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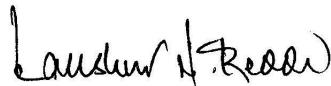
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

Message from the Dean

UGS is taking a close look at how well our application deadlines are serving our goals in terms of recruiting top quality graduate students. At a recent meeting with the advisory committee, the general consensus of the group was that our application deadlines (June 1st for Fall admissions and October 1st for Spring admissions) are late relative to our peer institutions. Some programs have earlier application deadlines, although many follow the UGS deadlines. International applicants receiving admission notices from us after June 1st do not have sufficient time to acquire visas. Even in the case of domestic applicants being considered for the various fellowships/assistantships, these deadlines do not encourage our programs to identify GA/RA/TA funds early enough and aggressively pursue top-quality students before other universities do. UGS data clearly show that assistantship/fellowship offers made late in Summer (for Fall admissions) have a greater likelihood of being rejected mostly because the applicants end up accepting offers made by other institutions. I would like to hear from the individual program directors about their views on setting earlier deadlines than what we now have.

I also invite the graduate faculty to read our third blog on the participation of minority students in STEM Doctoral programs at <http://blog-gradschool.fiu.edu/?p=252>.

Thank You,



News

XSEDE FIU Regional Workshop

FIU and the Sunshine State Education and Research Computing Alliance (SSERCA) are hosting a two-day regional XSEDE (Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment) workshop April 4-5, 2013. This workshop is open to faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines who are interested in learning how to incorporate modeling and simulation, advanced data analysis and visualization, and high performance computing into their teaching and research.

Register for this free workshop at <https://www.xsede.org/web/xup/course-calendar/-/training/class/106> by **March 15, 2013**. For more information contact Mike Kirgan (mike.kirgan@fiu.edu).

2013 NSF Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge

The Division of Graduate Education at the National Science Foundation has announced the 2013 Innovation in Graduate Education Challenge. The NSF challenges STEM graduate students across the nation to submit innovative ideas to prepare them for tomorrow's opportunities and challenges. Entries are solicited for ideas with the potential to improve graduate education and professional development, and they must be submitted by **April 15, 2013**.

For more information go to http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/gradchallenge/index.jsp.

2013 Graduate Student Appreciation Week

Graduate Student Appreciation Week is coming March 25-29, 2013. UGS and the Graduate and Professional Student Committee will be hosting GSAW events all week, including scholarly forums, a graduate symposium, a recognition reception, and more. Scholarly Forum winners will be invited to participate in the State of Florida Graduate Symposium at USF in April. Faculty judges are needed for the Scholarly Forums on March 25 & 26 from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.. For more information visit <http://gsaw.fiu.edu/> or contact Dr. Sonja Montash-Hunter (smontash@fiu.edu).

Graduate Events

Graduate Student Appreciation Week

March 25 - 29, 2013

An overview of events is available at <http://gsaw.fiu.edu/>.

Summer 2013 Graduate Orientation

Friday, May 10, 2013

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DM 100, MMC

Important Deadlines

Last Day to Admit International Applicants for Summer 2013

Friday, March 15, 2013

Last Day to Admit Domestic Applicants and International Transfer Applicants for Summer 2013

Monday, April 15, 2013

For more Graduate Admissions deadlines visit: http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013_Deadlines.pdf

Fall 2013 Latin American and Caribbean Graduate Fellowship Deadline

Monday, April 1, 2013

For more information on fellowships, visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Fellowships.html>

D5/M3 Deadline

Friday, March 8, 2013

Final ETD Approval Form

Friday, April 19, 2013

For more Thesis and Dissertation Deadlines visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/DeadlinesForThesesAndDissertations.html>

Graduate Faculty and DAS Application Deadline

Friday, March 15, 2013



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