

# e-newsletter

## Message From the Dean

A recent survey conducted by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) indicates that FIU is doing better than most universities in attracting international students. A total of 241 CGS member universities participated in the survey. Across member schools the number of graduate applications from international students increased by 11% between Fall 2010 and Fall 2011. This compares to a 33% increase experienced by FIU. The number of international students offered admission to CGS member universities also increased by 11% during this same time, whereas FIU had a 14% increase in admission offers. Graduate student applications from China and South Korea did not increase at FIU as much as the average increase at CGS member universities; however, application increases from India, Middle East, and Turkey were significantly greater at FIU than the CGS average.

Even though FIU's international student numbers are favorable, other indicators reveal ongoing challenges for our doctoral programs. FIU's domestic graduate applications and admissions have stayed relatively flat, and our doctoral research productivity is subpar compared to our peer universities with similar research funding. During the coming months, I would like to visit with our graduate community on these trends and develop action plans where necessary.

Thank you.



## News

### Revised Graduate Record Exam (GRE) Information Session

The Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is undergoing a major revision beginning August 2011. This revision involves significant changes to the exam material as well as the scoring. There are several resources that will assist you in understanding the new GRE. UGS will be hosting an information session on Thursday, October 20th at 3:30 in RBD (Rafael Diaz Balart Building) room # 1100. More information on the changes to the GRE can be found on the [ETS website](#) or during an [ETS webinar](#). (Refreshments will be served during the event.)

### 2011 Graduate Open House

UGS will be hosting its Graduate Open House on Saturday, October 29th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the Graham Center Ballrooms. The Open House is considered one of FIU's major recruitment events at the graduate level and participation of every graduate program is essential to its success. The event will begin promptly at 9:30 am with a program that includes presentations on admissions, financial aid and student life. Presentations will then be followed by an Academic/Resource fair from 10:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. where students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of the various programs and other student support services.

To reserve a table for your program/office, please click [here](#) to fill out the RSVP form. RSVPs are due by Friday, September 30th, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Ana Moreyra Rosado at 7-1304 or by email at [arosado@fiu.edu](mailto:arosado@fiu.edu).

### Funds Available for Graduate Students' Travel, Research, and Professional Development

The Graduate & Professional Student Committee (GPSC) helps facilitate and enhance the overall graduate student experience, by advancing the University's academic goals and promoting quality presentations and research efforts. In addition to advocacy and programming, the Committee also provides financial support for graduate students to present their work at conferences, conduct research, and attend professional development events. For the 2011-2012 academic year, awards can be requested up to \$500 for domestic conferences and research, \$700 for international conferences and research, and \$400 for professional development.

Applications for and details regarding this financial support can be found on the GPSC website: <http://www2.fiu.edu/~gpsc>. Please share this great opportunity with your graduate students.

### Assistance for Doctoral Students Applying for External Funding

The Division of Research (DoR) and University Graduate School (UGS) have recently established a program to assist doctoral students applying for external funding. The program will offer one-on-one support to help students locate funding opportunities, write proposals, and guide them through the application process. For more information, please contact Arie Spirgel – the Graduate Grants Coordinator – at [aspirgel@fiu.edu](mailto:aspirgel@fiu.edu).

## Graduate Events

### Revised GRE Information Session

Thursday, October 20, 2011  
3:30 p.m.  
RBD 1100, MMC

### Graduate Open House

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

### Professional Development

#### Opportunities for Graduate Students:

#### TA Fundamentals - Classroom Assessment

Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
9:00 a.m.  
GL 154

#### TA Fundamentals - Classroom Assessment

Friday, September 23, 2011  
11:30 a.m.  
GL 154

#### TA Fundamentals - Dealing with Academic Misconduct

Monday, September 26, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
GL 154

#### TA Fundamentals - Best Practices: Using Clickers for Active Learning

Tuesday, September 27, 2011  
3:00 p.m.  
GL 154

(For further details regarding the TA Fundamentals Workshops or TA Certification, please visit the [CAT website](#).)

#### Graduate Student CV Writing Workshop

Thursday, October 13, 2011  
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
GC 316

## Important Deadlines

### Deadline To Apply For Fall Graduation

Friday, September 16, 2011

### Dissertation Advisory Status (DAS) applications for initial appointments

Friday, September 23, 2011

