Announcements
Graduate Advisors Meeting
September 13, 2007

1. **Graduate Service Learning Grants Available** – The Office of Graduate Studies has released a call for proposals for Service Learning course/course component development at the graduate level. Grant information can be found at [http://grad.uta.edu/faculty/fg.asp](http://grad.uta.edu/faculty/fg.asp).

2. **IELTS now accepted**. In July of this year a decision was made to accept the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test scores as well as TOEFL, TOEFL iBT and TSE to meet the English proficiency requirement for admission to the University and to establish English proficiency for graduate teaching assistants. Acceptable minimum IELTS test scores, equivalent to minimum scores required on the TOEFL/TSE, are as follows:

   - 6.5 Overall score for graduate admission
   - 7.0 Score on the Speaking section for GTA English Proficiency

Official score results are those sent to us directly from IELTS that are printed on security enhanced paper, authenticated by the testing center stamp, an IELTS validation stamp, and a photograph of the student. The Graduate School web site, Graduate Catalog and MyMav have been updated to reflect this change. Visit the IELTS web site at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) for additional information on the IELTS.

3. **PhD Diploma Appearance has changed**. Until now, UT Arlington doctoral diplomas have all read “Doctor of Philosophy” with no discipline specified. We will now print the discipline on all doctoral diplomas that will be conferred on or after August 11, 2007. PhD diplomas will now read “Doctor of Philosophy in (discipline).” In order to maintain consistency between original and reordered diplomas, the discipline will not appear on diplomas reordered for any degree conferred prior to Summer 2007. Master’s student diplomas will continue to show both the degree and the discipline. Contact Heather Smith at hrsmith@uta.edu with questions.

4. **Incoming/MidCareer/Exit Student Surveys have been released**. The OGS has started sending out surveys to students at different points in their careers to gather information about changes in expectations, perceptions and attitudes throughout a student’s career at UTA. The Exit Survey was released to Summer 2007 graduates in August, the Incoming Student Survey was released to new students in Fall 2007 last week and the Mid-Career Survey will be released by the Spring 2008 term. The surveys are sent via email and are voluntary and all answers are anonymous. You may view the Incoming Student Survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4Lyt1qmhHbCWWYnAOj4Kw3d_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=4Lyt1qmhHbCWWYnAOj4Kw3d_3d) or the Exit Survey at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5FmgymRgxbCRQ4lVR8g3d_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=5FmgymRgxbCRQ4lVR8g3d_3d)

Contact Joslyn Krismer at krismer@uta.edu with questions.

5. **Career Development Survey will be released**. The OGS will soon be distributing a short survey to Graduate Advisors to gather feedback regarding career development needs for graduate students. You will receive a request for participation and a link to the survey via email. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Contact Joslyn Krismer at krismer@uta.edu with questions.

6. **Thesis and Dissertation Seminars now available online**. The Office of Graduate Studies hosts a thesis and dissertation seminar every term that covers information for students regarding thesis and dissertation formatting requirements, instructions on using the template and other graduation information. The seminar can now be viewed on demand at [http://orgs.uta.edu/pdfs/Current/ThesisAndDissertation/Webinar.html](http://orgs.uta.edu/pdfs/Current/ThesisAndDissertation/Webinar.html). We will continue to host live seminars as well. Students can register for the live seminars at [http://grad.uta.edu/currentStudents/seminar.asp](http://grad.uta.edu/currentStudents/seminar.asp). For more information, contact Ginger Dickens at dickens@uta.edu.