



# Faculty E-Newsletter

## *Special Edition*

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### FIU's University Graduate School Receives the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Award for Innovation in Promoting Success in Graduate Education

The Council of Graduate Schools has awarded UGS the "Innovation in Promoting Success in Graduate Education: From Admission through Completion" award during its 53rd Annual Meeting this past week.

Dean Lakshmi N. Reddi received this national award on behalf of FIU and in the presence of 640 Graduate School Deans from the US and Canada.

The award, which comes with a \$20,000 two-year grant, recognizes the innovation that the UGS is bringing forth in enhancing graduate student success through the creation of the Academy of Graduates for Integrative Learning Experiences (AGILE). The selection committee acknowledged in particular the unique opportunity that is presented at FIU to identify the challenges faced by our underrepresented minority doctoral students and to create strategies and solutions that will contribute to their success through AGILE.

AGILE seeks to create synergistic communities of doctoral scholars so that they develop interpersonal and intrapersonal skills during the course of their academic research. With activities ranging from community meetings, leadership development, professional development training, community service and engagement, AGILE is recognized to be the first in the country to adopt integrative learning concepts in doctoral education. It truly offers a new model for PhD student development that engages a broad group of campus organizations and stands as an example for other graduate schools to follow.

To learn more about CGS and about the award, please see the CGS press release [here](#)