Graduate College News & Events

Responsible Conduct of Research- Fall 2012

The Graduate College, in partnership with the Division of Research, offers a series of four workshops each fall and spring semester on the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR). RCR is a mandatory course for all students (including undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral) working on NSF or NIH-funded programs or for any students who plan on future NSF or NIH funding. All graduate students are welcome to attend.

You may choose classes from either Tuesday Sessions or Friday Sessions to work with your schedule as long as you complete all four mandatory components. All classes will be held in the Student Services Building (SU-80), Room 132. The workshop starts promptly at noon and ends at 1:50 p.m. Lunch will be provided at 11:45 a.m at no cost.

To see the schedule or register, please visit our webpage: http://www.fau.edu/graduate/currentstudents/rcr/workshopsatfau.php

Fellowship Award Recipients

The Graduate College is pleased to announce the following award recipients:

Alice Griffin AAUW Graduate Fellowship
Sonda Rocchio

Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship
Cynthia Gutierrez, LaTasha Lee, Stephania Libreros, Brandon Lloyd, Monica Mejia, Layven Reguero, Raymond Stevens

Dr. Daniel B. and Aurel B. Newell Doctoral Fellowship
Christine Bedore, James Beerens, Jessica Cadette, Lauren Kogelschatz, Justin Perrault, Melissa Reiterer

Graduate Diversity Fellowship
Gina Daye, Bereket Ghebremirich, Lillian Gonzalez, Lester Leavitt, Clifford Mack, Christine Mitchell, Lenny Salas, Flavia Sosa, Errol Stewart, Melissa Reiterer, Raheleh Tavakoinia

Graduate Fellowship for Academic Excellence
Caitlin Bovery, Christina Hirz, Kandy Lopez, Christine Quinn, Alexandru Roman, Shannon Watson

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship
Phebian Davis-Culler, Oscar Harvin, Justin Hall

All award recipients as well as those who received the Presidential and Provost Awards will be recognized at the Graduate College Awards Ceremony on October 4, 2012.

Graduate Student Fellowship Workshop

Thursday, October 25, from 1 p.m-2:30 p.m.
This workshop will help students develop clear and convincing graduate fellowship proposals. Emphasis will be placed on streamlining proposal ideas, targeting sponsor priorities, and articulating logical career paths. The workshop will focus on NIH NRSA predoctoral (F31) and postdoctoral (F32) fellowships, and NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).
Presenter: Alice Espinosa Mehl, Ph.D., Grant Facilitator, Office of Sponsored Programs,SU80 132
To RSVP to this event, email Beth Barak at bbarak@fau.edu.

Owl Spotlight:

Edith Nagy Receives National Science Foundation Fellowship

As an undergraduate in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science, Edith Nagy was a member of a research team in Dr. Salvatore Lepore’s laboratory that discovered a novel chemical reaction with the potential to facilitate the production of therapeutic amino acids. This is an exciting advance that could ultimately lead to new and better ways to treat a wide variety of illnesses. Last December, Edith graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. Today she is back at FAU, continuing to move that research project forward as she pursues her Ph.D. on a coveted National Science Foundation fellowship valued at $42,000 dollars. Edith is just the second FAU student to become an NSF Fellow, and we are very proud of her.

Online Plan of Study-Coming Soon
The Graduate College has developed an online version of the Plan of Study, called “MyP.O.S.”, that is designed to increase efficiency and reduce the use of paper. Starting this semester, we will be rolling out the online version one college at a time. We expect all colleges to be using the online MyP.O.S. by fall 2013. To see if your college is using the online MyP.O.S. system, click here. If your college is not yet using the online version, you will use the existing paper Forms 5 and 6 to submit your Plan of Study.

General note about your Plan of Study: Per University requirements, all degree-seeking graduate students should have an approved Plan of Study on file with the Graduate College no later than half-way through your required course work. Please be aware that you must have an approved Plan of Study on file prior to registering for thesis/dissertation credits and prior to advancing to candidacy. The final deadline to submit a Plan of Study is the last day of the semester before you plan to graduate. Plans of Study will not be accepted in the semester in which the student graduates.

Commencement Dates
Thursday, December 6, 2012 (9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m.)
Friday, December 7, 2012 (9 a.m., and 1 p.m.)

Graduate and Professional Student Association News & Events

In an effort to be more inclusive of our student body, the Graduate Student Association will now be called the Graduate and Professional Student Association. The GPSA is happy to host the following events:

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
GPSA Boca is hosting a “Livin’ La Vida Boca” event. In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, GPSA invites you to visit the Boca Raton Museum of Art and feel the Latin beat, sample culinary favorites and join a tour of iconic Hispanic artists from the Museum’s collection. You will also have the opportunity to network with fellow FAU Graduate students and local young professionals. Contact Aloha Balza at abalza1@fau.edu for more information. There is no cost to attend.

Friday, October 5, 2012, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
GPSA Broward and GPSA Boca are hosting an Etiquette Dining event at the Signature Grand in Davie with etiquette expert Jacqueline Whitmore. Professional attire is required. There is no cost to attend. The Signature Grand is located at: 6900 State Road 84, Davie, FL 33317. To RSVP to this event, please email your name, Z#, and phone number to gsa@fau.edu.

Saturday, November 3, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
GPSA Broward is hosting a Get Your Fitness On with Crossfit. Crossfit representatives will conduct a group session to educate students about their programs. Broward Wellness will present a short overview about nutrition prior to the Crossfit session. To RSVP to this event or for more information, contact gsabroward@fau.edu.

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