

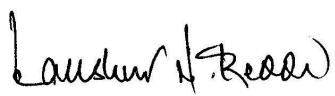
e-newsletter

Message From the Dean

Recruitment of top quality graduate students remains an important focus in our efforts to increase doctoral student productivity. Final enrollment numbers for '11-'12 suggest that FIU did a better job of recruiting domestic students than international students. Our graduate programs have very different needs in regards to recruitment of international students; therefore, our recruitment plans should be tailored to meet the needs of individual units without imposing a campus-wide strategy. UGS has a dedicated recruiter, Mr. Albert L. Hoyt (ahoytiii@fiu.edu), who can assist individual units on strategies to communicate with prospective graduate students. However, in the end, there is no better advocate 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 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/Spring_Events_2012.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 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](#).

Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) News

Spring 2012 will be the first semester that all students must submit an electronic thesis or dissertation. We will no longer accept hardcopy submissions along with the M5/D7. (NOTE: The M3/D5 draft submission will still require a hardcopy draft for editing purposes) Several of our forms have been changed accordingly, i.e., D7, M5, and ETD Approval.

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.

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

Graduate Events

Online ETD Workshop

Thursday, February 9, 2011

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

For more info go to the [ETD Guide](#)

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

Frost Art Museum

Important Deadlines

Priority Deadline for Summer

2012 International Student Applicants

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Deadline to submit DEA, DYF, and 1st round of Presidential Fellowship nominations

Friday, February 3, 2012

Deadline to submit DAS and DAS Renewals to College

Friday, February 17, 2012

Deadline to receive supporting application material (International and Domestic) for Summer 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Deadline to submit UGS McNair Graduate Fellowship applications

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Deadline to submit DAS and DAS Renewals to UGS

Friday, March 23, 2012

Deadline to submit 2nd round of Presidential Fellowship Nominations

Friday, March 30, 2012

