



## e-newsletter

### Message From the Dean

Fall '12 enrollment figures reveal some important trends. Our total graduate enrollment increased to 7,968, which reflects an increase of 5.4% over Fall '11. First-time (new) enrollees for doctoral programs grew dramatically over last year with a 31% increase, while new master's enrollees grew by 5.5%. Applications to the doctoral programs have jumped by 39% compared to last year, while applications for the master's programs dropped slightly by 2%. These data reveal that our units are continuing to emphasize doctoral programs.

First time enrollment of domestic students shows an increase of 3% over last year while the national average is 8%. We did better with first time enrollment of international students; our increase is 16% while the national average is 8%. Considering that the majority of our domestic applications come from South Florida, it is necessary that we host recruitment fairs right here on our campus to attract top-quality students and to improve our yield. Starting Spring '13, we will have 'open-house' style fairs focusing exclusively on admitted students. It is important for units relying heavily on domestic students to participate in these fairs.

Thank You,

### News

#### Graduate Student Appreciation Week

GSAW is coming! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW), **March 25-29, 2013**. More information about this salute to graduate student research and teaching is available at [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate\\_student\\_appreciation\\_week.html](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/graduate_student_appreciation_week.html).

#### National Science Foundation GROW Program

Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide (GROW) is a partnership between NSF and international funding agencies to provide NSF Graduate Research Fellows with expanded opportunities to enhance professional development through research collaborations at top-caliber science and engineering research sites overseas.

GROW continues research cooperation with counterpart funding organizations in Norway, Finland, Denmark and Sweden, previously known as the Nordic Research Opportunity. In addition, GROW introduces new partnership opportunities to Graduate Research Fellows in France, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. For more information visit <http://www.nsf.gov/grow>.

#### 2013 McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

The Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program is designed to increase the pool of candidates qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels.

The McKnight Fellowship is a great funding opportunity for talented undergraduate seniors and master's degree students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. This five year fellowship includes a \$12,500 stipend plus a \$10,000 UGS enhancement per year for the first three years, followed by a graduate assistantship for years four and five. Recipients also receive a tuition waiver and health insurance. Any questions regarding the application process can be directed to Dr. Sonja Montas-Hunter ([smontash@fiu.edu](mailto:smontash@fiu.edu)). Students apply online at [www.fefonline.org/mdfapply](http://www.fefonline.org/mdfapply) and all applications and materials must be submitted/postmarked no later than **January 15, 2013**. Applicants must be admitted to their academic program before the annual selection meeting in early March.

### Graduate Events

#### **Spring 2013 Graduate Orientation**

Friday, January 4, 2013  
3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.  
DM 100, MMC

For more information visit:  
[http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Spring2013\\_orientation.html](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Spring2013_orientation.html)

### Important Deadlines

#### **Spring 2013 Classes Begin**

Monday, January 7, 2013

#### **Cancellation of Incomplete Applications and Revocation for No-show**

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

For more Graduate Admissions deadlines visit: [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013\\_Deadlines.pdf](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/downloads/2013_Deadlines.pdf)

#### **Fall 2013 FEF McKnight Graduate Fellowship Deadline**

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

#### **Summer 2013 DEA and DYF Fellowship Deadlines**

Friday, February 1, 2013

#### **Fall 2013 Presidential Fellowship Deadline**

Friday, February 1, 2013

#### **Fall 2013 FIU McNair Graduate Fellowship Deadline**

Friday, March 1, 2013

#### **Fall 2013 LAC Fellowship Deadline**

Friday, April 1, 2013

For more information on these fellowships, visit: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/Fellowships.html>

