Coordinator, Philip Bolton Jr. and will work with any faculty who would like to meet or hold a special workshop. No fees or paperwork by the student.

For our graduate programs than graduate faculty who are engaged in research partnerships with faculty abroad. In the coming weeks, I would like to address the following questions with your help.

1. How best can we use our faculty research contacts (with international researchers) to boost our enrollment of international students?

2. How can we design our graduate assistantships and fellowships to attract top-quality graduate students from abroad?

3. How can we make our admission policies and business practices more supportive of international student recruiting?

Thank you,

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**Graduate Student Appreciation Week**

Graduate Student Appreciation Week is a national event recognized by campuses across the country. GSAW seeks to emphasize the contributions, impact and value of graduate and professional students across the country. Review the "Graduate Events" section for event information.

For more information visit: [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_student_appreciation_week.html](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_student_appreciation_week.html)

**2012 FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship - Deadline March 1, 2012**

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 degree 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).

Details and nomination forms can be found on the [UGS fellowship page](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_student_appreciation_week.html).

**Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) News**

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For more information, students should consult the [ETD Guide](http://gradschool.fiu.edu) and/or the ETD Coordinator, Philip Bolton Jr. (pcbolton@fiu.edu).

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**Graduate Events**

**Online ETD Workshop**

Thursday, February 9, 2012
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
For more info go to the [ETD Guide](http://gradschool.fiu.edu)

**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
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
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ProQuest submission is no longer required by the university. Although no longer mandatory, doctoral students can give UGS permission on the ETD Approval Form to submit their dissertations to ProQuest. This submission requires no fees or paperwork by the student.

UGS will continue to hold ETD Workshops (in-person and online formats), and will work with any faculty who would like to meet or hold a special workshop for their students.

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