



PATHWAYS TO GRADUATE EDUCATION

CHARLES E. SCHMIDT
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE



THERE ARE MANY PATHS TO EARNING A GRADUATE DEGREE AT FAU. HERE ARE SOME ROUTES YOU CAN TAKE TO EARN YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE:

ACCELERATED PATHWAYS

- Combined Degrees (Bachelor's to Master's)
- Program Plan with Summer Classes

RAMON GARCIA AREAS (B.S.+M.S.+PH.D.)

- FAU B.S. and Master's *en Passant*, Biology
- Ph.D. in Integrative Biology
- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Awarded patent for new method of cancer treatment
- Graduate Research Scholarship recipient



SHANE KEPLEY (B.S.+M.S.+PH.D.)

- FAU B.S. in Mathematical Sciences 1½ years (state college transfer)
- Master's *en Passant* and Ph.D. candidate in Mathematical Sciences
- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Served as paratrooper in U.S. Army
- Active member of Florida National Guard

Combined Degrees

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Science offers combined bachelor's to master's degrees which allow you to take graduate courses in your senior year that count towards your master's degree. In some areas you can earn a master's degree in only one year beyond your bachelor's. Combined bachelor's to master's degrees offered in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science:

Biological Sciences

Biological Sciences/Environmental Science

Geography

Mathematical Sciences

Program Plan with Summer Classes

Taking coursework as an undergraduate in the summer can place you on an accelerated pathway toward earning your bachelor's degree and allow you to begin your master's degree sooner.

GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS FROM SHANE KEPLEY

- Focus on getting an education, not just a degree.
- Read everything you can get your hands on. Ask your professors for more materials to explore.
- Collaborate with professors and students who share similar scholarly interests.

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JOSEF KHOURY (B.S.+M.S.)

- FAU B.S. in Neuroscience & Behavior 4½ years
- M.S. in Biomedical Science 1½ years
- Graduate Teaching Assistant
- President of the American Medical Student Association

What Funding is Available for my Pathway to Graduate Education?

PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will award \$2,000 to FAU students enrolled in combined or advanced standing graduate degree programs. The scholarship is distributed in two increments of \$1,000 during the first and last semester of the graduate program. Students apply during the junior year of undergraduate study.

BRIGHT FUTURES

Florida Academic Scholars earning a baccalaureate degree in seven semesters or fewer (or the equivalent in credit hours) may receive funding for one term of graduate study (up to 15 semester hours) paid at the undergraduate rate.

GRADUATE TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Graduate Assistantships provide paid learning opportunities for graduate students that will prepare them for their future careers. Benefits can include a partial or full tuition waiver and an hourly stipend. You can be mentored by professors and other experts as you teach university classes, work in a lab, or participate in other learning opportunities beneficial to your career.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Numerous fellowships and awards are available for graduate students. Fellowships can be university awarded, federally funded, or offered by external organizations.

MILITARY BENEFITS

There are special student benefits, aid, and services available for active military members and veterans. Contact the FAU Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for more information at fau.edu/vets.

FINANCIAL AID

Graduate and undergraduate students may also be eligible for financial aid, such as grants, loans, and work study.

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