

# e-newsletter

## Message From the Dean

Dear Colleagues,

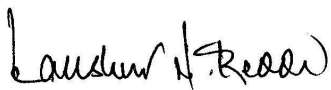
The strategies we employ to meet our goals must be data driven. I would like to use e-news as an opportunity to share frequent updates of data relevant to graduate student enrollment. The data described below are Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) data on first-time graduate enrollments in Fall '11 and are based on a survey of 237 universities.

First-time enrollment of domestic students (US citizens and permanent residents) decreased by 1% nationwide between Fall '10 and Fall '11; at FIU, we have seen a 9% increase. First-time enrollment of international students at FIU increased by 9% from Fall '10 to Fall '11 (from 426 to 465), which is consistent with the nationwide increase of 8% reported by CGS. The FIU programs with large increases in international student enrollment are Business (from 166 in Fall '10 to 204 in Fall '11) and Education (from 7 in Fall '10 to 24 in Fall '11).

CGS also looks at international student enrollment trends from four different countries/regions of origin. Percentage increases at FIU in first-time enrollments of students from China, South Korea, and the Middle East/Turkey are at or above the national averages. However, new student enrollments from India decreased at FIU from 62 in Fall '10 to 38 in Fall '11, while nationally new student enrollments from India increased by 2%.

The numbers provided by CGS should be considered when designing recruitment strategies at a program-level. I plan on visiting with program leaderships individually to discuss the data further.

Thank you.



## News

### Statistical Consulting Services for Graduate Students

Statistical Consulting provides assistance to faculty and graduate students on experimental design, data coding and data analysis. In addition, they offer a hands-on 1 credit course to teach the basics of SAS for Windows, SAS Analyst, and an introduction to SAS Enterprise Guide. Assistance is available for the following Statistical Software Packages: SPSS for Windows/Unix, SAS for Windows/Unix, and PASS for power analysis. Please go to the [Statistical Consulting website](#) or contact Paulette Johnson, Ph.D. ([Paulette@fiu.edu](mailto:Paulette@fiu.edu), Phone: 305-348-2261) for more information.

### UGS Launches Online Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETD) Guide

Starting Spring 2012, all theses and dissertations must be submitted electronically. The [ETD Guide](#) will help you become familiar with the ETD process. Individuals can use the guide to watch formatting tutorials and/or to register for formatting workshops. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend the workshops that are scheduled several times each semester. Faculty can also schedule workshops for their own students or ask by contacting the ETD Coordinator, Philip Bolton Jr. at [pcbolton@fiu.edu](mailto:pcbolton@fiu.edu)

Reminder: Although students will no longer have the option to submit their final thesis or dissertation in hardcopy form, a printed draft must be submitted along with the M3/D5.

### 2012 FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship

The FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship was created to encourage promising undergraduate McNair Scholars to pursue their graduate education at FIU. In the Fall 2012 semester, the University Graduate School will award a limited number of FIU McNair Graduate Fellowships to McNair Scholars based on a nomination from their graduate program. To be considered for the fellowship, a student must be fully admitted to a master's or doctoral degree program at FIU for the Fall 2012 semester. Preference will be given to students who are entering a doctoral program.

The fellowship provides support with an annual stipend plus a tuition waiver and individual health insurance. The University Graduate School will provide the support for the first half of the student's time at FIU in the form of a fellowship and the academic department will continue to provide the same level of support during the second half through a (0.5 FTE) teaching or research assistantship.

The FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship Nomination Form and all supporting materials must be submitted to UGS no later than **March 1, 2012**. For more information please review the [nomination form](#) or contact Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter ([smontash@fiu.edu](mailto:smontash@fiu.edu))

### 2012 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

The Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program is designed to increase the pool of candidates qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels.

The McKnight Fellowship is a great funding opportunity for talented undergraduate seniors and master's degree students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. This five year fellowship includes a \$12,500 stipend plus a \$10,000 UGS enhancement per year for the first three years, followed by a graduate assistantship for years 4 and 5. Recipients also receive a tuition waiver and health insurance. Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter ([smontash@fiu.edu](mailto:smontash@fiu.edu)). Students apply online at [www.fefonline.org/mdfapply](http://www.fefonline.org/mdfapply) and all applications and materials must be submitted/postmarked no later than **January 15, 2012**. Applicants must be admitted to their academic program before the annual selection meeting in early March.

## Graduate Events

### Important Deadlines

**Burroughs Wellcome Fund for collaborative research travel grants application** - December 1, 2011

**Deadline to Enter Spring 2012 GA Contracts** - December 9, 2011

**Deadline to submit McKnight Doctoral application materials** - January 15, 2012

**Deadline to submit UGS McNair Graduate Fellowship applications** - March 1, 2012

### Professional Development Opportunities for Graduate Students

#### **TA Fundamentals - Assignments that Generate Learning**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

1:00 p.m. - ACI 167, BBC

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

9:00 a.m. - GL 154

Thursday, November 17, 2011

3:30 p.m. - GL 154

Friday, November 18, 2011

11:30 a.m. - GL 154

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

#### **COERC 2012 Workshops:**

##### **Using Social Network Analysis in Educational Studies**

Sunday, November 20, 2011

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - ZEB 330

##### **Converting a Literature Review from a Dissertation to a Conference Paper**

Monday, November 21, 2011

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - ZEB 330

##### **Common Mistakes Authors Make**

Monday, December 5, 2011

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - ZEB 330

(For more information regarding the COERC 2012 Workshops, contact the [Office of Academic Writing and Publication Support](#).)

#### **Graduate Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Workshops**

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

-or-

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Each session will be held in PC 416.

Please register [here](#).

