

# e-newsletter

## A Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

As I take the helm of University Graduate School, I find it important to develop a periodic newsletter as a means to reach you. The most important constituency impacting graduate education is our faculty, and I believe it to be crucial to establish this communication link. We deal with excessive e-mail traffic all the time, hence I want to make sure that I have good justification for this newsletter. Here are my thoughts on the e-newsletter:

1. It will allow UGS to consolidate most of its e-mail traffic into one main channel to list announcements and important deadlines to all graduate faculty, graduate program directors, and department chairs.
2. We are in the process of implementing a UGS blog specifically to engage the graduate community in important discussions on current challenges and foster community-wide sharing of opinions. The blog will also provide a repository of resources to faculty and graduate students. This newsletter will alert the graduate community to important and current blogs and events, point out links to important resources on policies and procedures.
3. We would like to institute in due time of course, a variety of graduate faculty forums, workshops, and professional development opportunities for the benefit of the campus-wide graduate community. This newsletter will allow UGS to alert graduate faculty and students to important opportunities.
4. It will serve as a web-based, searchable archive consisting of a compilation of important Graduate School announcements, deadlines, and links to important resources

My intent is to keep the newsletter very brief, not exceeding one or two pages, and leave all the philosophical and lengthy policy/procedural matters to blogs and other channels.

In the coming months, I plan to engage the UGS leadership team in a review of our strategic priorities to ensure that we remain *Worlds Ahead* in all aspects of graduate education. I know it will take concerted efforts to secure a position at the forefront of leading graduate schools, so I plan on involving graduate faculty representatives in this process. You can certainly expect engaged discussion in the near future on such issues as: i) Professional development opportunities, ii) Targeted recruitment of graduate students, iii) Operational efficiency of graduate school business ex. reduction and electronic transmission of forms, electronic theses and dissertations, etc, and iv) Enhancement of FIU graduate education visibility, marketing and communications.

Thank you.



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“2.5 million additional jobs will require a master's or doctoral degree between 2008 and 2018”  
(Council of Graduate Schools)

### Important Announcements:

#### Annual TA Orientation

August 15-17, 2011  
8:30 - 12:30 p.m.  
Rm. 125, SIPA, MMC

#### Graduate Student Orientation

Monday, August 15, 2011 and  
Friday, August 19, 2011  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Rm. 110, AHC 3, MMC  
(Online orientation is also available for all graduate students)

#### Graduate Open House

Saturday, October 29, 2011  
10:00 a.m. - Noon  
GC Ballrooms, MMC

### Important Deadlines:

**Deadline to Enter GA Contracts -**  
Tuesday, August 2, 2011

**Deadline to Submit D-7 and M-5**  
**Forms - Friday, August 5, 2011**

## News and Events

### Information Session on bringing Fulbright students to FIU

On Wednesday August 24, 2011, Deirdre Evans-Pritchard from [AMIDEAST](#) will be visiting FIU to meet with UGS administration and graduate program directors. The purpose of the visit will be to provide information on the [Fulbright Foreign Student Program](#) and to discuss cost-sharing possibilities. The meeting will take place in GC 314, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.