FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2016-2017



2016-2017 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

FAU graduate fellowships and awards provided essential funding to doctoral, master's, and professional students for scholarly research projects during the 2016-2017 academic year. This booklet honors the graduate students, representing all eight colleges and a wide range of disciplines, who earned an FAU fellowship, scholarship, or award.

The University provided 249 awards to graduate students through nine different graduate fellowships, the FAU Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition Heat and Championship Scholarships, Thesis and Dissertation Scholarships, Pathways Scholarships, and Dissertation Year Grants. These awards help attract top master's and doctoral students to the University, assisting students with tuition and fees, and with their pursuit of scholarly research interests.

This booklet contains several new initiatives that the Graduate College launched in 2016 - most recently, the inaugural 3MT® Competition in the Fall of 2016. The 3MT® Competition provided 38 scholarships to graduate students to assist with funding for graduate student research, as well as a platform for students to share their novel research with the world. Watch the 3MT® Championship presentations on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/FAUGraduateCollege.

In addition, the Pathways Scholarship was introduced in the Summer of 2016 to provide funds for high performing FAU undergraduate students who pursue combined or advanced standing graduate degrees, which often allow students to complete a master's degree in only one year.

Also launched during the Summer of 2016 was the Thesis and Dissertation Scholarship. The Graduate College developed this initiative to assist student researchers with funds as they finalize their dissertations or theses – addressing an all too common obstacle to degree completion.

FAU's awards and scholarships supported top graduate student research projects, including: the conversion of snail spit to medicine, molecular genetics and analysis, the breeding sex ratios of sea turtles, the study of mesophotic corals, and much more that can be found listed throughout this booklet.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

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.

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.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

FAU 2016 THREE MINUTE THESIS (3MT®) COMPETITION SCHOLARSHIP

FAU's inaugural 3MT® Championship took place on November 18, 2016, showcasing some of the University's top graduate student researchers. The 3MT® competition, developed by The University of Queensland, has evolved into a worldwide competition held in over 170 universities across more than 18 countries.

Following eight Heats comprised of 82 graduate students representing each college and a range of disciplines, 17 advanced to the Championship to share their research in only three minutes. A total of 38 scholarships were awarded to graduate students to assist with scholarly research pursuits. 3MT® Heat winners were awarded \$1,000 scholarships, with the Heat First Runner-Up and People's Choice Scholarship Winners receiving \$500, and \$250 awarded to the Heat Second Runner-Up. The FAU 3MT® Championship Scholarship provided \$2,500 to the winner, with \$1,500 scholarships awarded to the First Runner-Up and People's Choice Winner, and \$1,000 to the Second Runner-Up. Funds were provided by the FAU Foundation and other donors from the community and the University. Visit *fau.edu/graduate/3MT.php* for more information.

THESIS AND DISSERTATION SCHOLARSHIP

FAU's Graduate College began providing Thesis and Dissertation Scholarships valued up to \$500 in the Summer of 2016 to assist graduate students with timely graduation. Master's or doctoral students who are close to graduating, but need additional funds to finalize one's thesis or dissertation could apply for this scholarship. Graduate students could utilize this scholarship to cover expenses

such as, thesis and dissertation editing, final manuscript materials, printing, and other miscellaneous or unexpected research costs. Special thanks to the FAU Foundation for providing the funds for the Thesis and Dissertation Scholarship.

PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

The Graduate College Pathways Scholarship awards up to \$2,000 to eligible FAU students enrolled in combined or advanced standing graduate degree programs. The University offers combined bachelor's to master's degrees which allow undergraduate students to take graduate courses in one's senior year that count towards a master's degree. In some areas, students can earn a master's degree in only one year. Students must apply during their junior year of undergraduate study.

DISSERTATION YEAR GRANTS

The FAU Division of Research awards up to \$1,500 to help final year doctoral students complete one's dissertation. The grant assists students with items such as travel expenses that are essential for research or fieldwork, reproduction of materials, and software for data analysis, specialized equipment, among other items.

For more information about FAU graduate fellowships and awards, and how to apply, visit fau.edu/graduate.

