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Doctoral Student Exit Survey

- Data gathered from responses to the Fall 2014 UM Doctoral Exit Survey

74% Satisfaction with financial support
94% Satisfaction with course instruction
94% Satisfaction with mentor relationship
79% Satisfaction with research opportunities to prepare for dissertation
Message from the Dean

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce the return of the Graduate School’s Annual Report. This report represents a snapshot as of Spring 2015. I would like to thank our Communication Specialist, Ms. Jennifer Palma, and our Communication Assistant, Mr. Rodrigo Gibson, for resurrecting the annual report in a format that represents the latest in infographics. I am delighted that we are able to recount the successes of Graduate Education at The U over the past academic year and celebrate these accomplishments going into the next academic year. In this report, we highlight our Dean’s Fellows and UM Fellows along with recognizing our other internal and external fellowship awardees. The Graduate School continues to grow at an unprecedented rate that matches are corresponding growth in the quality of our student body. As an example, we received the highest number of NSF Fellowships and Honorable Mention Awards in this past year than any other year in history. The graduate student body continues to diversify with students from over 91 countries. Moreover, our students are, by far, the most well-rounded in the world!

This is a bittersweet time for me as this letter represents a beginning, a temporary ending, and a new beginning. This is, of course, the beginning of our renewed Annual Report. But also, as most of you know it is a temporary ending, since I have accepted a new position as Executive Vice President and Provost at Drexel University in Philadelphia... and, yes, I know the weather is vastly different :). Nonetheless, I will forever be a Canes Fan, so I see this only as a temporary ending as I plan to stay engaged, and I hope that each of you will feel comfortable calling on me if I can ever be of service.

Now, to the exciting new beginning!! Dr. Angel Kaifer, Senior Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, has agreed to serve as Interim Dean to transition the Graduate School during the Fall 2015 semester ahead of a search for a new Graduate Dean. Dr. Kaifer is a premiere scholar, a wonderful administrator, and perfect gentleman. I don’t believe The Graduate School could have asked for a better person to take the helm, and I feel totally confident that he, even in the short time, will take graduate education to the next level of excellence. I wish you all the very best in the coming academic year and look forward to staying in touch!

Angel E. Kaifer, Ph.D.
Interim Dean of the Graduate School
About the Graduate School

The Graduate School is the administrative body overseeing all master’s and doctoral programs.

Mission of the Graduate School

The mission of the Graduate School is to promote graduate education, scholarship and research; to support individuals, departments and programs in the pursuit of excellence; to foster innovative, multidisciplinary, and interdisciplinary activities; and to maintain high ethical and academic standards in graduate studies.

The standards of study and conduct in the Graduate School are high. They are not set and maintained by the Graduate School but rather by the faculty who determine the standards for their individual program. The Graduate School through its Council sets no course requirements for a degree. It does set certain general residence, grade and examination standards. Fundamentally, the Graduate School delegates responsibility to the student and his/her program. Within this broad responsibility the recommendation for the degree rests with the Committee.

“Words cannot fully express the depths of my gratitude to the Graduate School for all its support during my Ph.D. program. I am thankful for the professional development, dissertation writing support, but most of all the mentorship I received from Dean M. Brian Blake, Ph.D. and Associate Dean, Koren Bedeau, Ph.D. The support the Graduate School provided was instrumental to my success and completion of my doctorate degree.”

Daniel K. Birichi, Ph.D.
Ph.D. Graduate - School of Education & Human Development

“The Graduate School has been a big part of my experience here at the University of Miami. The staff involved with the Fellowship Writing Clinic were particularly helpful with my first venture into the world of fellowship application writing. I also appreciated how involved Dean Brian Blake was with the Graduate Student Association and with UM’s graduate student community -- I felt he was very approachable.”

Sheryl Saturnino
M.S.Ed. Candidate, Community & Social Change

“The guidance and support offered by the Graduate School has been a wonderful way to start my experience at UM. I feel confident that I will be supported in my educational endeavors throughout my doctoral program.”

Amina Y. Simmons
Ph.D. Candidate, Counseling Psychology

“I have had an unforgettable experience here at UM, in large part due to the range of resources and services that the Graduate School provides, from the First Year Graduate Research Guide to the Dissertation Writing Retreats. What I admire about the Graduate School is that they constantly work to develop and implement new initiatives, programs, and events to facilitate graduate student success.”

