Today’s Agenda

• Reminders
• Updates
• International resources
Your fall admissions checklist

- Attend an Annual Updates session
- Create and complete a test application
- Program web page: instructions & links
- Graduate Programs page https://apps.grad.umn.edu/programs/
- AY user logins
- Review communication (applicants, admits, etc.)
- Update your myU Portal cell
- Application instructions in catalog (PCAS) http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/index.html
- Review the Toolkit

Resources

Graduate Admissions Toolkit

Google it! Feedback welcome!

Graduate School Office of Admissions
612-625-3014 gsquest@umn.edu

Search!
Quiz

• True/False:
  • Grad Admissions receives applications first, then forwards them to your program?
  • False! You can begin reviewing applications immediately after applicants submit!

• Please update your web pages!

Applicants don’t “apply to the Grad School”

• Please streamline your instructions!
• Applicants apply to your graduate program or college
• If you want, maybe “University” instead of Grad School (e.g. “The University’s admissions policy”)
Our philosophy

Graduate Program  Applicant
College  University
Graduate Admissions

myU Portal

Next steps

- Contact Elodie Steffen (see Toolkit for contact info)
- Send text and graphics to gsquest@umn.edu
- In-person training
- Portal background: (See Toolkit)
**FALL 2013**

16,521 Total Applications

**Overall**
- Applications: 0%
- Admission offers: +1%
- New Enrolled: -2%

**International**
- Applications: +2%
- Admission offers: +6%
- New Enrolled: +6%

**United States**
- Applications: 0%
- Admission offers: 1%
- New Enrolled: -2%

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**Affirmative Action - Supreme Court Decision**

- Reaffirmed race/ethnicity can be used as part of holistic review:
  - Admissions must be "narrowly tailored" to serving educational benefits of diversity
- "Admissions offices across the system will be contacted directly in the coming weeks with more specific information about process review."
Are you using it?
Faculty emails

Message directly from faculty

Specific audience

Current students

Dear Paul Bunyan,

Greetings from the Integrated Biosciences Graduate Program at the University of Minnesota! Thank you for your interest in our program. Please visit our website for up-to-date information on our curriculum, faculty, admissions, and financial aid opportunities.

Feel free to contact us at bio@umn.edu or 218-726-6498 with any questions you might have. We would love to hear from you!

Best Wishes,

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University of Minnesota

To unsubscribe: click here
No graphics?

No problem!

Use ours!
Next step:

- Draft a customized/personal welcome email
- One message to both prospects and applicants
  "Thanks for your interest, here are your next steps:
  - Contact current faculty/students?
  - Application instructions? Deadlines?
  - Etc.
- Contact Suzan Koroglu: korog001@umn.edu, 5-2306
- She’ll help you from there!!! Phone! In Person! Whatever! Sooooo easy!!
• New status: “Application Incomplete”
• Access to in-progress (un-submitted) documents
• Query name changes:
  “prog & term out to dept” -> “Awaiting Program Decision”
  “prog & term not sent to department” -> “Grad Initial Review”
• New password requirements:
  letters, numbers, and special characters
  More info: http://z.umn.edu/aypassword
• Vote: How did you hear about our program?
New “Link to Portfolio” field

PDF issues

Trouble shooting: Try different browsers, download, etc.
Mobile friendly

Next steps:
- Piloting Fall 2014
- If successful, roll out
  Fall 2015
International Admissions

New Passport page

- International prospects/applicants/students
- Less work for you! Link for U’s Int’l resources
- [http://passport.umn.edu/](http://passport.umn.edu/)
- Make your web content program specific
  (e.g. Pictures of a group of your students at Small World Coffee Hour every Friday …etc. etc.)
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

• CSE Talk - If you are inviting a student to attend CSE Talk, please make sure to check that on the appraisal form.

• 30 Day Rule
  • Students are allowed to enter the country up to 30 days prior to the starting date on the I-20. If you have a non-standard starting date, please notify us.
  • Students attempting to arrive earlier than 30 days could be refused entry to the country.

• Spring International session - ISSS has offered to conduct an information session targeted for graduate programs – Interested?

• Country Trainings - Is there interest in training sessions for credentials from certain countries?
International Grading Standards ("Country Sheets")

See Admissions Toolkit: www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/admissions_toolkit.html

The Country sheets are always being updated. Watch for new information.

Do people want individual country Training sessions? UCLA does it!
International Admissions

To: Graduate Program
From: Graduate Admissions

The bachelor degree from XX is not comparable to the U.S. bachelor degree.
Or:
XXX University does not have regional accreditation.
Or:
XXX University is not recognized in XXX country as a degree-granting institution.

International student minimum expenses

- Minimum amounts required to obtain F-1 student visa (12 months)
- Living expenses, books and supplies, mandatory student fees, health insurance, and (if applicable) tuition
- May want to use these numbers to set assistantship stipends
- See: [http://www.grad.umn.edu/admissions/admissions_toolkit/i20information/index.html](http://www.grad.umn.edu/admissions/admissions_toolkit/i20information/index.html)
Information regarding:

- International credentials, grading scales, institutions
- English Proficiency
- Visa related issues
- Large library of resources on educational systems including historical information
- International section of Toolkit

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