



# FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

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**FAU**  
GRADUATE COLLEGE  
Florida Atlantic University



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## ORDER OF PROGRAM

GREETINGS	DR. DEBORAH L. FLOYD INTERIM DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE  Ms. SUSAN FULKS ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE
PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP	DR. JOHN KELLY PRESIDENT
PROVOST FELLOWSHIP	DR. GARY PERRY PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
DELORES A. AUZENNE FELLOWSHIP  ALICE GRIFFIN AAUW GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP  McKNIGHT DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP  NEWELL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP  GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP  GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	DR. DEBORAH L. FLOYD INTERIM DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE
CLOSING REMARKS	DR. DEBORAH L. FLOYD INTERIM DEAN OF THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

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## PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is designed to assist departments with the recruitment of superior doctoral students by adding fellowship funds to an assistantship. It provides \$5,000 annually for a two-year period to a highly select group of newly enrolled doctoral students.

## PROVOST FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is designed to assist departments with the recruitment of outstanding masters or doctoral students by adding fellowship funds to an assistantship. It provides \$2,500 for one year to highly recruited masters and doctoral students.

## DELORES A. AUZENNE FELLOWSHIP

Sponsored by the State University System, this fellowship is designed to encourage minority students to pursue graduate degrees in areas where they are historically underrepresented. These areas include, but are not limited to: engineering, mathematics, computer science, economics, and psychology. Recipients are awarded \$5,000 for one academic year of full-time study in selected disciplines.

## ALICE GRIFFIN AAUW GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Established for female graduate students, this fellowship provides tuition and fees for women returning to the workforce, needing to make a career change, or seeking a graduate degree to facilitate potential career advancement. Recipients are awarded up to \$5,000 annually to cover tuition and fees for the pursuit of a master's degree in nursing, business administration, accounting, science or other professional endeavors outside the field of education.

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## McKNIGHT DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is designed to address the underrepresentation of African-American and Hispanic faculty by increasing the number of citizens qualified with Ph.D. degrees to teach at the college and university levels. Funded and administered through the Florida Endowment Fund for Higher Education, this fellowship provides an annual \$12,000 stipend, and each award provides annual tuition.

## NEWELL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

This program is designed to provide financial assistance in the form of a fellowship to outstanding doctoral graduate students. Funding for the program is provided by the generous contribution of Dr. Daniel B. Newell and Aurel B. Newell. The fellowship provides \$5,000 for one academic year of study to students with financial need.

## GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

FAU offers this \$2,500 fellowship to graduate students who increase the diversity of the student body in their chosen field of study. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how they contribute to increasing diversity, and, if applicable, any impediments or disadvantages they may have overcome to pursue their advanced degree.

## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This program is designed to provide financial assistance in the form of a fellowship to outstanding graduate students. The fellowship offers a one-time award of \$5,000 for one academic year.

## PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIP

*Dorothy F. Schmidt*  
*College of Arts and Letters*

Betsaida Casanova  
*Comparative Studies*

Candy Hurtado  
*Comparative Studies*

Nancy Jarchow  
*Comparative Studies*

Rebecca Jensen  
*Creative Writing*

Sharon Lefler  
*Creative Writing*

Madison Miller  
*Creative Writing*

Khaulah Nuruddin  
*Visual Arts*

Jonathan O'Neill  
*Comparative Studies*

*College of Business*

Charles Danso  
*Business Administration*

Leon Faifman  
*Business Administration*

*College of Education*

Dennis Keefe  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(Adult and Community*  
*Education Leaders)*

Ramonia Rochester  
*Curriculum and*  
*Instruction*

*College of Engineering*  
*and Computer Science*

Nicholas Kouvaras  
*Ocean Engineering*

Constantine Mukasa  
*Electrical Engineering*

Oneeb Rehman  
*Electrical Engineering*

Aaron Richter  
*Computer Science*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

Dustin Cox  
*Experimental Psychology*

David Giguere  
*Experimental Psychology*

Zichang Huang  
*Physics*

Daniel LaCombe  
*Experimental Psychology*

Adam Matulik  
*Integrative Biology*

Shaun Miller  
*Mathematical Science*

Anthony Planas  
*Geosciences*

Aliza Sloan  
*Experimental Psychology*

*Christine E. Lynn*  
*College of Nursing*

Sherryann McFarlane  
Wilson  
*Nursing DNP (Family*  
*Nurse Practitioner)*

Ellen Morris  
*Nursing DNP (Family*  
*Nurse Practitioner)*

Suzanne Pinos  
*Nursing PHD*

Zahra Rahemi  
*Nursing PHD*

*College for Design and*  
*Social Inquiry*

Parisa Haim Faridian  
*Public Administration*

Michael Miller  
*Public Administration*

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## PROVOST FELLOWSHIP

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*Dorothy F. Schmidt*  
*College of Arts and Letters*

Gail Choate  
*Political Science*

Caryn Cortez  
*Spanish*

Andres Garzon-Oechsle  
*Anthropology*

Kira Geiger  
*Creative Writing*

Ashley Gilbert  
*Visual Art*

Brianna Handy  
*Theatre*

Sean Mallen  
*History*

Juan Antonio Pena  
*Music*

Hannah Naylor  
*Sociology*

Selena Quiros  
*Women's Studies*

Katherine Schipper  
*English*

*College of Business*

Eric Almazan  
*Health Administration*

Braden Birch  
*Business Administration*  
*(Sport Management)*

Sergio Hoyos  
*Economics*

Matthew Sanabria  
*Information Technology*  
*and Management*

*College of Education*

Dalel Bader  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(Higher Education*  
*Leaders)*

