



## **The GAP**

(Graduate Advisers' Publication)

**April 2011**

### **Graduate Admissions Fall 2011 Schedule**

#### **RDR Deadline Reminder**

The deadline for Graduate Admissions to submit RDR's to the departments for the Regular Cycle, was April 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time, all files that met the March 1<sup>st</sup> file completion deadline have been sent to the departments. Departments will have until May 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete their reviews and return the RDR's to Graduate Admissions. It is important that departments meet the May 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline to ensure that students have ample time to submit their Intent to Enroll by the May 16<sup>th</sup> deadline.

#### **Late Cycle**

April 1<sup>st</sup> was the deadline to apply to those programs that were granted an exception as well as for some international applicants. All main campus programs are now closed on CSUMentor. Students who applied during the late cycle will have until May 2<sup>nd</sup> to complete their files. An e-mail reminder of this deadline will be sent out shortly to those students.

### **GRE® revised General Test**

The Global Relations Department at Educational Testing Service (ETS), has arranged to visit SDSU as part of their commitment to helping the graduate community prepare for the upcoming launch of the **GRE® revised General Test**.

The [current GRE® General Test will be changing in August, 2011](#). Enhancements with the launch include changes to content, test design, and a new score scale.

The presentation will focus on the changes educators need to know. In addition they feel it is important for you to be aware of this information, as it will help you to deliver informed accurate and relevant answers to prospective graduate students who may need to take the GRE to satisfy their admission requirements for your program. The presentation will also provide you with the latest information on the TOEFL® Test, ETS® PPI (Personal Potential Index), and the GRE® Search Service.

Date: Thursday, April 28th

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Location: Graduate & Research Affairs SSE-1410

Presenter: Matthew T. Kadlubowski, Associate Director, Global Client Relations,  
Educational Testing Service

**If you wish to attend:**

Please [RSVP](#) at the [doodle](#) response below to confirm your attendance.

### **Spring Thesis Deadlines**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Thesis will be accepted on an **at-risk** basis. By submitting a completed thesis for review to Graduate and Research Affairs at risk a student is not guaranteed that their thesis will be reviewed in time to be submitted to Montezuma Publishing by the noon deadline on **May 19, 2011**.

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – Noon**

This is the deadline for final clearance by Montezuma Publishing assuring Spring 2011 graduation. If this deadline is not met the student must reapply for graduation the semester they complete they plan on completing their theses.

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – Noon**

This is the final day to submit theses for review to Montezuma Publishing without having to reenroll for Theses 799B the following semester. The student will also have to reapply for graduation.

### **Other GRA Deadlines**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

This is the 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 10<sup>th</sup>**

This is the final day for departments to report successful completion of comprehensive examination to the Graduate Division. If a student's completion of comprehensive examination report is dated *after* May 10<sup>th</sup>, the student will not be cleared for spring 2011 graduation.

## **Summer Graduation August 2011**

The last day to apply for summer graduation is **Tuesday, June 7th**. Applications are available in the Graduate and Research Affairs office M-F 8-4:30 or [online](#)

## **Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education 2011**

1,723 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 at the University of Southern California on Saturday, April 2nd.

The SDSU contingent of students was once again the largest at the event, as more than 148 Aztecs braved the early Saturday morning hours to participate. Student response to the event was overwhelmingly positive.

SDSU representatives from Graduate and Research Affairs, Education and Business were overwhelmed with a non-stop flow of students during the 3 hour recruitment fair.

**San Diego State University** will host the next spring forum on **Saturday, April 14, 2012**.

## **Graduate Equity Fellowship Program**

### **Application Deadline September 20, 2011.**

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](#)

Student awards will be announced October, 2011 for both incoming and continuing students. Students will be notified by the Scholarship office of their awards.



### Take Advantage of Online Recruiting!

Online recruiting has become a standard practice for universities around the country. 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.

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.

To date there has been over 34,000 graduate student contacts via [MyGAP](#)! If a student takes the time to fill out the **My Graduate Access Page** form, they are interested in your program. They have come to you, now all you need to do is continue the communication.

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](mailto:jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu) for more specific information.

### **Grad Fest information**

April 12-14 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Southside of the SDSU Bookstore

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