

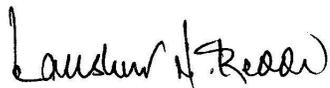
## Message from the Dean

Graduate enrollments across the U.S. have begun to decline, particularly at the master's level, and FIU enrollments are consistent with this trend (our enrollments at master's/Specialist level receded by 1% between Fall 2011 and Fall 2012). Many graduate schools have begun to target their recruitment efforts in specific fields of study and in specific regions of the world.

UGS has taken an active role in 2012-'13 to enhance our visibility in India and China and in a few Caribbean and Central American countries – Honduras, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. We have begun engaging prospective as well as admitted students online with the help of Adobe Connect. The three online sessions we conducted so far with students from India and China have been so successful that we have decided to continue these sessions on a monthly basis.

I want to thank those of you who worked with us during your overseas trips and helped spread the word on our graduate programs. Those travelers are invited to any of our Adobe Connect sessions to give a programmatic perspective to our applicants.

Thank you,



## News

### McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Winners 2013

Congratulations to FIU's cohort of six McKnight Doctoral Fellowship winners, three of whom are graduates of FIU. Each award at FIU provides an annual stipend of \$12,000 plus a \$10,000 UGS enhancement for three academic years, and the participating academic unit provides an additional two years of support.

McKnight Doctoral Fellowships address the under-representation of African American and Hispanic faculty at colleges and universities in the state of Florida by increasing the pool of citizens qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels.

Please join us in welcoming these doctoral candidates and wishing them much success on their academic journey at FIU.

- William Amaro Fuentes, Chemistry, U. of Puerto Rico-Humacao
- Andrea Headley, Public Affairs, U. of Miami
- Jennifer Hernandez, Psychology, U. of Miami
- Gregory Jean-Baptiste, Computer Science, FIU
- Kailey MacNamara, Physics, FIU
- Maria Sider, Geosciences, FIU

### Statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium

Three FIU students won recognition for their research at the statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium. Hosted at USF on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the event featured top student researchers from across the state. The winners from FIU and their research presented are:

- Tereza Vokatá, 1st Place, Biological Sciences: Synthesis of Phenyleneethynylene-Doped Poly(p-phenylenebutadiynylene)s for Live Cell Imaging
- Rupak Dua, 2nd Place, Health Sciences: Interfacial Mechanical Properties Between Tissue Engineered Cartilage and Bone
- Yuba Bhandari, 2nd Place, Physics Sciences: Structural Transformation and Aggregation of Cc-Beta Peptides into Amyloid Proto-Fibrils

Congratulation to these winners and to all FIU students selected to participate in the symposium.

### New Open House Encourages Enrollment

Instead of offering advisement for the summer session, an Open House event on May 8 is an early opportunity to meet students admitted for Fall 2013 and to encourage them to complete their enrollment. By building early connections between new students, graduate faculty, and current students, this new event intends to convince the students about their decision to enroll. Please join us for this engaging opportunity.

## Graduate Events

### Open House for New Students

Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Graham Center Ballrooms

### Summer 2013 Graduate Orientation

Friday, May 10, 2013  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
DM 100, MMC

## Important Deadlines

### Last day for nominations for DEA and DYF fellowships

Friday, May 24, 2013

Email a single PDF file/application to UGS at [dudleym@fiu.edu](mailto:dudleym@fiu.edu)

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

### Last day to submit Annual Student Evaluation and Mentoring Plan

Thursday, May 30, 2013

For more information, visit:

[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Annual\\_Evaluation\\_Form.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Annual_Evaluation_Form.pdf)

### Last day to apply for the Fall 2013 Semester

Saturday, June 1, 2013  
5:00 p.m.

For more Graduate Admissions deadlines visit:

[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad\\_Admissions\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf)

### Thesis and Dissertation Deadlines

Visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/electronic-thesis-dissertation-deadlines.shtml>



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