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The University Graduate School has oversight of post baccalaureate programs in all colleges and schools with the exception of the programs in the College of Law and the Doctor of Medicine program in the College of Medicine. Working with the Graduate Faculty and the Graduate Council of the Faculty Senate, the University Graduate School develops and implements the policies and procedures that guide graduate education at the University.

Graduate Admissions is usually the first point of contact entering graduate students have with the University Graduate School. Students are admitted to the University Graduate School upon recommendation of the graduate program to which they have applied. The University Graduate School oversees the university-wide fellowship programs: Presidential Fellowships, McNair Fellowships, Doctoral Evidence Acquisition, and Dissertation Fellowships. The University Graduate School also works with the graduate programs to provide support to Graduate Assistants. The stipend for Graduate Assistants is provided by the graduate program, within guidelines set by the University Graduate School, and the accompanying tuition waivers are provided by the University Graduate School.

Students completing thesis master's degrees and all students in doctoral programs have more contact with the University Graduate School as they obtain University Graduate School approval for their thesis or dissertation committee, thesis or dissertation proposal, thesis or dissertation defense announcement, and final thesis or dissertation.

The University Graduate School works with the Graduate Senators and Graduate and Professional Student Committee to help enrich the total graduate student experience: academically, socially, and culturally. Through its Professional Development Program, the University Graduate School delivers professional and career-development training to graduate students. The University Graduate School serves as an ombudsman for graduate students.

All graduate students are encouraged to visit the University Graduate School (PC 230), or call (305) 348-2455, or log on to the web site, <http://gradschool.fiu.edu> to find answers to questions regarding any phase of their graduate education.