Alisa Be
Ph.D. Candidate, English
Meet our Staff

M. Brian Blake, Ph.D.
Dean of the Graduate School

Angel E. Kaifer, Ph.D.
Interim Dean

Karen A. Bedeau, Ph.D.
Associate Dean

Brian Jones
Associate Director of Academic Affairs

Ana Paneda
Executive Director of Business Operations

Tyrone Henry
Assistant Director

Dareen Yamamoto
Senior Dissertation Editor

Jennifer Palma
Communications Specialist

Rod Gibson
Communications Assistant

Maria C. Torres
Dean’s Executive Assistant

R. Nicole Johnson
Office Assistant

Charlene Gillins
Office Assistant
By the Numbers*

The success of the Graduate School is directly correlated to growth of our students, faculty endeavors and unique offering of programs. By sharing a glimpse of our student trends and involvement, it is our hope to continue building upon the diversity and distinction that exists today.

3,552 Students

Graduate Student Enrollment: 5-Year Trends

Graduate Students by Degree: 5-Year Trends

Degrees Granted

* Data from fall semesters. UM Fact Book 2013-2014. Data does not include M.D., J.D., and specialist degrees
Graduate Student Enrollment: 5-Year Trends

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Diversity in Origin

UM graduate students hail from all over the world, including 49 states, 3 territories and 91 countries.

- 1,005 International
- 1029 International
- 284 Other FL
- 982 Miami-Dade County
- 23 Broward County

Diversity Among Graduate Students

- White: 1324
- Hispanic/Latino: 920
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 598
- Unknown: 381
- Black: 258
- Two or more: 70
- American Indian: 1

Graduate Student Gender

- 47% Female
- 53% Male

* Students (including international students) have been categorized by their self-reported race/ethnicity. They were able to indicate more than one race/category.

* International Students data includes JDs and MDs.
University of Miami Distinct Fellows

The following students have been awarded a University of Miami Graduate School associated fellowship due to their high level of performance and involvement in their respective fields.

Dean’s Fellows

The Dean’s Fellowship at the University of Miami Graduate School is offered to students who, through their past academic performance, are distinguished within our application pool. Joseph Masterjohn and Dina Dajani have both exceeded in their respective programs and continue to represent the Graduate School at a level of exceptional achievement.

Dina Dajani
Psychology & Behavioral Science

Joseph Masterjohn
Computer Science

UM Fellows*

* Not pictured: Marvin Cheng, Chuanshen Liu, Kimberly Mac Donald, and Xue Yin
Continuing National Science Foundation Fellows

Nicholas Bernal, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Emanuelle Feliciano Bonilla, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Rebecca Duncan, College of Arts and Sciences
Carmen Guzman, College of Arts and Sciences
Rachael Heuer, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Tanjim Hosain, Life Sciences-Biology
Douglas Koch, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Marissa Krimsky, College of Arts and Sciences
Sara Linker, Miller School of Medicine
Jessica Luo, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Kimberly Mac Donald, College of Engineering
Andrew R. Margolin, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Eleanor Middledorn, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Brigette Mariales, College of Engineering
Eric Pedersen, College of Arts and Sciences
Daniel Quevedo, Engineering - Bioengineering
Andrew Reynolds, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

Current Maytags Fellows

2015
Natalia Gutierrez-Pinto, College of Arts and Sciences
Craig Raffenberg, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Sara F. Mildred, College of Arts and Sciences
Michael Richmond, College of Arts and Sciences

2014
Daniel Hoenig, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences
Kevin Schauer, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

Current McKnight’s Fellows

Zenith Acosta Torres, Biomedical Engineering
Krystal Bichay, College of Arts and Sciences
Liana Mentor, School of Education and Human Development
Graduate School Awards

The Graduate School Awards Celebration showcases the important contributions and achievements made by our graduate students and faculty in support of graduate education, and the teaching mission of the University of Miami Graduate School. Below are the awardees from the 2014-2015 Graduate Award Celebration.

Outstanding Teaching Assistants
- Alisa Be, College of Arts and Sciences
- Patrice E. Fenton, School of Education and Human Development
- Youaraj Upreti, College of Arts and Sciences

Outstanding Research Assistants
- Tyler Lefever, School of Education and Human Development
- Aristotelis Thanos, College of Engineering
- Qinghua (Candy) Yang, School of Communication

Graduate Student Exemplar
- Monica Duran, College of Arts and Sciences
- Xiaoran (Eileen) Shi, College of Engineering
- Raul Velarde, College of Engineering

Outstanding Graduate Program Director
- Sandra Lemmon, Miller School of Medicine

Faculty Mentor of the Year
- Nurcin Celik, College of Engineering

* For a full list of 2014-2015 Dissertations [click here]