Message from the Dean

The UGS and the Graduate and Professional Student Committee will be hosting Graduate Student Appreciation Week from March 31st to April 4th, 2014. GSAW seeks to emphasize the contributions, impact and value of graduate and professional students on campuses throughout the United States. This year, we invite you to take active interest in this process and nominate the outstanding mentors, graduate program directors, and graduate students who you feel are worthy of these awards. Award winners will be recognized at the Provost Awards Recognition Reception on April 4th. It is also important that we seek your help in judging our students’ presentations of their research during the Scholarly Forum, March 31-April 1. As a minimum, I hope future mentors of students competing at the forum will volunteer as judges.

Thank you,

NEWS

New Express Mail Option for International Students and Scholars

A new express mail option allows for new admits to have their admission documents, including their I-20 student visa documents, express mailed to them. The service is provided by e-Ship Global which makes arrangements with DHL or Federal Express to have documents picked up from our graduate admissions office and express mailed to students overseas. This service allows students to easily make their own arrangements and pay with their credit card for express mail service online. Once admitted, students are asked to complete an online form to indicate how they want their documents delivered, such as express-mailed through e-Ship Global, sent via regular airmail or picked up by a person designated by the student. If the students choose express mail, they will be directed to the e-Ship Global website to set up their account and arrange for the shipping. For more information on shipping options, please click here.

Important Notice Regarding Fall 2014 Admissions Offers with Financial Support

A member of the Council of Graduate Schools, FIU has agreed to the CGS “Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees and Assistants,” which stipulates that, “Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial aid, including graduate school funding for continuing study, prior to April 15th.” Therefore, it is important that admissions committees and program faculty provide students the April 15th acceptance deadline to accept admissions offers with financial support (graduate assistanceships and fellowships). Asking students to respond prior to April 15th would be a violation of this agreement. For more details please read the resolution in its entirety here.

Announcement Evaluation and Mentoring Plan

The 2013-2014 Annual Student Evaluation form is available. To access the form, please click here and select Dissertation Forms. Please be reminded that the Major Professor and Teacher members of the dissertation committee are required to meet with the student to review and complete this evaluation on an annual basis. Forms are due May 30, 2014.

Graduate Faculty and OAS Applications Now Available

Complete OAS and graduate faculty applications—including the departmental and college recommendation forms—are due at UGS by March 15th deadline. We strongly recommend that all applications be submitted in a timely manner to your respective college/school dean, allowing for enough time (at least two weeks) for the applications to be reviewed and assessed by your dean prior to submission to UGS by the March 15th deadline. Applications received after March 15th will be automatically moved into the fall evaluation cycle. Instructions for graduate faculty status, OAS, and DAS renewal applications can be found by clicking here. For questions about the process, please feel free to reach Ms. Irene Baquero at irbaquero@fiu.edu or (305) 348-3342.

Six USDA-funded Research Assistantships Available

The FIU Agrology program has six master’s level research assistantships funded by the USDA-National Needs Fellows and Hispanic Serving Institutions Programs for two years. The deadlines is March 1, 2014. For additional details, please contact Dr. Kristi Jayachandran at kjayachand@fiu.edu or here.

Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) Call for Award Nominations

The following awards will be presented at the CGS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in December: a) CGS Gustave O. Aitken Award in the Humanities Books nominates this year will be in Linguistics or Philosophy. Deadline: April 1; and b) the CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation: For dissertations in the fields of 1) the Social Sciences and 2) Mathematics, Physical Science and Engineering. Deadline: July 16. More information is available on the CGS website or by contacting Cheryl Finley.

Gates Millennium Scholars

Join us in congratulating the following Gates Millennium Scholars who are pursuing their graduate studies at FIU: Gianese Henderson, Ed.D. in Counseling; Guadalupe Juarez , Master’s in Counselor Education; Joann Pierre, Master’s in Public Health; Shannon Smith, Master’s in Dietetics and Nutrition; Melissa Velar, Specialist in Education and Sadie in the Woods, Master’s in Public Health. The Gates Millennium Scholars Program provides support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help aid, including graduate school funding for continuing Scholars in science, education, engineering, health, mathematics, public health or science. Since its inception, the program has funded over 17,000 scholars and has awarded over two million dollars to FIU students. Graduate students interested in the scholars program should click here.

Graduate Events

CV Writing Workshop
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
9:00-10:00 pm, BBC, HS 150
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
2:00-3:00 pm, GL 245

GSAC Funding Project Workshop
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
4:30-5:30 pm, DC 225

ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Recognition Awards
Friday, April 4, 2014
5:30-7:30 pm, CH 103

Writing the Personal Statement
Thursday, February 6, 2014
3:30-4:30 pm, GL 245

GSAC Gradskellar Social
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
5:30-7:30 pm, CH 103

Library Write Research Strategies
Tuesday, February 4, 2014
5:00-6:00 pm, BBC, HS 150
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
2:00-3:00 pm, GL 245

GSAC Professional Social
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
5:30-7:30 pm, CH 103

Get Your Career in Gear
Friday, February 7, 2014
9:30-10:30 pm, BBC, WUC Ballrooms

Reference Tools
Friday, February 7, 2014
5:30-6:30 pm, GL 245
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
5:30-6:30 pm, GL 245
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
2:00-4:00 pm, GL 245

Career Fair
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
11:00-3:00 pm, BBC, WUC Ballrooms

Conflict Resolution
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
4:00-5:00 pm, GC 235

Stress and Time Management
Thursday, February 20, 2014
3:30-4:30 pm, PC 214

Avoiding Plagiarism
Thursday, February 20, 2014
3:30-4:30 pm, GL 125

For more Graduate Events, click here.

Important Deadlines

DEA/DVF/Presidential Fellowship Deadline
Friday, February 7, 2014

Proveaw Awards Nomination Deadline
Tuesday, February 25, 2014

D-S/T-3 Submission Deadline for Spring 2014 Graduation
Friday, March 7, 2014

Deadline to Defend Thesis or Dissertations for Spring 2014 Graduation
Friday, March 28, 2014

Final ETD Approval Form Deadline
Friday, April 18, 2014

UGS Graduate Admissions Deadlines Please click here.