THE
GRADUATE COLLEGE

Dedicated to student success
AGENDA

• Welcome
• Testing and Evaluation
• Financial Aid
• Graduate College
• Questions & Answers
WELCOME

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• TBD
  – TITLE, Graduate College
Testing and Evaluation
Tests Offered at the Boca Raton Campus

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) [www.milleranalogies.com](http://www.milleranalogies.com)
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) [www.aamc.org](http://www.aamc.org)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)
**GRE / GMAT**

**GRE (General)**
- $205
- Three sections: Writing, Quantitative, and Verbal.
- Testing Time: four and half hours
- Can be taken at FAU Boca Raton.

**GMAT**
- $250
- Four sections: Writing, Quantitative, Integrated Reasoning and Verbal.
- Testing time: four and half hours
## TEST PREPARATION COURSES

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http://www.fau.edu/testprep/
TESTING AND EVALUATION

PRACTICE TESTS

• Graduate Record Examination (GRE) www.gre.org
• Graduate Management Admission Test www.mba.com
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Name one of the tests offered at FAU's testing center.
Graduate Financial Aid

Office of Student Financial Aid
SUBMIT YOUR FAFA TODAY!

2019-2020 FAFSA is available now!

Priority deadline: January 1

Add FAU’s school code: 001481
FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

1. Loans
2. Grants
3. Scholarships
4. Fellowships
5. Assistantships
6. Employer Tuition Reimbursement

Ask Your Employer!

fau.edu/finaid
Direct Unsubsidized Loans

• No credit check
• Loan Annual limit = $20,500
• Interest begins at time of disbursement
• Lifetime limit = $138,500
Graduate Students may be eligible for the FAU Graduate Grant!

- Based on financial need
- FAFSA must be submitted (FAU priority deadline is January 1st)
- Funds are limited, so apply early!

*Graduate students are NOT eligible to receive state and federal grants (e.g. Pell grant).
FINANCIAL AID - SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships

Click here to review the FAU Financial Aid Guide.

This Scholarship Search Database houses available scholarships at Florida Atlantic University. Click here or click the scholarship image above to access the Foundation Scholarship Search Engine at Florida Atlantic University.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Apply NOW for Scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year!

ATTENTION INCOMING FRESHMAN & TRANSFER STUDENTS!

FAU’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions offers numerous scholarships for incoming freshman and transfer students. We suggest applying early as the scholarships are competitive and most are awarded early in the admission cycle. Additional scholarships are available through the Office of Student Financial Aid, FAU Alumni Association and through the academic colleges.

There are a host of scholarships available to assist students with their educational expenses. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic criteria and/or any combination of academics, financial need, campus/community activities, leadership, positions and work experience. Scholarships are designed to reward, encourage and assist students in pursuing academic excellence and leadership roles.

Many colleges and departments at FAU offer scholarships to students that are specific to an area of specialization. Below is a list of scholarships by category that may be helpful to you in funding your college education.

- Freshman, Transfer & International Scholarships
- FAU Scholarships
- Other Scholarships
- Athletic Scholarships
- FAU Department Scholarships
- Prestige Scholarships
- Community Foundation Scholarships
- State of Florida Scholarships
- Scholarship FAQs
- Scholarship Search Engines
Bright Futures recipients: You may be eligible for one semester of Bright Futures funding!
You must be enrolled at least half-time to receive financial aid, including loans. Your aid may be adjusted based on your enrollment.

For FALL and SPRING semesters:
  - FULL-TIME = 9 or more credits
  - 3/4 TIME = 7 - 8 credits
  - 1/2 TIME = 5 - 6 credits
Before You Borrow:

• Determine your borrowing needs
• Determine your affordable debt level: The maximum amount of student loan debt you should incur in pursuit of your degree
• Loan fundamentals: Understand the terms and interest rates at studentloans.gov
• Stay in good standing – review NSLDS.ed.gov

fau.edu/finaid/debt-management/index.php
Assistantships are awarded by individual departments. Compensation may include a tuition waiver and/or stipend.

- Graduate Assistants
- Teaching Assistants
- Research Assistants

Assistantships may reduce financial aid awards. Please notify the Office of Student Financial Aid if you will receive a tuition waiver.
The Graduate College has numerous fellowships and awards available to graduate students. A fellowship is an amount paid (stipend) to aid in the pursuit of study or research.

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
- Alice Griffin AAUW Graduate Fellowship
- Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship
- Dissertation Year Awards
- Graduate Diversity Fellowship
- Graduate Fellowship for Academic Excellence
- McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
- Newell Doctoral Fellowship

For more information, visit the Graduate College at www.fau.edu/graduate or contact your department. Fellowships may reduce financial aid awards and it is the student’s responsibility to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid.
Students are assigned a Financial Aid Counselor at the time their FAFSA is loaded into the FAU system.

