



# Faculty e-Newsletter

## Message from the Dean

This summer, UGS has been actively working on new initiatives and key operational changes. First, units have been given additional flexibility in admitting for their Masters programs; units may now admit Master's applicants who do not meet the established minimum admission requirements, as exceptions, up to 10% of their admitted pool. Second, the decision was made to set earlier application deadlines for all of our graduate programs. Third, the petition process will now be on-line, which will make it much easier and quicker for faculty and students to navigate (efforts are underway to put additional forms online). Fourth, we are in the process of completing the preparation of program summaries for all of our master's programs similar to what we started last year for our doctoral programs. The second round of our doctoral Annual Program Summaries (APS) are already available for GPDs to review and add their feedback.

It is important for all graduate faculty members to familiarize themselves with these initiatives. We are planning to have an information session with all Graduate Program Directors on October 17, 2013, to go over details on each of these initiatives. I strongly urge all GPDs to attend this meeting. Program staff and other coordinators are welcome and may benefit from attending, but it is especially important for all GPDs to attend.

Thank you,

## News

### UGS Statistical Consulting Services

UGS is pleased to announce that Dr. Jiabin Zhu will be providing statistical consulting services to the graduate student community. Dr. Zhu holds a PhD in Engineering from the University of Nebraska and a MS in Statistics from the University of Central Florida. He has extensive experience in statistical analysis, data mining, and several software applications including SAS.

He is supported by two graduate student assistants: Alejandra Matamala ([amata005@fiu.edu](mailto:amata005@fiu.edu)) and Angeline Low ([alow002@fiu.edu](mailto:alow002@fiu.edu)). If any of your students' projects will involve statistical analysis they should make an appointment via email or by calling the office at 305-348-2261/305-348-7421.

More information can be found at: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/statistical-consulting.shtml>.

### Graduate Program Contact Information Update

UGS is updating its records and needs your assistance. Please confirm who is responsible for your graduate program (if you know who will be responsible beginning in the fall, please provide that name as well). Also, if your department oversees graduate certificates and you are not the person responsible, please include the correct contact information. This confirmation will ensure that prospective students are referred to the appropriate individual as well as help UGS maintain accurate information on the website and within Panthersoft. Please send all updates to Nanett Rojas ([rojasn@fiu.edu](mailto:rojasn@fiu.edu)) by Thursday, August 1st, 2013.

### UGS Recruitment Calendar and Materials Request

Fall Semester marks the beginning of the graduate student recruitment season. UGS will once again be attending numerous events throughout Florida and select parts of the U.S. Graduate Programs are invited to participate in any events that UGS may be attending this season. For a list of planned events, please visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/recruitment-resources.shtml>.

It is also very important that UGS has copies of your current program and/or college brochures for distribution to prospective students at these events. Please send any recruitment materials to **Ana Rosado** in **PC 230** so they can be used at the various fairs and conferences UGS will be attending this year. If you have any questions, please contact the UGS Recruiter, Albert L. Hoyt III ([ahoytiii@fiu.edu](mailto:ahoytiii@fiu.edu)).

## Graduate Events

### **Fall Semester 2013 Graduate Student Orientation**

Friday, August 23, 2013  
SIPA 125, MMC

Session 1:  
2:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Session 2:  
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/orientation-fall2013.shtml>

## Important Deadlines

### **Last Day to Enter GA contracts in Panthersoft for Fall 2013**

Friday, August 2, 2013

For more information regarding Graduate Assistantships visit:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/current-students-grad-assistants.shtml>

### **Last Day to Admit Domestic & International Transfer Students for Fall 2013**

Monday, July 29, 2013

### **Last Day to issue I-20 for International Transfer Students for Fall 2013**

Monday, August 5, 2013

For more Graduate Admissions deadlines visit:  
[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad\\_Admissions\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/documents/Grad_Admissions_Deadlines.pdf)

### **Last Day to Submit Final ETD Approval Forms for Summer 2013 Graduates**

Friday, July 26, 2013

For more thesis and dissertation deadlines visit:  
<http://gradschool.fiu.edu/electronic-thesis-dissertation.shtml>

