



Faculty e-Newsletter

Message from the Dean

Our doctoral programs are experiencing a growth spurt for the 2014-15 academic year in terms of both applications received from prospective students and admissions offered. As of mid-April, UGS received 2,522 applications for doctoral admissions as compared to 1,861 in the 2013-14 academic year—an increase of 36%. This increase is spread evenly between domestic and international applications. Colleges of Business, Nursing, and Engineering and Computing have seen larger increases than others. The number of admissions offered has also increased to 318, up from 260 in the 2013-14 academic year (an increase of 22%). Colleges of Engineering and Computing, Business, and Public Health are the largest contributors to admission increases. Masters programs on the other hand, have seen a slight drop in the number of applications by 2%; however, admissions offered to these programs increased by 1%.

Although the application deadline changes initiated by UGS might be a contributing factor, these increases are largely due to the increased efforts of our program administrators and graduate and DAS faculty. To translate these increases into increased enrollments, we need to be creative in using the limited recruitment resources we have (fellowships, assistantships, etc.) along with good marketing and communication plans. These are our immediate challenges, and we look forward to working closely with units to help them achieve their enrollment goals.

Thank you,

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Fall 2014 Fellowships: Call for Nominations

The University Graduate School is now accepting nominations for the [Fall 2014 Doctoral Evidence Acquisition Fellowship](#) (up to 2 nominations allowed per department), and the [Fall 2014 Dissertation Year Fellowship](#) (up to 2 nominations allowed per department). The **deadline** to submit completed electronic applications in a single pdf file application email to Michael Dudley at UGS (dudley@fiu.edu), is **Friday, May 23, 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.

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 **June 1st, 2014**.

Dissertation Writing Retreat

In coordination with the FIU Center for Excellence in Writing, UGS will once again host the Dissertation Writing Retreat. The dissertation writing retreat is designed to help participants make substantial progress towards completing their dissertation. The goal is to help writers who are stalled, isolated, off-track, or working towards project completion. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with a representative from FIU Statistical Consulting ; create an individual work plan and establish daily writing goals; meet with a Writing Retreat representatives to discuss progress . Interested students should visit click [here](#). Completed forms must be returned to Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter (smontash@fiu.edu) by **Monday, July 28, 2014**. Space is limited. Each applicant will be reviewed to establish the current stage of the dissertation writing process and readiness for writing. The summer retreat will be from August 4 through August 8, 2014.

Open House for Fall 2014 Admitted Students

On **Tuesday, May 13, 2014**, the UGS will be holding its **Open House for Fall 2014 new admitted students**. So that we can ensure the success of this event, we will need as much help and participation as possible from your departments and programs. The purpose of the fall admit open house is to build early connections between students admitted to your program and your current students and faculty. It is a perfect opportunity for admitted students to learn more about your program and ideally firm up their decision about enrolling at FIU. The Open House will take place from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in CBC 232-235 . For additional information, please contact Magnolia Hernández at mehernan@fiu.edu or (305)348-1905.

Graduate Orientation for Summer 2014 New Students

On **Friday, May 9, 2014**, the UGS will be offering its Graduate Orientation to all new students who will be beginning at FIU during Summer 2014. Students interested in attending the orientation can RSVP and learn more about it by clicking [here](#). The event will take place from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm in SIPA 125. Should you have any questions about the new student orientation, please contact Magnolia Hernández at mehernan@fiu.edu or (305)348-1905.

Graduate Events

Summer 2014 Graduate Orientation
Friday, May 9, 2014
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm
SIPA 125

Fall 2014 Admit Open House
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
CBC 232-235

Summer 2014 Professional Development Workshops
The Summer 2014 Professional Development Calendar will be made available starting [Friday, May 9, 2014](#). To access the calendar, please click [here](#).

TA Orientation (Required)
August 19- August 21, 2014
From 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
[Offered by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching](#)

Important Deadlines

Last day to admit PhD domestic students, transfer international students (currently living in the U.S.), and international students living abroad for Fall 2014
Wednesday, April 30, 2014

Last day to issue I-20's for Fall 2014 international students living abroad
Friday, May 9th, 2014

For more **Graduate Admissions deadlines, please click [here](#). **

DEA and DYF Fall 2014 Application Deadline:
Friday, May 23, 2014

Dissertation Retreat Application Deadline:
Monday, July 28, 2014

Have a great summer
*****Please note that this is the last issue of the UGS Faculty e-Newsletter until the beginning of the 2014-2015 Academic Year.

