

# e-newsletter

## Message From the Dean

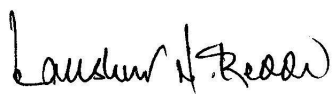
In an attempt to help research faculty support more doctoral students, UGS has teamed up with DoR to offer two new initiatives. The underlying purpose of these initiatives is to leverage extramural funds to maximize graduate student recruitment and to attract quality students.

1. **Research Fellowships:** These fellowships are intended as recruitment incentives for the purpose of attracting top-quality doctoral students on research projects. Each fellowship carries \$5,000 to be used to supplement the stipend of a new doctoral research assistant. About fifteen fellowships are expected to be offered on a rolling basis in 2012-13. These are one-time fellowships and are non-renewable.
2. **Tuition Waiver Awards:** For every doctoral student whose tuition is paid from an external grant, UGS will award a free tuition waiver to the PI to be used on another doctoral student in the same or in a different grant proposal. These awards are in addition to other incentives that units and colleges might be providing.

These initiatives will be administered by the UGS-DoR Grants Office. Faculty PIs should make written requests to Dr. Arie Spigel ([aspigel@fiu.edu](mailto:aspigel@fiu.edu)), Coordinator, Graduate Grants, and provide the necessary information, which for the Tuition Waiver Awards should include grant information, and for the Research Fellowships should include the doctoral applicant's credentials and demonstration of need for the recruitment incentive.

These initiatives will be instituted on a trial basis. Their effectiveness will be reviewed at the end of the 2012-13 academic year by the UGS advisory committee before continuing them in subsequent years.

Thank You,



## News

### Graduate Admissions Training

The Graduate Admissions Office will be holding training sessions during the month of November. Topics to be covered include Queries, Admissions Recommendations, Navigating PantherSoft and much more. Additional information will be communicated to each College/School in the next few days.

### University Graduate School Open House

UGS is holding its annual Open House on Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Graham Center Ballrooms. This year we are changing the program to include both prospective students and spring 2013 admitted students. This major recruitment event is a great opportunity to showcase your programs while connecting with interested prospective students and students recently admitted to FIU.

To reserve a table for the Information Fair and a spot on the Breakout Sessions program, please go to <https://crm.orionondemand.com/crm/forms/zEN70tKB003m0x670c5o>. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, October 12th. For more information, please contact Ana Rosado ([arosado@fiu.edu](mailto:arosado@fiu.edu)).

### 2013 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 four and five. 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, 2013. Applicants must be admitted to their academic program before the annual selection meeting in early March.

### UGS Marketing Request for Department Photos

UGS will be creating new marketing materials in preparation for the Spring semester. These materials will consist of flyers, banners, publications, digital advertising, and more. UGS wants to ensure that every department and program has the opportunity to represent their research, faculty, facilities, and students. To ensure this, we would like to request any high-resolution images you would like to have present in our new marketing materials. To submit your photos, or to request for us to take them for you at a future research event, colloquium, or other department function, please email UGS Marketing Coordinator Daniel Pimentel at [dapiment@fiu.edu](mailto:dapiment@fiu.edu).

## Graduate Events

**GPD and Graduate Staff Training**  
 Wednesday, October 31, 2012  
 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
 Graham Center 150, MMC

**UGS Open House**  
 Saturday, November 10, 2012  
 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
 Graham Center Ballrooms, MMC  
 For more information go to:  
[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate\\_open\\_house.html](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_open_house.html)

### Graduate Student Workshops

**Final ETD Workshop for Fall 2012**  
 Tuesday, November 13, 2012  
 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.  
 Online  
 Register at [libguides.fiu.edu/etd](http://libguides.fiu.edu/etd)

**CV Writing for Grad Students**  
 Wednesday, November 14, 2012  
 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.  
 Engineering Center 2300, MMC

For more workshops and Fall 2012 events, go to: [gradschool.fiu.edu/Fall\\_Events\\_2012.html](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Fall_Events_2012.html)

## Important Deadlines

**Last Day to Admit Spring 2013 International Applicants**  
 Monday, November 5, 2012

**Last Day to Issue I-20s for Spring 2013 International Applicants**  
 Monday, November 19, 2012

(\*For more Graduate Admissions deadlines go to: [gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013_Deadlines.pdf))

**Final ETD Approval Form Deadline for Students Graduating Fall 2012**  
 Friday, November 30, 2012