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Presidential Fellowship

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Mitchel Baccinelli Comparative Studies

Caitlyn Davidheiser Creative Writing

Jessica Eaton *Theatre*

Stephanie Flint Comparative Studies

Benedicte Laflamme Media, Technology, and Entertainment

Jonas Mueller Comparative Studies

Lucas Wilson Comparative Studies

College of Business

Michael Decker Business Administration

Chad Hardwood Business Administration

College for Design and Social Inquiry

Grace Bush *Public Administration*

David Moura Public Administration College of Education

Brianna Joseph
Exceptional Student
Education

Cole Kervin *Curriculum and Instruction*

Iris Minor
Curriculum and Instruction

Ethan Swingle Educational Leadership (Higher Education Leaders)

Konstancja Szymanska Educational Leadership (Higher Education Leaders)

Tiffany Vastardis Counselor Education

College of Engineering and Computer Science

A-Bon Ackie Electrical Engineering

Piyush Jain Computer Science

Bijoy Prasad Ocean Engineering

Joseph Prusa Computer Science

Mehran Shahriarifar Mechanical Engineering Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Ana Favareto *Nursing D.N.P.*

Stacey Ravid *Nursing Ph.D.*

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Julia Cisneros Geosciences

Sara Denka Geosciences

Sergio Gonzalez Integrative Biology

Michael Hall *Chemistry*

Yousef Izadi *Physics*

Alireza Rashti Physics

Arushi Sachdeva Experimental Psychology

Olivia Valdes Psychology

Provost Fellowship

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Katharine Ayerst *English*

Dontay Douglas Music

Shea Fink Political Science

Rachel Hargis Sociology

Kayleigh Howald History

Zachary Kirby *Spanish*

Stephanie Leguichard *Anthropology*

Kailin Regutti Communications

Jamie Vaughn Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

College of Business

Caroline Burns Information Technology and Management

Matthieu Burtez *Accounting*

Carissa Corbett
Business Administration
(Sport Management)

Mikhail Guseynov Business Administration

Abby Kaufman *Health Administration*

Gabrielle Partridge *Economics*

Mara Vega Taxation

College for Design and Social Inquiry

Iris Cohen Social Work

Carolina Libreros *Social Work*

Carlos Manzano
Public Administration

Laura Pernice Criminology and Criminal Justice

Amy Vailliencourt Social Work

College of Education

Sylvia Collazo Exceptional Student Education Wheatly Dorsainvil Educational Leadership (Higher Education Leaders)

Olga Duchrow
Counselor Education

Noelle Parra Educational Leadership (Higher Education Leaders)

Gabriel Pena Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Leila Shatara Educational Leadership (School Leaders K-12)

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Azadeh Abdollah Zadeh Computer Engineering

Kazi Naimul Hoque *Ocean Engineering*

Md Alamgir Kabir Electrical Engineering

Sophina Luitel Information Technology and Management

Maykah Marshall Bioengineering

Andrew Steinberg Computer Science

PROVOST FELLOWSHIP CONT.

Alejandra Trujillo *Civil Engineering*

Babak Vafaei Mechanical Engineering

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Kelley Jackson Nursing Ph.D. Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

William Halstead Environmental Science

Danielle Ingle *Integrative Biology*

Michael Kiken Business Biotechnology

Brandon McHenry Biological Sciences

Francesca Mosca *Chemistry*

Shahabeddin Mostafanazhad Aslmarand *Physics*

Cassandra Ann Neira Geosciences

Joseph Williams Experimental Psychology

Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship

College for Design and Social Inquiry

Jose Irizarry
Public Administration

College of Education

Bevinsley Bennett Curriculum and Instruction Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Emily Kelly *Medicine*

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Jessene Aquino-Thomas *Integrative Biology*

Adriana Colom Experimental Psychology

Toluleke Famuyiwa Integrative Biology

Sarah Hoffman Integrative Biology

Ciny John Integrative Biology

ALICE GRIFFIN AAUW GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Meagan Gary Biological Sciences

Ashley Jackson *Environmental Science*

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Candy Hurtado Comparative Studies

College of Business

Justin Hall Business Administration Oscar Harvin
Business Administration

Michael Killey
Business Administration

College of Education

Deborah McEwan
Curriculum and Instruction

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Stevens Dormezil
Computer Science

Raul Vidal Ocean Engineering

Newell Doctoral Fellowship

College of Education

Krista Steinke Educational Leadership (Adult and Community Educational Leaders)

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Chelsea Bennice Integrative Biology

Michael Epstein *Mathematics*

Melissa Huey Experimental Psychology

Stephanie Kelly Integrative Biology

Shane Kepley *Mathematics*

Graduate Diversity Fellowship

College of Education

Carlisa Russell Educational Leadership (School Leaders K-12)

