



Faculty e-Newsletter

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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. It provides us with an opportunity to recognize the outstanding graduate program directors and outstanding mentors of graduate students among our graduate faculty, as well as outstanding paper/creative products, outstanding graduate teaching assistants, and graduate students who demonstrate outstanding engagement in the community.

This is perhaps the only annual event we have at the Graduate School to recognize the excellence of our faculty and students. I strongly urge 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. Awardees 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 faculty mentors of students competing at the forum will volunteer as judges.

Thank you,

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New Express Mail Option for International Students and Scholars

A new express mail option allows for new admits to have their admissions 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 support 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 assistantships 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](#).

Annual Student 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 other 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 DAS Applications Now Available

Complete DAS and graduate faculty applications—including the departmental and college level recommendations—are due at UGS by **March 15th, 2014**. We strongly recommend that all applications be submitted in a timely manner to your respective college/school dean, allotting for enough time (at least two weeks) for the application to be reviewed and assessed by your dean before it is submitted 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, DAS, and DAS renewal applications can be found by clicking [here](#). For questions about the process, please feel free to reach Ms. Irene Baquero at ibaquero@fiu.edu or (305) 348-3342.

Six USDA Funded Research Assistantships Available

The FIU Agroecology program has six master's level research assistantships funded by the USDA-National Needs Fellows and Hispanic Serving Institutions Programs for two years. The deadline is March 1, 2014. For additional details, please contact Dr. Krish Jayachandran at jayachan@fiu.edu or click [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. Arlt Award in the Humanities*: Books nominated 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 Flagg](#).

Gates Millennium Scholars

Join us in congratulating the following [Gates Millennium Scholars](#) who are pursuing their graduate studies at FIU: Giselle Hernandez, Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction; 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 computer science, education, engineering, library science, 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
5:00- 6:00 pm, BBC, WUC 225
Thursday, February 20, 2014
5:00- 6:00 pm, GC 230

Literature Review Research Strategies

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
5:00- 6:00 pm, BBC, HL 150
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
2:00- 3:30 pm, GL 245

GPSC Funding Workshop

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
4:30- 5:30 pm, GC 305

GPSC GradSkellar Social

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
5:30- 7:30 pm-, Chili's Too Patio

Writing the Personal Statement

Thursday, February 6, 2014
3:30- 4:30 pm, GL 125
Monday, February 10, 2014
4:00- 5:00 pm, BBC, HL 170

Get Your Career in Gear

Friday, February 7, 2014
9:00- 3:00 pm, BBC, WUC Ballrooms

RefWorks

Friday, February 7, 2014
3:00- 5:00 pm, GL 245
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
2:00- 4:00 pm, BBC, HL 150
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 276

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/DYF/Presidential Fellowship Deadline

Friday, February 7, 2014

Provost Awards Nomination Deadline

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

D-5/M-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](#)

