

e-newsletter

Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) February 27 – March 2, 2012

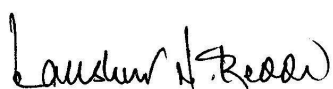
Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, has articulated professional development opportunities for graduate students under four competencies: i) Communication, ii) Professoriate training, iii) Leadership, and iv) Well-being. Drawing from a wealth of resources available on campus, events and workshops/lectures are compiled at http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Spring_Events_2012.html.

One of the main professional development events of Spring '12 is the Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW). Please review the various themes of this event outlined throughout this newsletter and at http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_student_appreciation_week.html.

GSAW is the brainchild of NAGPS (National Association of Graduate-Professional Students), which serves as the umbrella organization representing all the graduate and professional students in the country. UGS and the Graduate and Professional Student Committee will be hosting GSAW from February 27 – March 2, 2012. The event seeks to emphasize the contributions, impact and value of graduate and professional students on campuses throughout the United States.

I urge graduate faculty to take an active part in GSAW and contribute in ways that would express their appreciation to graduate student community.

Thank you,



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Faculty Volunteers Needed for Graduate Scholarly Forum

Faculty volunteers are needed to judge poster and oral competitions, in a category which aligns with your academic specialization, at the annual FIU Graduate Scholarly Forum, Feb 27-28.th It would be very helpful to FIU's student scholars if you would volunteer 1-3 hours of your time on one of these days. Please contact the Graduate and Professional Student Committee gpsc@fiu.edu with time availability and areas of specialization.

Call for nominations for the 2012 UGS Provost Awards

The UGS Provost Awards are intended to recognize the outstanding achievements of FIU graduate students and the faculty mentors who are committed to the development of the next generation of scholars. Recipients will be recognized at the Recognition Reception during Graduate Appreciation Week on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

- **Graduate Student Outstanding Paper or Manuscript** recognizes nominees who have contributed to the body of literature in their discipline via an outstanding paper or manuscript (faculty nomination, due to UGS Jan. 30th)
- **Graduate Student Outstanding Creative Product or Performance** recognizes nominees who have outstanding creative activity of local or national significance (faculty nomination, due to UGS Jan. 30th)
- **Graduate Student Engagement** recognizes nominees who have demonstrated significant local, regional, or global community engagement initiative(s) with a community partner that has led to demonstrable community impacts (faculty nomination, due to UGS Jan. 30th)
- **Mentorship of Graduate Students** recognizes excellence in the teaching and mentoring of graduate students outside the formal classroom experience (student nomination letter due to UGS Jan 23rd, additional information will be requested from finalists)

Nomination forms can be found on the [GSAW web page](#).

UGS Now Accepting DEA, DYF, and Presidential Fellowship Nominations

The University Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the following fellowships:

- **Summer 2012 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowships** (2 nominations allowed in each department.) - This fellowship is specifically intended to support doctoral students who have no financial support for evidence acquisition activities or those students for whom their current means of financial support would significantly interfere with or preclude their ability to collect the evidence needed for their doctoral research.
- **Summer 2012 Dissertation Year Fellowships** (2 nominations allowed in each department.) - This fellowship provides support to highly-qualified FIU doctoral students in their final year as they are entering the data analysis and writing phase of their dissertation. Students who are conducting outstanding research in their discipline and have established a notable record of publication during their doctoral studies (in comparison to others in their discipline) are favored in the application process.
- **Fall 2012 Presidential Fellowships** (4 nominations allowed in each department.) - This fellowship is intended to recruit exceptional graduate students to enroll full time in a doctoral degree program at FIU. Applicants should have exceptional GRE/GMAT scores for their program, outstanding GPAs, and illustrate a likelihood of future success as a scholar.

Details and nomination forms can be found on the [UGS fellowship page](#).

Graduate Events

Graduate Student Scholarly Forum (posters and presentations)

Monday, February 27, 2012
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Graham Center Ballrooms

Graduate Student Resource Fair

Monday, February 27, 2012
Tuesday, February 28, 2012
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm;
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Graham Center Ballrooms

Graduate Student Symposium

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Graham Center Ballrooms

GradSkellar @ Chili's Too

Thursday, March 1, 2012
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Chili's Too in the Graham Center

Recognition Reception (Scholarly Forum and UGS Provost Awards)

Friday, March 2, 2012
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location: TBA

Important Deadlines

Deadline to submit McKnight Doctoral application materials
January 15, 2012

Deadline to submit DEA, DYF, and 1st round of Presidential Fellowship nominations
Friday, February 3, 2012

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

Deadline to submit 2nd round of Presidential Fellowship Nominations
Friday, March 30, 2012



Worlds Ahead