Message From Our Dean

Dr. Henry T. Frierson
Dean, UF Graduate School

The Graduate School is very excited to celebrate the 1st annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW). GSAW is a time for the University of Florida to acknowledge and celebrate the overall contributions of our graduate students to the University and the community.

To our current Graduate Students, we are proud to have your presence at the University of Florida. We have high expectations of you, and the University is dedicated to your success here and beyond the Swamp. Your academic programs, departments, and colleges are valuable resources of support as you reach key milestones in your progress toward the completion of your degree and the start of your professional career. Your deans, faculty members, department chairs and graduate affairs staff, as well as the total Graduate School, are all committed to your success.

During this week of appreciation, you will have an opportunity to showcase your research, meet fellow students, and enjoy food, music, prizes and good company. We hope that this weeklong event will provide you with the momentum you may need to complete the semester, and continue moving forward in completion of your degree while knowing that the University of Florida supports you every step of the way.

As you attend the various activities during the week, I hope that you will increase your scholarly and social network of peers, both within and outside your academic programs. Therefore, I encourage you to take the time to meet other graduate students, talk about your research, and learn more about what others are doing across campus. Together, you and your peers represent the world’s next generation of outstanding scholars and leaders!

Enjoy your week......GO GatorGRADS!
Kent Fuchs became the 12th President of the University of Florida in January 2015. He came to UF from Cornell University, where he served most recently as provost, and previously as dean of the Cornell College of Engineering. Before that, he was the head of the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University and a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Coordinated Science Laboratory at the University of Illinois. President Fuchs is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He earned his doctoral and master’s degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois, and he holds a master’s degree in divinity.

John Spence is recognized as one of the Top 100 Business Thought Leaders in America, one of the Top 100 Small Business Influencers in America, and one of the Top 500 Leadership Development Experts in the World. John is also one of the American Management Association’s Leaders to Watch along with Sergey Brin, Larry Page, and Jeff Bezos. He is an international keynote speaker and management consultant who has written five books on business and life success and has made a career out of “Making the Very Complex... Awesomely Simple”.
Deals valid Monday, March 28 - Friday, April 1, 2016.

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GSAW Kickoff

Grab and Go Breakfast Stations

Swing by the Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) Kickoff station in the Plaza of the Americas from 9:00am to 12:00pm for free food, fun, and GSAW swag! (Sponsored by the Graduate School and The Continuum)

Additional Grab and Go Stations will be located at:
The College of Medicine - 8:30am to 11:30am
Academic Research Building Founder’s Gallery
The College of Journalism - 9am to 11am
Floor 2 - Graduate Division

Opening Ceremony

We cordially invite all graduate students to attend the OPENING CEREMONY of GSAW. Let’s set the tone for GSAW with a reception in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom and a welcome from The Graduate School Dean, Dr. Henry T. Frierson. We will close the opening day with an awards ceremony highlighting our graduate student’s contributions to research and the University of Florida. Please come out and show your support for your fellow graduate students!

05:00pm - GSAW Overview and Dinner
Dr. Tyisha Hathorn, Director of the Office of Graduate Minority Programs

05:15pm - Welcome
Dr. Henry T. Frierson, Dean of the Graduate School

05:30pm - Speaker: “The Joy of mentoring GREAT Graduate Students”
Dr. Juan Gilbert, Andrew Banks Family Preeminence Endowed Professor & Chair

06:30pm - Entertainment
Research Day

Come out and support your fellow graduate student peers during our GSAW Research Day! Graduate students that participate in this event will have the opportunity to showcase their graduate scholarly and creative work through oral presentations. President W. Kent Fuchs will be in attendance as he shows support for our graduate students during GSAW.

08:00am - Presenter Check-In
09:00am - Welcome
   Dr. R. Paul Duncan, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School
09:30am - Oral Presentations
11:45am - President’s Keynote
   Introduction by Dr. Rhonda Moraca, Assistant Dean of Administration, UF Graduate School
   Keynote by Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, University of Florida President

Three Minute Thesis Finals

Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) is a research communication competition developed by the University of Queensland (UQ), in Australia. It challenges graduate students to make a compelling presentation on their thesis topic and its significance in just three minutes. The competition helps students develop academic, presentation, and research communication skills and the capacity to explain their research to a non-academic audience.
Survey results from UF graduate students tell us that you want to know more about LEADERSHIP, so we’re going to give it to you! Let us show you some appreciation by delivering a fun-filled day for you to learn leadership definitions, concepts, models, etc. Stand out in your next job interview with the leadership skills you learn on this Graduate Student Appreciation Week day!

10:00am - Creating Connections: Networking, LinkedIn, and Building Relationships with Melissa Lyon, UF Career Resource Center

10:30am - Professional Headshots

Ryan Jones, The College of Journalism

11:15am - Keynote Speaker on LEADERSHIP

John Spence, International Business Speaker

11:00am - Gator Career Link Day: Explore How the CRC Can Help You! *(EVENT HELD IN CAREER RESOURCE CENTER, ENDS AT 1:30PM)*

01:00pm - The Leadership Challenge: Discover the 5 Traits of Exemplary Leadership, with Melissa Lyon, UF CRC

The PHD Movie takes a humorous and poignant look at four graduate students as they grapple with research, being a teaching assistant and finding balance in their over-worked lives.
The 2016 Graduation School Prep Symposium (GSPS) is designed for undergraduate students interested in attending graduate school. Attendees will learn important information regarding graduate school though breakout sessions on relevant topics. Graduate students, faculty and staff will serve as session presenters. The 2016 GSPS will also include a Graduate Information Fair where attendees will receive specific information from various UF graduate programs.

10:00am - Welcome
10:10am - Breakout Sessions 1
   Funding Opportunities
   Undergraduate Research
10:55am - Breakout Sessions 2
   Graduate Admissions
   Managing Your Transition
   Choosing Your Graduate Program
11:40am - Networking Lunch
   Featured Speaker: Rueben Bernstein-Goff
01:15pm - Student Panel
01:55pm - Closing Remarks

Ice Cream Social

I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM! Come join us for a sweet treat and the opportunity to network with fellow graduate students, faculty, and staff!
Graduate Life
Join fellow graduate students for Rise and Shine Yoga and the Ultimate Field Day Experience in the Plaza of the Americas! Please remember to bring your YOGA mat. The Ultimate Field Day Experience will test your physical fitness strength. Are you ready for the challenge? If so, please join Rec Sports as they put you to the test! The Field Day winner will receive a special prize! We will also have free food and a bounce house obstacle course. Courtesy of Florida School of Massage, we will also have FREE massages from 3pm-5pm in front of Library West.

09:00am - Bagel and Coffee Breakfast
10:00am - Rise and Shine Yoga
10:00am - Ultimate Field Day Experience - Heat 1
11:00am - Ultimate Field Day Experience - Heat 2
12:00pm - FREE Pizza (courtesy of Dominos Pizza)
03:00pm - FREE Massages (in front of Library West)

MASSAGES END AT 5PM

Evening Social
Come join your fellow graduate students for a fun night out to wrap up the week at First Magnitude Brewing Co.

Address:
1220 SE Veitch St.
Gainesville, FL 32601

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Visit the site below for the full week’s events:
http://www.graduateschool.ufl.edu/about-us/events/graduate-student-appreciation-week/

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