



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES

NEW GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

Fall 2023

UNSOLICITED ADVICE FROM YOUR GRAD DIRECTOR:

- This is such a great program, great institution, great people!
- We want your success! Really!
- You are an adult and a professional (student)
- Develop positive relationships! Family, friends, loved ones (safety net), from the custodians to the Deans.
- Grad school is NOT a sprint, it is a MARATHON!
- Work-life balance, what is that?
- Do things you like regularly!

UNSOLICITED ADVICE FROM YOUR GRAD DIRECTOR:

- Do NOT neglect your health! Eat, sleep, exercise...
- Advisor vs. Mentor (hint: NOT the same)
- You owe NO favors! It is a mutually beneficial relationship
- Do not tolerate abuse!
- **COMMUNICATION is KEY!**
- Sharpen your strengths BUT work on your weaknesses
- Explore multiple career options!

UNSOLICITED ADVICE FROM YOUR GRAD DIRECTOR:

- Typically, successful grad students are:
 - Committed to excellence (not perfection!)
 - Communicate well
 - Proactive & independent
 - Good team players
 - Curious & critical thinkers
 - Reliable & accountable
 - Honest, ethical, & responsible
 - Well-rounded professionals
 - Productive!

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SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- **MS non-thesis** **2 faculty members**
- **MS thesis** **3 faculty members**
- **PhD** **4 faculty members
including an external
member**

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

- All PhD students, must develop an Individual Development Plan (**IDP**) with input from their major professor.
- Due in the Graduate Coordinator's office by the end of the second semester and then each year by the end of the Spring semester for the duration of your graduate program.

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/students/graduate/index.shtml>

GRADUATE STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- **Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or greater**
- **Familiarity with the literature in your subject**
- **Timely and diligent conduct of research**
- **Proficient statistical analysis of your data**
- **Describe and interpret your results**
- **Publish your results at professional conferences and in peer reviewed journals**
- **Graduate within 2 (MS) or 4 (PhD) years**

PHD STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Do the following at least once during your program

- Publish 1 paper in a peer-reviewed journal or take the ARPAS exam / have a non-UF expert at your defense
- Attend the CALS Teaching Enhancement Symposium and an extension program
- Attend a grantsmanship workshop / submit a grant
- Participate in a journal club or take a course with journal discussions
- Serve as the TA for at least one course

MS (THESIS) STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Do the following at least once during your program

- Present an abstract at a national /international meeting
- Participate in a journal club or take a course with journal discussions
- Serve as the TA for at least one course

MS (NON-THESIS) STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Do the following at least once during your program

- **Serve as the TA for at least one course**

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- IFAS/ CALS matching Travel Grant
- James Davidson Travel Scholarship
- Graduate Student Council Travel funds
- Research and Graduate programs Travel grant

For more details, go to

1. <http://www.cals.ufl.edu> (click on 'current students', 'Scholarships and Awards', 'Graduate Scholarships, Awards and Travel Grants' 'Click here'.
2. <http://graduateschool.ufl.edu>
Click on 'travel funding'

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Information concerning visa status, travel, etc. can be found at:

<http://www.ufic.ufl.edu/>

- Questions on these or related issues are best directed to the UF International Center (UFIC).

ANS GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

➤ Graduate Research Symposium





QUESTIONS?