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Dear University Community:

The Graduate School is proud to provide you our latest edition of the "Graduate School Times." We hope you enjoy reading our news!

We are proud to announce that the 2013-2014 Graduate Student Research Challenge Grant awardees have been announced and our Graduate Student Ambassadors have been selected. Also, the first class of Doctoral Student Leadership Institute Fellows will graduate in April and also developed and showcased an exciting Leadership Forum in March.

The Graduate School will be hosting two research symposia this spring. The first is our fifth annual Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Symposium (first year we added postdoctoral scholars) on March 22nd in the Marshall Center Ballroom. The second is the first Statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium which will highlight graduate student research across the State of Florida.

Finally, our second Graduate Student Life Survey is being analyzed. These surveys help us to better understand graduate students' needs and challenges. We use these findings to work with the Colleges to build our graduate student success efforts.

We hope that your spring semester is going well! I once again want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Graduate School and graduate education at the University of South Florida.

Best,

Dean Karen Liller

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Graduate Student Life Survey

The second Graduate Student Life Survey 2013 was issued in February to USF Tampa graduate students who were new students in Fall 2012. We felt that this particular demographic would give us insight into graduate student life and help us to understand how new students are adjusting to the campus. We hope to see if there are common trends in terms of use of campus services and offices, participation in programming, use of support services and satisfaction with graduate student life. These factors, along with demographic information and information on graduate school choice, will better allow us to understand graduate student concerns and challenges. Ultimately, with this knowledge, we can create and strengthen programming and services to better meet graduate student needs and improve graduate student life at USF, Tampa.

Graduate Student Ambassadors Program



The Graduate School is pleased to announce and introduce to the University of South Florida community, the inaugural group of graduate students selected to serve as Graduate Student Ambassadors.

These students will serve as official representatives of the Graduate School and represent their colleges in an advisory capacity to the Dean. They will participate in Dialogue with the Dean meetings, advise other graduate school administrators on matters of interest to graduate students, serve on Graduate School and University committees, represent their colleges and programs on the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) and participate in other special Graduate School programs or projects (e.g. New Graduate Student Orientation, Open House, Week of Welcome, and Graduate Student Appreciation Week). Welcome Ambassadors!

Doctoral Student Leadership Institute

This one-of-a-kind Institute prepares students for leadership positions across settings, including those in and out of academia. We have created an outstanding range of opportunities and activities that will be very beneficial in developing and practicing leadership skills. This institute includes: completion of a one-semester leadership course; at least two semesters of shadowing effective leaders; development and implementation of a leadership plan; participation in a leadership journal club; participation in leadership conferences/retreats and forums; and workshop participation. The first class of fellows conducted a forum in March, 2013 and will graduate in April.

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New 2013-2014 Graduate Student Research Challenge Grants Funded

The Graduate School and the Office of Research and Innovation are pleased to announce that the 2013-2014 Graduate Student Research Challenge Grants: Building Research Partnerships Across Disciplines have been funded. These one-year projects are designed for students to develop research skills that will allow them to excel in their chosen fields. It is part of the mission and strategic plans of USF and the graduate school to build leaders through excellence in collaborative graduate education and research. Each proposal was submitted by a team of four students, where at least two of the students were from two different colleges. All of the projects advance the students' academic programs and were signed and approved by the student mentors & Colleges. Please visit our website to see the exciting interdisciplinary projects funded-see http://www.grad.usf.edu/research-challenge-grant_2013.php.

The Graduate School Hosts Two Research Symposia for Spring Semester 2013



The Graduate School, The USF Office of Research and Innovation, and GPSC are sponsoring two research symposia this year. Our fifth annual Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Research Symposium will be held at the Marshall Center Ballroom on Friday, March 22nd from 1-4 p.m. with entertainment and a reception to follow.

For this event, twelve winners for outstanding presentations will receive travel awards of \$500! We are also sponsoring the first-ever Statewide Graduate Student Research Symposium, which highlights the outstanding research of graduate students from Florida's public and private Universities. This inaugural event will be held at the IDR Building in the Tampa campus Research Park (across from Embassy Suites) on Friday, April 19th from 1-4 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Over the Research One Symposium's four years, nearly three-hundred and fifty graduate students have presented their research. Attendees in previous year's symposia have said that the events are engaging and informative, and student participants have commented on how important these kinds of events are to their professional development. We hope that you can join us and celebrate Florida's student scholars! For more information contact Rod Hale (rhale@usf.edu).



GRADUATE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS & MEETING SCHEDULE

March

March 22 – Graduate Student & Postdoctoral Scholar Research Symposium, 1pm – 5pm, MSC Ballroom

April

April 3 – ETD 1-on-1 Help Session, 1pm – 4pm ALN 296

April 8 – Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards, 2pm – 3:30pm BSN 225

April 18 – Provost Postdoctoral Scholars Research Symposium, 2:30pm – 5pm ISA, 7th Floor

April 19 – State of Florida Graduate Student Research Symposium, 1pm – 5pm, IDR Building Galleria

April 23 – 2012 Spring Leadership Fellows Celebration, 2pm – 4pm, MSC 3705

Workshops

March 26 – Effective Interviewing Techniques, 1pm – 3pm, ALN 296

March 27 – Finding Funding for your Research, 2pm – 4pm, ALN 296

April 10 – Getting a Faculty Position Workshop, 2pm – 4pm, ALN 296

April 23 – Grant Writing Workshop, 1:30pm – 3:00pm, ALN 296

May 8 – Writing for Success – Grant Writing, 2pm – 4pm, ALN 296