Andrew Baker  
*Counselor Education*

Jessica Elam  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(Higher Education*  
*Leaders)*

Laura Kepler  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(Adult and Community*  
*Educational Leaders)*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Medicine*

Olga Bakina  
*Biomedical Science*

*College of Engineering*  
*and Computer Science*

Manasa Anumala  
*Electrical Engineering*

David Hartmann  
*Computer Science*

Joseph Lakner  
*Civil Engineering*

Geoffrey Laleau  
*Computer Engineering*

*Christine E. Lynn*  
*College of Nursing*

Clare Johnston  
*Nursing (Adult/*  
*Gerontological Nurse*  
*Practitioner)*

Kelly Miller  
*Nursing (Family Nurse*  
*Practitioner)*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

Nirmal Baral  
*Physics*

Jessica Dell  
*Integrative Biology*

Melissa Huey  
*Experimental Psychology*

Satu Hyvarinen  
*Chemistry*

Jennifer Polinski  
*Biological Sciences*

Sudan Uprety  
*Geosciences*

*College for Design*  
*and Social Inquiry*

Anne-Marie Brown  
*Social Work*

Abbey Stagliano  
*Social Work*

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## DELORES A. AUZENNE FELLOWSHIP

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*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

Jessene Aquino-Thomas  
*Integrative Biology*

Ciny John  
*Integrative Biology*

Andres Paz  
*Experimental Psychology*

Shannon Sanguinetti  
*Complex Systems and  
Brain Sciences*

Joanna Taborda  
*Integrative Biology*

Tatiana Viena  
*Complex Systems and  
Brain Sciences*

*College for Design  
and Social Inquiry*

Anielle Darucaud  
*Urban and Regional  
Planning*

Ana Perez  
*Social Work*

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## ALICE GRIFFIN AAUW GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

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*College for Design and Social Inquiry*

Joanna Blasi  
*Social Work*

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## McKNIGHT DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

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*Dorothy F. Schmidt*  
*College of Arts and Letters*

Candy Hurtado  
*Comparative Studies*

*College of Business*

Justin Hall  
*Business Administration*

Oscar Harvin  
*Business Administration*

*College of Education*

Deborah McEwan  
*Curriculum and  
Instruction*

*College of Engineering  
and Computer Science*

Raul Vidal  
*Ocean Engineering*

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## NEWELL DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

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*College of Education*

Martha Brown  
*Curriculum and  
Instruction*

Jamonique Harrison  
*Educational Leadership  
(Higher Education  
Leaders)*

*College of Engineering  
and Computer Science*

Jose Hurtado  
*Computer Science*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

Kyle Newton  
*Integrative Biology*

Katherine Peach  
*Integrative Biology*

Theresa Strazisar  
*Integrative Biology*



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## GRADUATE DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

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*Dorothy F. Schmidt*  
*College of Arts and*  
*Letters*

*Vinh Pham*  
*Spanish*

*College of Education*

*Clifford Mack*  
*Counselor Education*

*Annie Mick*  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(School Leaders, K-12)*

*Ray Johnny Nellissery*  
*Exercise Science and*  
*Health Promotion*  
*(Health Promotion)*

*Benjamin Occelin*  
*Early Childhood*  
*Education*

*College of Engineering*  
*and Computer Science*

*Amalya Mihnea*  
*Computer Science*

*Christine E. Lynn*  
*College of Nursing*

*Raafat Bekheit*  
*Nursing*

*Sandra Dacosta*  
*Nursing DNP*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

*Jessene Aquino-Thomas*  
*Integrative Biology*

*College for Design*  
*and Social Inquiry*

*Jaszmin deFreitas*  
*Public Administration*

*Courtney L. Holmes*  
*Criminology and*  
*Criminal Justice*

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## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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*Dorothy F. Schmidt*  
*College of Arts and*  
*Letters*

*Julian Brijaldo*  
*Music*

*College of Business*

*Xiaoli Lin*  
*Accounting*

*College of Education*

*Jaclyn Pagnotta*  
*Educational Leadership*  
*(Adult and Community*  
*Educational Leaders)*

*Charles E. Schmidt*  
*College of Science*

*Ramon Garcia Areas*  
*Integrative Biology*

*Mengsen Zhang*  
*Complex Systems and*  
*Brain Sciences*

*College for Design*  
*and Social Inquiry*

*Alina Yates*  
*Public Administration*

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## ABOUT GRADUATE EDUCATION

The Graduate College is a service college responsible for promoting quality graduate education at Florida Atlantic University. It serves as the initial point of contact for recruiting prospective students and coordinating the admissions process for both international and domestic graduate students. The Graduate College supports enrolled students by hosting professional development workshops, distributing fellowships and tuition support, ensuring compliance with the University's thesis and dissertation guidelines, certifying all degree requirements are met and awarding graduate degrees.

Working in conjunction with the University Graduate Council, Faculty Senate, Graduate Programs Committee and the individual college deans, the Graduate College develops university-wide graduate plans and policies, ensures that academic standards are maintained, approves new course proposals and course changes, and appoints graduate faculty.

Florida Atlantic University ranks second in the Florida State University System for percentage of graduates employed in the state of Florida at the master's level (74%) and third at the doctoral level (47%). Florida Atlantic University alumni include U.S. and foreign dignitaries, Emmy Award and Pulitzer Prize winners, an astronaut, and executives who have served in organizations such as Google, Franklin Templeton, Boeing, eBay, Motorola, and the White House. Approximately 80% of FAU's nearly 122,000 alumni live in the Florida counties of Broward, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade, and St. Lucie.



