

Holistic Review: Identifying and Selecting Top Candidates for Graduate Admission



Holistic Review refers to the practice of assessing a wide range of skills and abilities, the whole person, as candidates are selected for admission. Join The Graduate School as we bring experts to campus who will share new methodologies and best practices for the selection of graduate students. Traditional selection practices favor candidates who are similar to current students and disadvantage highly qualified nontraditional candidates. We need to look at new admission methods!

Attendees will learn how they can help diversify our student population by:

Utilizing data that can identify candidates with the skills, motivation and interests that predict program success.

Adopting methods that help faculty feel confident that candidates have what it takes to be successful (even when they have not met them in person).

We will explore:

Current methodologies used at other institutions.

Effective practices used by some JMU programs that other programs might find useful.

Who should attend this event?

Faculty who are responsible for graduate admission processes and selection of graduate candidates.

Faculty, AUH's, deans, and administrators who would like to increase the diversity of our student population.

Lecture

October 23rd 10:30-12:00pm in Madison Hall, room 1002

(Open to everyone, including students)

Workshop (Repeated—attend one)

October 23rd 2:00-4:00pm in Madison Hall, room 2001

October 24th 10:00-12:00pm in Madison Hall, room 2001

(Open to faculty, graduate program directors and academic unit heads responsible for graduate admission decisions)

Lectures and workshops will be led by:

Jerry B. Weinberg, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of the Graduate School Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Dr. Weinberg served as the President of the Illinois Association of Graduate Schools. He is currently the Chair of the Council of Graduate Schools Advisory Committee on Masters Degrees and is a member of the Council of Graduate Schools Taskforce studying graduate admissions practices nationwide.

Ms. Cathlin Sullivan and Ms. Molly McCracken. Holistic Admission Specialists for Kira Talent, Toronto, Canada. Kira Talent is a leading student-recruitment firm that specializes in holistic admissions solutions. Ms. McCracken is the author of *Demystifying Holistic Admissions: The Comprehensive Guide to Holistic Review*. Ms. Sullivan is the author of *Three Types of Competency-Based Assessments in Admissions (And How to Use Them)*.

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