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Spring 2009

Commencement

The Graduate Student Commencement Ceremony was held on May 2nd. Over 600 master's and doctoral students participated. USF awarded 70 Ph.Ds, 3 Ed.D., 3 DNPs, and 31 DPTs. This was the highest number of doctoral degrees ever awarded in one semester.

Upcoming Events!

*New Graduate Student
Orientation Fall 2009
August 13, 2009
Marshall Student Center*

USF Graduate Programs Top Ranked By U.S. News & World Report

TAMPA, Fla. (April 23, 2009) - Several of the University of South Florida's graduate programs are among the top in the nation according to the U.S. News & World Report's 2010 America's Best Graduate Schools report released today. Seven programs rated in the top 50 while seven others are in the top 100. To see the full article go to: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/>

USF Graduate School to Offer Leadership Series for Students During the Summer

TAMPA, Fla. (2009) - The Graduate School has launched a Leadership Series with the first course offered this summer. The course, **CST 6935:Building Research Skills**, will include topics such as:

- Grant/Proposal Writing
- Research Integrity
- Principles of Leadership
- IRB and IACUC Approval Process
- Identifying Funding Sources
- Developing Oral Presentation Skills
- Patents and Licensing

To find out more go to: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/Reserach%20Skills%20FINAL.pdf>

Governor Proclaims Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (2009) - Charlie Crist proclaimed March 30th -April 3rd as "Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week." To celebrate the occasion, the Graduate School hosted an Open House on April 2nd that included student presentations, display of winning research posters, admission and waiver information and a meet and greet with the Deans.

Graduate School Launches New Website

TAMPA, Fla. (2009)- The Graduate School recently launched a new website at www.grad.usf.edu. The website is more user-friendly and includes research news, links to graduate student workshops, a new page that highlights the Graduate School staff, the "Thank Your Professor" page to leave kudos to a USF faculty member that has impacted your graduate career, a page that lists funding opportunities and much, much more. Bookmark the site and make it your destination for graduate student and administration resources.

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Division Updates

ACADEMICS

Policy Updates ~

Remember to review the Policy Updates for fall:
<http://www.grad.usf.edu/policies.asp>

- **Incomplete Grades:** Reduction in time needed to complete an "I" grade.
- **Readmission:** Reinstatement eliminated.
- **First Day Class Attendance:** Students will not be automatically dropped from a course if they do not show up to the first class (beginning Fall 09).
- **Time Limitations:** Keep in mind that courses taken elsewhere have an expiration date!

Academic Probation ~

Information on probation can be found online through the following link:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/probation.asp>

Graduate Assistants and Probation ~

Any student on P2 or P3 Academic Probation will **NOT** be permitted to be hired as a graduate assistant until they raise their GPA to 3.00 or greater. Refer to the *Graduate Assistantship Guidelines & Policies Handbook*:

http://www.grad.usf.edu/inc/linked-files/GA_Policies_Guidelines_Handbook_2008_2011.pdf

ADMISSIONS

Reinstatement of Admissions Request Form~

The Reinstatement of Admissions Form will no longer be utilized effective Fall 2009. ****Beginning Fall 2009 (September), a student seeking to re-enroll in their graduate program will have to submit a new graduate application and application fee.**

GRADUATE STUDENT SUCCESS

Student Success Workshops~

Many of the workshops presented during the Spring 2009 semester can be accessed online:

www.grad.usf.edu/workshops.asp

Attending a Scientific or Academic Conference
 Choosing a Thesis/Dissertation Mentor and Topic
 Grant Writing Tutorial
 Tutorial on Oral Presentations Using PowerPoint
 Tutorial on Preparing a Poster for Presentation

KUDOS!

2009 Presidential Doctoral Fellows

Congratulations to the New Presidential Doctoral Fellows for Fall 2009!

Gregory Knollman	- Special Education
Summer Cunningham	- Communication
Brian Biroscak	- Community and Family Health (Public Health)
Jessica Cook	- English

Outstanding Dissertation Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of this prestigious award!

Luca Lai, Ph.D.	- Applied Anthropology
Upavan Gupta, Ph.D.	- Computer Science and Engineering
Shayam Aravamudhan, Ph.D.	- Electrical Engineering
Rebecca Kinkade Davis, Ph.D.	- Cancer Biology- Oncologic Sciences

USF Graduate Student Challenge Grants

Seven interdisciplinary groups of students were awarded the inaugural 2009 Graduate Student Challenge Grants: Building Research Partnerships Across Disciplines, through the USF Graduate School and the Office of Research and Innovation. Each research group received up to \$5000 to carry out the research project through December 31st, 2009. The next competition is tentatively set for Fall 2009.

Education Without Borders Conference

The Education without Borders 2009 Conference was held in Dubai UAE, and culminated in a ceremony with HE Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan, Chancellor of the Higher Colleges of Technology presenting awards to best paper presenters across the different themes of the conference. The best paper in Education went to **Aki Nakanishi** (Anthropology), for her paper: *Facilitating Youth Participatory Action Research: Reflections, Strategies & Applications*.

USF Graduate Student Research Teams Reach Semi-Finals of Global Venture Challenge Grant Competition

The Global Venture Challenge is a world-wide competition featuring entrepreneurial and technology-based business proposals presented by students. This year, teams from 15 universities were selected to present at the DOE Oak Ridge National Laboratory. USF was the only university that advanced two teams into the semi-finals. This marked the first time that any teams from USF entered the completion and although neither team advanced to the finals, the results show that USF graduate students are highly competitive on the world stage.