Message from the Dean

The Dissertation Year Fellowship (DYF) program has demonstrated great success in promoting timely completion of doctoral degrees across all programs on campus, but it has also continued to attract more nominations than UGS has been able to support. The lack of resources during the past two years has reduced the number of Dissertation Year Fellowships (DYFs) that the UGS has been able to offer, with a decrease in the number of DYFs offered in all three terms (Spring, Summer, Fall) from approximately 48 in 2011 to 27 in 2013. And this reduction in DYFs is at least partly responsible for the deceleration in doctoral graduations.

I am happy to report that restructuring of stipend allocations for 2014-2015 has made it possible to increase the number of DYFs for 2014, and we expect to increase the number of DYFs to 2011 levels. The call for the next round of DYF nominations was sent out last week (deadline to receive the nominations is Friday, February 7, 2014). DYFs turned out to be very competitive in the past, so I urge Department Chairs and Graduate Program Directors to screen candidates carefully before nominating them.

Thank you,

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NEWS

2014 Fellowships: Call for Nominations

The University Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the Spring 2014 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowships (up to 2 nominations allowed per department), the Summer 2014 Dissertation Year Fellowship (up to 2 nominations allowed per department), and the Fall 2014 Presidential Fellowship (up to 4 nominations allowed per department). The deadline to submit completed electronic applications, in a single pdf file application email to Michael Dudley at UGS (dudleyem@fiu.edu), is February 7, 2014. Should you have any questions regarding fellowships, please contact Michael Dudley, Assistant Director at UGS, at 305-348-4711, or click here for more information.

Graduate Student Appreciation Week—Call for Presentation Proposals

The 2014 Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) is fast approaching! The Graduate and Professional Student Committee is now accepting graduate student proposals for the GSAW Scholarly Forum. The Scholarly Forum, which includes poster sessions and oral presentations, provides a platform for graduate students to showcase their research, compete for cash prizes, gain professional experience, and compete for a place at the state’s Graduate Symposium. This year’s Scholarly Forum will take place on Monday, March 31, and Tuesday, April 1, 2014. To submit a proposal for the scholarly form, students must go here. The proposal submission deadline is February 3, 2014. Additional information about GSAW can be found here. Please share this information with your students.

Advising International Students: ISSS Workshop

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is offering a workshop specifically designed for faculty and staff who advise international students. The workshop will explain the role ISSS plays in ensuring FIU is in compliance with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS/USCIS) immigration regulations, and how advisors can assist with compliance and help students maintain legal immigration status in the US. The workshop will be offered on January 30th at 1:00 pm and on February 6th at 11:00 am in GC 305. For further information, contact Ted Randall, Associate Director, ISSS at ext. 7-3508 or randalt@fiu.edu.

New Grant Writing Coordinator

We are pleased to announce the addition of Mr. Karl Krupp to UGS. Mr. Krupp comes to us from the University of Michigan where he acquired substantial grant writing experience and was very successful in attracting external funding. Mr. Krupp will help graduate students to identify sources of external funding, to prepare applications for fellowships and scholarships, and will facilitate the submission process in conjunction with FIU’s Division of Research (DoR). Please encourage your graduate students to contact Mr. Krupp at kkrupp002@fiu.edu.

Engineering Career Boot Camp

Thursday, January 16, 2014
3:00—6:00 p.m.—GC 230

Library Refresher

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
3:00—4:30 p.m.—GL 245 and Wednesday, January 29, 2014
3:00—4:30 p.m.—BBC, H1 150

How to Prepare for Career Fair

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
5:00—6:00 p.m.—GC 230

RefWorks

Thursday, January 23, 2014
3:00—5:00 p.m.—GL 245

Resume Writing & How to Prepare for Career Fair

Monday, January 27, 2014
5:00—6:00 p.m.—BBC, WUC 225

Career Fair

Wednesday, January 29, 2014
3:00—7:00 p.m.—US Century Bank Arena

Writing the Literature Review

Thursday, January 30, 2014
3:30—4:30 p.m.—GL 245

Literature Review Research Strategies

Friday, January 31, 2014
3:00—4:30 p.m.—GL 245

For more Graduate Events, click here.

Important Deadlines

Last day for academic units to inform their respective evaluators which spring 2014 incomplete files they wish to defer
Thursday, January 16, 2014 by 5:00 pm

Last day for international students (transfers and those living abroad) to submit admissions, readmissions and certificate applications for Summer 2014
Saturday, February 1st, 2014

**For more Graduate Admissions deadlines, please click here. **

McKnight Fellowship Application Deadline: January 15, 2014

DEA, DYF, and Presidential Fellowships Nomination Deadline
Friday, February 7, 2014

McNair Fellowship Nomination Deadline: March 1st, 2014

**For more information regarding Fellowships, please click here. **