THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

Dedicated to student success
AGENDA

- Welcome & Video
- Testing and Evaluation
- Financial Aid
- Graduate College
- Questions & Answers
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Testing and Evaluation
TESTING AND EVALUATION

TESTS

• Graduate Record Examination (GRE) www.gre.org
• Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) www.lsac.org
• Miller Analogies Test (MAT) www.milleranalogies.com
• Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) www.aamc.org
• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) www.toefl.org
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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.
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TEST PREPARATION

http://www.fau.edu/testprep/
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PRACTICE TESTS

• Graduate Record Examination (GRE) www.gre.org
• Graduate Management Admission Test www.mba.com
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Fun Facts and Prizes

Name one of the tests offered at FAUs testing center.
Graduate Financial Aid
Office of Student Financial Aid
2017-2018 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!
Direct Unsubsidized Loans

- No credit check
- Loan Annual limit = $20,500
- Interest begins at time of disbursement
- Lifetime limit = $138,500
Direct Graduate PLUS Loans

- Approval is based on a credit-check
- Apply at studentloans.gov
Private Loans

- Supplements federal financial aid – accept federal financial aid first!
- Approval based on credit-check
- We cannot recommend specific private lenders
KNOW YOUR BORROWING HISTORY!

NSLDS.ed.gov

FINANCIAL AID – REVIEW NSLDS
FINANCIAL AID - GRANTS

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 - SCHOLARSHIPSScholarships

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
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RESOURCES

NSLDS.ed.gov
StudentLoans.gov
FAFSA.gov
FAU.edu/finaid
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](http://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.
FINANCIAL AID - FELLOWSHIPS

Other Sources of Financial Support

- The 2012 Daniel B. Goldberg Scholarship
- Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellowship
- Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Program
- Florida-Israel Institute Scholarship
- The Frank L. Greathouse Government Scholarship
- The Government Finance Professional Development Scholarship
- The Hispanic College Fund Scholarship
- The Minorities in Government Finance Scholarship
- Paul and Daisy Soros New Americans Scholarship
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Rotary Foundation Scholarship
- The Washington Center/BB&T Hispanic Workforce Development and Training Initiative

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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
When is FAU’s priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA?
Graduate College
Founded in 1961 (Opened in 1964)
Six campuses in Southeast Florida
Most diverse campus in the State University System
Designated a “High Research Activity” university by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
FAU COLLEGES

• Dorothy F Schmidt College of Arts & Letters
• College of Business
• College for Design and Social Inquiry
• College of Education
• College of Engineering and Computer Science
• Graduate College
• Harriett L Wilkes Honors College
• Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine
• Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing
• Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
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>25</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 5 Specialist programs.
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PROGRAM SHEETS BY MAJOR

fau.edu/graduate/programs/index.php
Graduate Program Rankings and Awards
Part-Time MBA

1st in South Florida

27th in the nation

by Bloomberg Businessweek
MBA in Sport Management

#1 in Florida
#3 in world

by SportBusiness International
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Graduate Program Rankings and Awards

FAU ranked among top 50 online graduate schools
by GraduatePrograms.com

#23 College of Education online M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction program
by TheBestSchools.org
Master of Urban and Regional Planning

7th in the Southeastern US

by Planetizen Guide to Graduate Planning Programs
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Graduate Program Rankings and Awards

#24 College of Education M.Ed. in Rehabilitation Counseling

#72 Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing graduate programs

by U.S. News and World Report
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
CARNESHA THOMPSON

- 3+1 years
- M.S.W. in Social Work student, with Advanced Standing
- B.S.W. in Social Work
- Member of FAU softball team
STEVE SWANSON

- FAU Master of Applied Science in Computer Systems
- NASA astronaut
- 5½ months on International Space Station
30,332 students

Students from 50 states and 180 countries.

*Source: Registrar
# Headcount Enrollment

## Levels of Study

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<td>196</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>324</td>
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<td>2,319</td>
<td>2,307</td>
<td>4,626</td>
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<td>Non degree</td>
<td>354</td>
<td>1189</td>
<td>1,543</td>
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*Source: WebFocus

*Percentage of FAU population*
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GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

FALL 2016 ADMISSIONS

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<th>Denied</th>
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<td>4,105</td>
<td>1,108</td>
<td>1,645</td>
<td>1,290</td>
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* Source: WebFocus
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
Graduate and Professional Student Association

Providing “grad centric” opportunities and programming

- Travel Grants
- Research
- Networking
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?
FOLLOW US