In our efforts to attract top-quality graduate students, we often forget our own undergraduate students. The FIU Honors College has established the H2G Research Fellowship, a collaborative initiative between the UGS, Honors College, and the Office of Research. This fellowship is available for selected Honors College students who are strongly interested in doing research during their undergraduate studies and remaining at FIU for their graduate work. These students will become active members of a research team under the supervision of one or more faculty researchers. Faculty researchers will mentor these students, grooming them for continuing research and future graduate studies at FIU. Students will earn a stipend each semester, as long as they remain in good standing. The stipends will continue at the same rate during their graduate studies at FIU making it easy for faculty mentors to retain these students for their research programs. The students will also be eligible for tuition waivers, health insurance, and other benefits provided to RAs during their graduate studies.

Please take advantage of this new initiative by contacting Associate Dean Juan Carlos Espinosa in the Honors College (espinosj@fiu.edu; 7-4100).

Thank you,

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Fall 2012 TA Orientation

TA orientation will be held Tuesday, August 14 through Thursday, August 16, 2012, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm each day. New TAs should attend all three days and we appreciate your assistance in reminding them to register and attend. TA Orientation is an opportunity for new graduate teaching assistants to begin learning about best practices in college teaching, become familiar with FIU and federal policies pertaining to college students, and find out about important resources available to TAs. Attendance is mandatory for all new TAs and for anyone participating in the TA Certification program, a professional development opportunity designed for aspiring faculty members (details under the services tab at: http://cat.fiu.edu).

Graduate students should register for the TA Orientation using the password “teach” at http://fiutaorientation.eventbrite.com. Any questions should be sent to Isis Artze-Vega, Assistant Director of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT), at iartze@fiu.edu.

Graduate Recruitment Resources

There are many approaches to identifying promising scholars and the successful recruitment of graduate students requires not only commitment of resources, but a strategic plan that takes into account an individual unit's needs and resources. The University Graduate School supports academic units in implementing best practices and developing strategic recruitment plans that will result in attracting quality graduate students to graduate programs. For more information on the UGS recruitment initiatives, including the 2012-13 Recruitment Calendar, please visit: gradschool.fiu.edu/Recruitment_Resources.

Correction: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Winner

In the June 28, 2012 issue of the UGS Faculty e-Newsletter, we mistakenly identified NSF fellowship recipient Michael Guzman’s program of study. Congratulations to Mr. Guzman from Mechanical Engineering for receiving this prestigious honor! This award comes with a generous three-year stipend that allows students to focus on their research while attending graduate school. This is an incredible accomplishment given the extremely limited number of awards and the overwhelming number of applications the NSF receives annually.