Financial Aid Office
Student Support Services Bldg.
SU-80, Room 233
(561) 297-3530
www.fau.edu/finaid
Fun Facts and Prizes

When is FAU’s priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA?
Mission

FAU’s Graduate College is a service college dedicated to supporting graduate student success throughout our multi-campus research university. We aim to pursue excellence in graduate education by working closely with graduate students, graduate faculty, and academic colleges with graduate programs across the university.
The 4 areas of the Graduate College:

- Recruitment and Admissions
- Marketing and Communications
- Graduate Student Support
- Degree Completion Services, including thesis and dissertation
Financial Support for Graduate Students

- Graduate Fellowship Awards
- Tuition Waivers
- Graduate Research and Inquiry Program (GRIP) Grant
- Graduate Loans (Unsubsidized Loan or Graduate PLUS Loan)
- FAU Graduate Grant (Student Fees)
- Academic College Fellowships
- Dissertation of the Year Award
- Bright Futures
## Graduate Programs

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<td><strong>23</strong></td>
<td><strong>89</strong></td>
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Data from Graduate College brochure, Feb. 2015. Includes new DSW program.

*Figure does not include all program concentrations.

**College of Education total includes 3 Specialist programs.
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM SHEETS BY MAJOR

fau.edu/graduate/programs/index.php

Graduate Programs

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Degree: Master of Science (M.S.)
Major: Biological Sciences

Important Information about applying to Graduate School:
✓ Transcript: Submit official transcripts in sealed envelopes from all schools attended.
NOTE: If you attended one of the Florida State University System institutions, transcripts may be requested electronically.
✓ Supporting documentation: Supplemental application, letters of recommendation, and/or portfolio should be submitted directly to your graduate program.
✓ Contact: A best answer to either of these questions on the online application will require a written explanation. Additional information may be requested whenever your application is under review. Applications will not be fully processed until all documents are received.
✓ Application status: Once your application has been submitted, you may check your application status online to ensure that all required forms and test scores have been received.
NOTE: Applications will not be processed until all documents have been received.
✓ Residency classification: Your residency classification automatically defaults to non-Florida. After you are admitted, the residency officer will review your application and request additional documents by email if needed.

Admission Requirements

Domestic Students
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE test score of 151 (verbal) and 140 (quantitative)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of personal objectives in essay form
- Supplemental application required by department
- Commitment from FAU Faculty Advisor

International Students
- Undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- GRE test score of 151 (verbal) and 140 (quantitative)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Statement of personal objectives in essay form
- Supplemental application required by department
- Students are required to provide a personal evaluation of their three-year GPA
- TOEFL score of 500, 193 (TOEFL), or 61 (IELTS)
- Commitment from FAU Faculty Advisor
New Initiatives

Pathways to Graduate Education

Accelerated Pathways
- Bachelor’s to Master’s Combined Degrees
- Program Plan with Summer Classes

Other Pathways
- International (Navitas)
- State College Articulation (Baccalaureate to Master’s)
Graduate Student Success
RAMON GARCIA AREAS

- Ph.D. student, Integrative Biology
- Master’s *En Passant* in Biological Sciences
- B.S. in Biology
- Breast cancer researcher
- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- **GRIP Grant** awardee
STEVE SWANSON

- FAU Master of Applied Science in Computer Systems
- NASA astronaut
- 5½ months on International Space Station
30,179 students

Students from 50 states and 180 countries.

*Source: Registrar*
## Levels of Study

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<td>22</td>
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<td>312</td>
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<td>2,419</td>
<td>5,175</td>
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*Source: WebFocus*
# GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

## FALL 2017 ADMISSIONS

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<td>4,049</td>
<td>818</td>
<td>1,596</td>
<td>1,241</td>
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* Source: WebFocus
Graduate Application Process

• Submit application at fau.edu/graduate
• Pay $30 application fee
• Submit transcripts from any previously attended institution (FAU graduates do not have to)
• Submit test scores, if required
• Submit supplemental documents (i.e., personal statement, letters of recommendation, resume, etc.)
GRADUATE ADMISSIONS TIPS

1. Know your deadlines (see program sheets)
2. Complete your FAFSA
3. Search for fellowship, scholarship, and awards early
4. Take the GRE/GMAT
5. **Apply early**
6. Make sure to submit ALL application materials
7. Know the faculty/staff at the department level
8. Reach out to the Graduate College with any questions
Name one type of financial assistance that graduate students may receive with the help of the Graduate College.
Fun Facts and Prizes

Why does FAU have an owl for a mascot?