Krista Steinke Educational Leadership (Adult and Community Educational Leaders)

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Chad Coarsey Bioengineering

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Chelsea Bennice Integrative Biology

Hersh Chaitin *Integrative Biology*

Toluleke Famuyiwa Integrative Biology

James Jaggard Integrative Biology Ciny John *Integrative Biology*

Alexandra Lolavar Integrative Biology

Emir Penserga Integrative Biology

Boris Tezak Integrative Biology

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Ricardo Da Silva Pozenatto *Music*

College of Education

Jaclyn Falcone
Educational Leadership
(Adult and Community
Educational Leaders)

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Maohua Lin Mechanical Engineering

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Rachel Bladow Biological Sciences

Courtney Cocilova *Integrative Biology*

Michael Studivan Integrative Biology

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

FAU THREE MINUTE THESIS (3MT®) SCHOLARSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS



CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER and Heat 7 First Runner-Up and People's Choice Winner

Mickelene Hoggard

Doctoral candidate, Chemistry

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
"Snail Spit to Medicine"



FIRST RUNNER-UP and Heat 8 First Runner-Up

Stephanie Kelly

Doctoral candidate, Integrative Biology Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

"Of Flies and Men: Insights from an Age Related Stress Tolerance Assay"



PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER and Heat 4 First Runner-Up and People's Choice Winner

Mikhail Guseynov

Master's candidate, Business Administration College of Business

"Understanding Public Speaking"



SECOND RUNNER-UP

and Heat 2 Winner and People's Choice Winner

Keith Murphy

Doctoral candidate, Integrative Biology Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

"Postprandial Sleep Mechanics in Drosophila"

HEAT WINNERS

DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

- Rachel Finley Theatre
 - Nina Halty History
 - Megan Lipsky Music
 - **Shannon Ouellette** Theatre

COLLEGE FOR DESIGN AND SOCIAL INQUIRY

Michael Miller Public Administration

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Vassilia Binensztok Counselor Education
- Jennifer Percival Educational Leadership

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Catalina Aranzazu-Suescun Electrical Engineering
- Eric Nieves Ocean Engineering
 - Luis Felipe Zapata Riviera 🤼 Computer Engineering

CHARLES E. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

- Alberto Padilla **Biomedical Sciences**
- Nirthieca Suthakaran **Biomedical Sciences**

CHARLES E. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- Christina Coppenrath Biological Sciences
- Victoria Erb **Biological Sciences**
- **Betsy Evans** Integrative Biology
- **Douglas Holmes Biological Sciences**
- Alexandra Lolavar Integrative Biology
- **Kyle Newton** Integrative Biology
- Carlie Perricone **Biological Sciences**
 - Paul Scesa Chemistry
 - Michael Studivan Integrative Biology
 - Long Zhang Chemistry

AWARDS:

Overall Heat Winner





THESIS AND DISSERTATION SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Jeanmarie Buck Anthropology

Golnaz Heidar Jamshidi Comparative Studies

Zachary Kirby Lanugage, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature

Alexandra Thomas Anthropology

Lauren VanArman Language and Linguistics: Linguistics

College of Business

Katarina Brant Business Administration

Justin Hall Business Administration

Selen Savas Business Administration

College for Design and Social Inquiry

Jorene Jameson Public Administration

Zachary Oliphant *Criminal Justice*

College of Education

William Ballard Educational Leadership (School Leaders K-12)

Ellen Chance
Counselor Education

Jaclyn Falcone
Educational Leadership
(Adult and Community
Educational Leaders)

Summer Kuba Counselor Education

Ramonia Rochester
Curriculum and Instruction

Krista Steinke
Educational Leadership
(Adult and Community
Educational Leaders)

Mario Toussaint Curriculum and Instruction

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Sajjad Abazari Aghdam Electrical Engineering

Kazi Naimul Hoque Ocean Engineering

Amirkhosro Kazemi Mechanical engineering

Sharmila Pant Civil Engineering

Parakram Pyakurel Ocean Engineering

Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Carissa Clayton Biomedical Science

Spring Davis
Biomedical Science

Nirthieca Suthakaran *Biomedical Science*

Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing

Gina Daye Nursing Ph.D.

