



The GAP

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Graduate Admissions Update for Fall 2010

May 3rd Deadline

RDRs are **DUE BACK** to Graduate Admissions -

Departments *must* return all RDRs to Graduate Admissions by the **May 3rd** deadline. *RDRs that remain with the departments after this date will be treated as wait listed students.* Departments will be allowed to select students from their wait list only if admission targets have not been reached.

Spring Thesis Deadlines

April 6th – May 25th

Thesis will be accepted on an **at-risk** basis. By submitting your completed thesis for review to Graduate and Research Affairs at risk you are not guaranteed that your thesis will be reviewed in time to be submitted to Montezuma Publishing by **the noon deadline on May 20, 2010.**

Other GRA Deadlines

April 30th

Final day for submission of Incomplete and Report in Progress grade removals for graduation with an advanced degree. Grade changes can be confirmed via Web Portal.

May 14th

Final day for departments to report successful completion of comprehensive examination to the Graduate Division.

Summer Graduation August 2010

The last day to apply for summer graduation is **Friday May 28th**. Applications are available in the Graduate and Research Affairs office M-F 8-4:30 or online:

<http://gra.sdsu.edu/index.php?areaid=1§ionid=51&subsectionid=13#Advanced>

Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education 2010

More than 1,600 students from over 40 CSU, UC and private universities throughout Southern California registered to attend the annual Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education held for the second time at California State University, Channel Islands on Saturday, April 17th.

The SDSU contingent of students was once again the largest at the event, as more than 200 Aztecs braved the early Saturday morning hours to participate. Student response to the event was overwhelmingly positive.

The Spring 2011 forum is scheduled to be held at University of Southern California. **San Diego State University will host the forum in Spring 2012.**

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

Application Deadline September 20, 2010

The Graduate Equity Fellowship is a California grant program administered by Graduate and Research Affairs. Award amounts range from \$500 to \$4,500 per year for up to four semesters.

Qualification Guidelines

- California resident
- Enrolled **fulltime** (minimum 9 units a semester) as a classified, conditionally classified, or certificate-program student
- Maintains a 3.00 GPA
- Economically disadvantaged – Need to show a minimum of \$1000 in financial need as determined by the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Complete [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA)
- A brief essay

Applications for the Graduate Equity Fellowship are available from the Graduate and Research Office or on-line at: http://gra.sdsu.edu/file_upload/GradEquityFlshpApp07.doc

Student awards will be announced October, 2010 for both incoming and continuing students. Students will be notified by the Scholarship office of their awards.

Hobson's Connect



Take Advantage of Online Recruiting!

Online recruiting has become a standard practice for universities around the country. In fact, **22 CSU** campuses currently utilize **Hobsons EMT** technology. With budget cuts limiting our ability to meet prospective students face-to-face, online recruiting has become vital to the growth of our graduate programs.

To date there has been over 15,000 graduate student contacts via MyGAP!

Coordinators and advisers should be receiving an Excel file through automated weekly email. ([EMT Connect Export File](#)) These files contain the names and contact information of students who have requested information about a specific graduate program at SDSU. While the Graduate Division will provide these students with general information about your department, campus life and services, it is up to the departments to contact and provide specific information directly to the student.

Graduate and Research Affairs is committed to making online recruiting a success at SDSU. We encourage all of our departments to take full advantage of this service, and will provide any assistance necessary to make your online recruiting efforts successful. Please contact jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu for more specific information.

I would like any of you to join me in attending the Connect U User's Conference if you are thinking about bringing Hobsons into your department. This is the perfect time to find out exactly how and why other major universities are utilizing this program, both for undergraduate and graduate programs. Please see information below.

Connect University 2010

<http://www.connectuniversity.com/>

June 28 - July 1 | Minneapolis, Minnesota

Connect U, the Hobsons Users' Conference, brings together higher education professionals from across the globe for four days of training, networking, and sharing of best practices in admissions and enrollment management. Attendees will learn new skills, share best practices, and find out how to implement new ideas at your institution, participate in roundtables, and see previews of upcoming new features and product developments. The event has historically been for global users of all Hobsons EMT solutions (e.g. Connect, Apply Yourself, Retain – undergraduate, graduate, and other institutions of all experience levels) and the [Common Application Online](#). This year we also welcome users of [Hobsons IMS](#) solutions (e.g. College View, College Confidential, USA Education Guides, etc.).

If you are new to Connect U, [click here](#) to learn more about why you should attend. Want to hear some of the reasons you should attend Connect U this year? [Click here](#) for a video that will answer those questions.