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GRADUATE COLLEGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Electronic Plan of Study

The Graduate College has developed an electronic version of the Plan of Study, called "MyP.O.S." that is designed to increase efficiency and reduce the use of paper. Currently, the Colleges of Science, Engineering, Nursing and Medicine are submitting their Plans of Study through the electronic system. Later this semester, MyP.O.S. will be rolled out to the remaining academic colleges.

General note about your Plan of Study: Per University requirements, all graduate students should have an approved Plan of Study on file with the Graduate College no later than half-way through their 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.

Responsible Conduct of Research

The Graduate College, in partnership with the Division of Research, offers a series of workshops each fall and spring semester on the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) for all currently enrolled graduate students at FAU. The workshops are led by FAU faculty members and cover the nine instructional areas of RCR.

All students participating in research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or National Science Foundation (NSF) are required to attend the four workshop series on Responsible Conduct of Research. To register for workshops this semester, please click here. For any questions regarding RCR training, please contact Janelle Petak at petaki@fau.edu.

Graduate Student Workshop Series

The FAU Graduate College has paired with the Counseling and Psychological Services Department to offer workshops aimed at improving Work-Life-School Balance among graduate students. Below are the first two of a series of workshops that will be offered throughout your time as a graduate student at FAU. You are welcome to attend one or both workshops on either our Boca or Jupiter campuses. Please contact Janelle Petak at petakj@fau.edu with any questions.

Session 1: Juggling Multiple Roles

It can be difficult to manage school, work, and personal obligations. This workshop will help you to clarify and prioritize what is important to you and help you establish better balance in your life.

Jupiter Campus: February 5, 2013

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

SR 108

Boca Campus: February 8,2013

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

SU 132

Session 2: Speaking the Right Language

Successful communication is not only an important skill, but necessary to convey your ideas and help you progress in your career. This workshop will help you to better communicate with important people in your life through learning about individualized communication strategies.

Jupiter Campus: March 21,2013

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

SR 108

Boca Campus: March 22, 2013

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

SU 113

To register for the workshops, please click here

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA) News AND EVENTS

GPSA Art Walk

GPSA Broward is hosting an art walk this Saturday, January 19th, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Join other FAU Graduate students on an enchanted evening listening to music and checking out the many art galleries and businesses showcasing local, regional and international artwork. Contact gsabroward@fau.edu or 954-236-1219 for more details.

Grant Writing Workshop

GPSA Boca is hosting a Grant Writing Workshop for students to learn how to write superior and winning grant proposals. This workshop will be held on Friday, January 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Grand Palm Room of the Student Union. It is free for FAU students, and space is limited. Please RSVP by January 18 at http://alturl.com/unvwu or call 561-297-1169 for more information.

GPSA Travel Funding

The GPSA offers funding to help graduate students with travel expenses to conferences and professional workshops. Students must attend a brief travel workshop to qualify for funding prior to applying. The workshop dates are below. Please contact Kori Padron for more information at kpadron1@fau.edu.

Thursday, Feb 7 Tuesday, March 12 Monday, April 1

All workshops are at 6:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you QEP Curious?

Florida Atlantic University is seeking reaffirmation of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). This process is already underway and will be finalized in 2013. As part of this process, a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) will propose the enhancement of educational quality at FAU beyond 2013. This plan will focus on supporting undergraduate research and on accomplishing the university's mission of *Distinction Through Discovery*.

To learn more about the QEP, please view our video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXJ3Evpxipg

University of Rhode Island Conference Opportunity

The University of Rhode Island interdisciplinary graduate conference, *Talking Beyond Disciplines: Rising Tides and Sea Changes*, seeks to turn scholarly attention toward the transformations, crises, and anxieties of our varied disciplines that are crashing on our (real and metaphorical) shores. Submissions for individual papers, panel proposals, poster presentations, and creative works are being accepted. All disciplines are welcome. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2013. The conference will be held on April 13, 2013 on the URI Kingston, RI campus. Please visit the website <u>urigradconference.org</u> and send all inquiries to <u>urigradconference@etal.uri.edu</u>.

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