



University Graduate School
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Graduate Student *Newsletter*

DID **U** KNOW...

FIU was **#1** in the nation in terms of Master's degrees awarded to latinos in 2009-2010?

UGS Dates & Deadlines

Reference Examples

March 26, 4-5pm
ZEB 330

RefWorks Workshop

March 28, 3:30-4:45pm @ GL 280

Post-Conference Publication Opportunities

April 2nd, 4-5pm @ ZEB 330

Call for Papers: Race, Gender and Sexuality Research Forum and Symposium

June 28-30, 2012
Orlando, FL

Visit: NAAAS.org for more info

It is not too late to apply for funding, please click [here](#).

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Fellowship News

External Funding

Below are fellowship opportunities with upcoming deadlines. Although the deadlines for many of the major fellowships have passed for the current cycle, please email [Arie Spirgel](mailto:Arie.Spirgel) for information about smaller grants and awards that you may be able to apply for this semester.

NIH National Research Service Awards

National Institute of Justice Graduate Research Fellowship Program

American Society for Microbiology Watkins Graduate Research Fellowship

Bullitt Foundation Environmental Fellowship

Graduate Research Conference: Columbus State University

October 25, 2012
Cunningham Center
Columbus, GA

Paper submission deadline:

September 7, 2012 and
October 1, 2012 for
Organization Panels.

Please send your proposals [here](#).

Gradvice

One of the most important things you can do as a graduate student is apply for external funding. Besides the financial benefits to students, securing external funding gives applicants an advantage when on the job market. Bringing money into a department helps its success, so employers like to hire people who have shown that they have the initiative to apply for external funding and the ability to obtain it. Earning external funding also helps students focus on their research, which facilitates scientific productivity and often results in quicker time-to-degree.

Many students believe that agencies only award funding to students who attend the most prestigious universities: this belief is a myth. Each year federal agencies give millions of dollars to thousands of graduate students representing all types of universities. Browsing the universities with the most winners suggests that the top schools are in fact overrepresented, but this is due in large part to the overrepresentation of students from these universities who apply for funding in the first place. A vital factor in winning is to start early so you have time to identify funding and put together a competitive application. Successful student applicants often begin preparing one year in advance of the application deadline.

I hope you consider applying for external funding as it has the potential to improve your graduate training and open new doors for you once you graduate. Please visit the Graduate Research Center website for information about external funding and how I can help with the process of applying.