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Thank You and Good Luck!

The Graduate School wishes to thank **David Shocklee** and **Wanda MacLean** for their past several years of excellent service. David, working since 2002 in the Graduate Admissions division, had a dedicated, friendly personality that will be greatly missed. Wanda, who came to the Graduate School in 2008 with a veritable wealth of USF knowledge, was essential in aiding with the Graduate Policy process. Fortunately, Wanda will continue to help USF students and staff in her new position with the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences. Best wishes to them both in their new endeavors.

Upcoming Events!

Graduate and Professional Student Recruitment Fair

Thursday, November 12, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Marshall Student Center Ballroom

Graduate School to Host Graduate and Professional Student Recruitment Fair on Thursday, November 12

TAMPA, FL (October, 2009) – The USF Graduate School will be hosting a recruitment fair on Thursday, November 12, that will showcase USF graduate programs. The event is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be held on the second floor of the **Marshall Student Center** in the Ballroom. Eighty graduate and professional programs in all disciplines across USF colleges and campuses are expected to participate. Attendees will be able to meet directly with Graduate Program Directors and Faculty to obtain information about specific graduate and professional programs. Attendance is free and open to all.

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Opens in the Graduate School

TAMPA, FL (October, 2009) – The Graduate School is pleased to announce the formation of the new Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) housed in the Graduate School. This new office serves as an administrative and academic center of excellence for postdoctoral scholars, and ensures they have an exemplary professional and personal development experience while at USF. It fosters a robust postdoctoral community, provides opportunities to enhance the postdoctoral experience and future success of its constituents, and serves as a dedicated resource for postdoctoral scholars, faculty, and administrators. The objectives of the OPA that directly impact USF's postdoctoral scholars include: providing administrative support and guidance to USF colleges and postdoctoral scholars throughout the recruitment and hiring process; establishing, maintaining, and evaluating postdoctoral policies; building collaboration among postdoctoral scholars, colleges, other USF departments, and graduate students; and offering professional development workshops for postdoctoral scholars and their mentors.

The OPA is a much needed initiative that captures USF's strategic efforts to promote the university's dynamic program of postdoctoral opportunities while supporting postdoctoral scholars throughout their time at USF. With this office, USF will be able to enhance its rising stature as a pre-eminent research university with state, national, and global impact.

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Graduate Student Challenge Grant Deadline is October 23, 2009.

TAMPA, FL (October, 2009) – Applications are being accepted for the Graduate Student Challenge Grants: Building Research Partnerships Across Disciplines. These awards are up to \$5000 per research team and are being made available through the USF Graduate School and the Office of Research & Innovation. For detailed eligibility and application information, visit: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/funding-challenge-grants.asp>

Graduate School Division News

ACADEMICS

The Academic Affairs Team launched the new **Graduate Course Submission System** to facilitate graduate curriculum processing. The system is moving forward in phases. The initial web application allows for faculty to edit their submissions and to view where the courses are in the approval process. More information may be found at:

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

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The Spring 2010 application deadline is October 15, 2009, for most graduate programs. October-November is our peak time for applications and applicants may experience delays in the processing of their applications. The Graduate School recommends that all applicants visit the Graduate Degree Programs web page:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/programs/programs.asp>,

for department requirements and deadline dates. To check the status of an application, please visit:

<https://www.grad.usf.edu/sonic3/status.php>

MARKETING, RECRUITMENT, AND STUDENT SUCCESS

A full slate of student success workshops has been scheduled for the Fall 2009 Semester. Topics include: *Choosing a Research Topic and Mentor; Finding Funding for Research; Oral and Poster Presentation Skills*; as well as many more. Choose the **Workshops** link found on the Graduate School website for detailed information about these initiatives.

The Graduate School has updated the **Fellowships and Scholarships** website with comprehensive information about eligibility. In addition, all applications are now accepted online. Access the website via:

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

The **Graduate and Professional Student Recruiting Fair** is scheduled for November 12, 2009, in the ballroom of the Marshall Student Center, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See you there!

KUDOS!

Graduate Student Research Symposium Research Excellence Awards

Over 110 graduate students presented their research during the **2nd Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium**. The event was part of the **USF ResearchOne Week**. During the event, faculty served as "judges" to evaluate each presentation and were able to nominate students for Research Excellence Awards. Awards were made in three categories: Master's, Doctoral, and Doctoral Candidate. The 2009 awardees are:

Master's Category

Charlotte Noble, Anthropology/Public Health Dual Program
The Experience of Food Insecurity and Low Dietary Diversity Among Female-Headed Households in Lesotho

Janus Patel, Public Health
Characterization of the Optical Properties of P. falciparum and its Public Health Impact

Doctoral Category

Mersedeh Akhoondan, Civil and Environmental Engineering
Corrosion Performance of Mechanically Formed Aluminized Steel

Tina Fiorelli, Medical Sciences
Camptothecin Exposure Increases Processing of Amyloid Precursor Protein in vitro

Doctoral Candidate

Varol Kayhan, Information Systems and Decision Sciences
Managing Knowledge Repositories: The Role of Governance Mechanisms

Chivon Mingo, Aging Studies
Understanding Arthritis Health Disparities in Black and White Women

Congratulation to the recipients and to all of the participants in this year's event!

Graduate Student Funding Opportunities Website

The Graduate School maintains a "**Funding for Research**" database that lists funding opportunities for master's and doctoral students across all disciplines. The site can be accessed via <http://www.grad.usf.edu/opportunities-for-gradstudent.asp>. Current funding opportunities include:

NSF Graduate Fellowship Program (Deadline Nov. 10, 2009)

Fulbright-Hayes Fellowships (Deadline: Nov. 15, 2009)

Woodrow Wilson Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation (Deadline: Nov. 15, 2009)

If you know of funding opportunities that are not listed on this site, please send the information to rpollenz@grad.usf.edu.