbin Zhu, Statistical Coordinator, at zhuj@fiu.edu.

AGILE: Call for Doctoral Student Applications

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall 2015 Professional Development Workshops

The Fall 2015 Professional Development Calendar is now available. To access the calendar, please go to: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/current-students-professional-development.shtml>

Fall 2015 Graduation Workshop

For doctoral and master's thesis-bound students graduating Fall '15
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
For further details, please contact UGS at ugs@fiu.edu or 305-348-2455

The University Graduate School is currently accepting applications for the third 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 to 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 is **October 1st**.

McNair Scholars Research Conference: Call for Judges

The Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at FIU is looking for volunteers interested in judging poster and oral presentations at the [Second Annual FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference](#). The McNair program is seeking graduate students and/or faculty members to be judges for presentations in the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Geosciences, and Psychology. Volunteers are expected to dedicate at least two hours of their time on **Thursday, October 15** and/or **Friday, October 16, 2015**. This is a wonderful opportunity for individuals to gain experience that they can add to their CVs as well as to help the FIU community. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Dr. Michael Christie (mchristi@fiu.edu) for more details. Information about the conference can be found here <http://mcnairconference.fiu.edu/>.

Save the Date! UGS Open House

The Graduate School Open House will take place on **Saturday, November 7, 2015**. All programs are strongly encouraged to attend. A request for RSVP will be sent out shortly.



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.