

Office of Graduate International Outreach

Updates & Reminders for the Upcoming Admissions Cycle

The Office of Graduate International Outreach (OGIO) in the Graduate School is here to support international outreach and recruitment efforts. As we begin Spring 2014, here are a few updates on our outreach efforts over the past year:

Updates

Pre-arrival Online Modules - The Graduate School, in conjunction with the Dean of Students office and the International Center, have created a set of pre-arrival online modules using Sakai. The modules assist admitted international graduate students with their transition to campus, and were first released in May. The modules provide information on:

- topics such as academic integrity and expectations in UF's classrooms
- how to arrange for basic needs in the months prior and the first month upon arriving in Gainesville
- resources on and off-campus to new international students

To view the modules, please visit the [landing](#) page at New Student & Family Programs.

Fulbright FAQ Page - Based on graduate coordinator/staff feedback, we have created an [FAQ](#) page for administering Fulbright fellowships on campus, available on our [coordinator resources](#) page. Since there are three different organizations that administer Fulbright funding, please let us know if you have additional questions to add or address over the course of your application review.

Collaborative Recruitment Activity In-country

The Graduate School continues its recruiting partnerships with the Office of Admissions and the English Language Institute by attending recruitment fairs in various parts of the world.

We attended recruitment fairs and university visits this Fall in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Peru, Turkey, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Please let us know if you would like more information about international recruitment fairs.

Recruitment Webinars - We also coordinate webinar activities for those academic programs interested in participating in international recruitment with the EducationUSA offices based in various countries. So far we have conducted webinars with audiences in Portugal, Colombia and Russia, and will continue to do so in the future to expand participation to other countries.

Prospect Database System - The Graduate School has created a prospect system for interested students who would like more information about the university and our graduate programs. The system was created within GIMS, and will be tied to current student data after the first full admissions cycle. Interested students receive an email response which includes a contact from the respective Academic Unit.

UF-Chile Outreach - We are coordinating our outreach activities in Chile to build on the recent work of the UF-Chile Center, that was based on the campus of Pontificia Universidad Catolica - Valparaíso. Future developments include further recruitment fairs in Santiago; increased contact and work with Fulbright Chile and CONICYT, which is equivalent to our NSF.

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International Outreach Survey - To inform efforts to attract quality international students, we would like to receive input from graduate coordinators and staff interested in international outreach and recruitment. Please complete our brief [survey](#) by January 21st.

Reminders

Sponsored Applicants Available In e-Referral
Please keep in mind that you may find any international or domestic applicants who have self-identified as sponsored via governmental or other funding in e-Referral, under the expanded view of a student's file, in the fourth column labelled "External Funding". Any documentation associated with this funding, and to determine if the applicant has applied or has been awarded the funding, may be viewed in the PDF suite of an applicant's entire application under the last column in e-Referral, under the "Grad Apps – PDF" option.

Expedite Credential Review For Applicants
For those international students that you are considering for admission, please be sure to select the "Review" option in e-Referral as soon as you have determined he/she is a qualified candidate. Selecting "Review" will indicate to the international credentials experts in the Office of Admissions that they should review a student's credentials to determine if they are equivalent to a US Bachelor's Degree. Without this determination, you cannot make an offer of admission. Selecting these applicants for "Review" will make it easier to extend a timely offer of admission.

Without the involvement and efforts of our colleagues, our campus could not support and sustain the wide range of international students who apply and enroll at the University of Florida. If there is any way we can assist you in your international recruitment efforts, please let us know.

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