Susan Driscoll *Nursing Ph.D.*

Christine Moffa *Nursing Ph.D.*

Zahra Rahemi Nursing Ph.D

Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Jessene Aquino-Thomas *Integrative Biology*

Jeffrey Einkauf *Chemistry*

Mickelene Hoggard *Chemistry*

Jennifer Chastant *Integrative Biology*

Michael Hurley Mathematical Sciences

Noah Kaplan Biological Sciences

Joan Lora Integrative Biology

Sulochan Malla Integrative Biology

Michele Stoehr Psychology

Paveena Vichyavichien *Biological Sciences*

PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

College for Design and Social Inquiry

Kimberly Acheson Social Work

Sonia Alvarez Social Work

Yvone Ao Social Work

Winifred Barber *Social Work*

Kelsey Bowen Social Work

Maria Bretas Social Work

Rafaela Buenaventura Social Work

Elizabeth Campbell *Social Work*

Katia Cavalie Social Work

Danielle Collins Social Work

Ana Maria Cubilla Social Work

Nicole Demisay Social Work

Ivo Dimov Social Work

Venus Domond Social Work

Kelly Dowd Social Work Brittney Eluett Social Work

Nicole Farshchian *Social Work*

Brandon Giostra Social Work

Christy Henriquez Social Work

Nicole Lara Social Work

Carolina Libreros *Social Work*

Natalie Lizcano Social Work

Mary Lyle Social Work

Lisa Mansell Social Work

Sharla Massey Social Work

Veronica McClain Social Work

Tanya McCrater
Social Work

Katie Moore Social Work

Angela Morris-Powell Social Work

Richard Nevitt Social Work

Christina Pabst *Social Work*

Jacquesta Paul Social Work

Rebecca Pawlicki Social Work

John Puls Social Work

Pamela Ramsewak Social Work

Daly Reardon Social Work

Sarah Rodriguez Social Work

Andie Saint Juste Social Work

Cindy Souverain Social Work

Ruth Szollosy Social Work

Laina Taelor Social Work

Kirkpatrick Tracey Social Work

College of Engineering and Computer Science

Alyssa Correa Mechanical Engineering

Morad Rahmani Mechanical Engineering

Paul Benedict Reyes Electrical Engineering

DISSERTATION YEAR GRANT

Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters

Marianna De Tollis Comparative Studies

College of Business

Justin Hall Business Administration

Selen Savas Business Administration Charles E. Schmidt College of Science

Ciny John *Biological Sciences*

Shane Kepley *Mathematical Sciences*

Jacob Lasala Biological Sciences

Joan Lora Biological Sciences Sulochan Malla Integrative Biology

Elijah St. Germain *Chemistry*

Michael Studivan Integrative Biology

Idaly Velez Uribe *Psychology*

ABOUT GRADUATE EDUCATION

The Graduate College is a service college dedicated to 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 offers over 100 graduate degree and graduate certificate programs.
- The 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%).
- FAU was ranked as the top-performing public university in the state by The Florida Board of Governors in 2016.

- *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and College of Business among the "Best Online Graduate Programs" for business and nursing in 2017.
- *U.S. News and World Report* once again ranked the graduate nursing program at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing as one of the top 100 in the nation in 2016.
- *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the College of Education's rehabilitation counseling program number 24, as a top specialty program in the nation in 2015.
- The FAU MBA in Sport Management program ranked 3rd in the World, 3rd in the USA, and 1st in Florida by *SportBusiness International* in 2016.
- 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.

Visit *fau.edu/graduate* for more information.

INVEST IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

At Florida Atlantic University, success is measured by each student who earns a degree and by each researcher who makes a discovery. The scholarships and awards listed in this booklet afforded graduate students opportunities that would have otherwise not been possible, granting the necessary support to carry out graduate studies and execute world-class research.

However, there remains a significant need for graduate student research funding at the University. Across every discipline at FAU, graduate students require funding to complete their studies. The Graduate College seeks to provide those funds through private support.

Private gifts are essential for FAU to continue providing quality educational programming and support for both students and faculty. All gifts, no matter the size, help enrich the academic experience of our graduate students during their time at FAU and prepare them for a successful future. When you give, you touch the lives of current and future students, and your generosity has a lasting impact upon the surrounding community.

Through your support, you can invest in graduate education by funding the scholarly research of graduate students across the University, helping propel FAU towards being recognized as an elite international research center of excellence, creativity, and innovation.

Won't you join us in supporting these worthy pursuits of graduate student research? Together, we can make a difference.

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