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Division of Graduate Affairs Personnel

Linda Kilroy, our Thesis Reviewer, has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. For more information about Linda, visit her website <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lindakilroy>

After 35 years on May 22, Dr. Penny Wright, our Associate Dean, officially retired from SDSU. We miss her and wish her a happy retirement.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Edward Aguado accepted the position of Assistant Dean in the Division of Graduate Affairs. His contact information is aguado@mail.sdsu.edu, X40361.

Jill Baumgartner accepted a position in Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences beginning Monday, September 8th. We wish her the best of luck in her new job.

We will post an ASA II position shortly.

Determination of Residence

Please be sure your nonresident students are aware that deadlines for *Residence* determination are set for each term. The *Residence* determination date for fall is **September 22**. A student may find more information in the Graduate Bulletin on page 26 or check on-line at <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/registrar/residency.html>.

REVISED TA / GA Handbook

We have revised and updated the TA / GA Handbook, which will support you and your students.

Follow this link to the copy:

http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/docs/TAGA_Handbook_0809.pdf It is set in a downloadable pdf format and will be available on our website. Should you wish to link the document to your website, please contact us. We also hope to have this posted shortly on the Human Resources web page near the listings of available TA and GA positions. If you are using HR to also showcase your available positions the students will find this connection useful.

Fall Graduation Application Deadline

The deadline to apply for fall graduation is Monday, September 22. Applications are available in the Graduate and Research Affairs Office (SSE 1410) or on-line at <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/appgradadvdgr.html>

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: September 22, 2008

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://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/gef.html>

Student awards will be announced in October 2008 for both incoming and continuing students. Students will be notified by the Scholarship Office of their awards.

Thesis

November 3rd

Final day for submission of thesis without risk: Thesis will be reviewed in time for to make any corrections and obtain final clearance to submit to Montezuma Publishing by the December 19th noon deadline.

At this time please contact Janet Rodgers, jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu x45215 regarding Thesis processing questions

Fall 2008 New Graduate Student Orientation

Approximately 700 students attended the Graduate and Research Affairs new graduate student orientation held on Wednesday, August 27, 2008. Appreciation is expressed to all those who presented and to advisers who held departmental advising sessions.

Graduate Affairs Retreat- Fall 2008

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, October 30 from 1 - 4pm or Friday, October 31 from 9 – 12 noon to attend our annual Graduate Affairs Retreat- Fall 2008.** Please note that these dates were changed from the notice Chris Glembotski sent out, due to scheduling conflicts that had to be solved. We are offering the same session at these two times to accommodate as many of you as possible. We would appreciate your letting us know of any agenda items other than the ones listed below that you would like to have covered in the workshop. Graduate Advisors, coordinators and assistants are all invited to attend. Anyone who wishes to attend **must** RSVP by October 22nd to jrodgers@mail.sdsu.edu. The location of the retreats is TBA.

Tentatively, we will include the following items on the agenda: Recruitment Updates, Optimal Design of Programs of Study , New information on TA and GA Contracts, Curriculum/Policy Updates (including conditional and special admits), Student Research Symposium, Research Ethics and Thesis, New developments in graduate admissions processing, update on the electronic departmental supplements, revision of the NRTW nomination and award process.

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http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~gra/grad/docs/grad_adviser_handbook2008

Save the Date **2009 Student Research Symposium** **February 27 & 28, 2009** **Aztec Center**

On behalf of the University Research Council's Student Research Committee, we are pleased to announce the 2nd annual SDSU Student Research Symposium and cordially invite all SDSU students to participate in this exciting event. The Student Research Symposium is a two-day event to recognize the outstanding scholarly accomplishments

of SDSU students. The SRS provides a public forum where SDSU students will present their research, scholarship, or creative activities. Presentations will be organized by academic disciplines with divisions for undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students. All SDSU students are encouraged to submit an application to present either preliminary or completed results from their original research. Registration opens December 1, 2008 via the Division of Research Affairs web site (<http://gra.sdsu.edu/grad/research/researchchopps.html>). Details about the SRS, information on preparing an application and guidance on presentation format are also available online.

SPECIAL ADMIT STATUS PER COLLEGE

<u>College</u>	<u>AY Allocation</u>	<u>Fall Admits</u>	<u>Percent Used</u>	<u># Available for Spring 2009</u>
Arts and Letters	40	27	68	13
Business Adm.	66	40	61	26
Education	39	32	82	7
Engineering	27	15	56	12
Health and Human Services	42	32	76	10
Professional Studies and Fine Arts	32	32	100	0
Sciences	55	37	67	18