

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL



*Illuminating the Path Forward*

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# Graduate & Professional Students

- Close to 12 thousand graduate and graduate-professional students
- 14 graduate-degree granting Colleges
  - including Medical Colleges and Law College
- 3 Undergraduate Residential Colleges with high engagement Teaching Fellows Programs



# Where Graduate Students matter: Everywhere!

- Instrumental to our **teaching** mission
  - A demographically diverse group of dedicated emerging scholar-teachers
  - Frequently the savior of an undergraduate student struggling with a course
  - Often the most innovative in exploring teaching methods



# Where Graduate Students matter:

- Instrumental to our outreach mission
  - Students from all over Michigan, the US, and the World, bringing unique and diverse lived experiences into our community
  - Their training engages communities here and around the world:
    - Medical Schools are community-based
    - Many Master's and some PhD programs actively engage communities as part of the curriculum
    - Many research projects facilitated or run by graduate and professional students engage communities or are even community-based
  - Upon graduation they carry their expertise and experience across the State and the world.



# Where Graduate Students matter:

- Instrumental to our **research** mission
  - Engaged in some of the most cutting-edge research across all seven continents
  - Support faculty on world-class research programs
  - Key to attracting and retaining great faculty



# The Graduate School's Role:

- Student Success
  - Mentoring
    - November 8: “Optimizing Mentoring Relationships by Aligning Expectations: A Workshop for Faculty, Postdocs and Graduate Students”
    - Spring: “Mentoring Task Force and National Academies Report”
  - Program Review
    - Work with units
  - Professional Development
    - Enhanced placements



# The Graduate School's Role:

- Diverse and Inclusive Communities
  - External Partners
    - MSIs and AGEP
  - MSU Partners
    - Academic and Support Units
  - Supporting Diverse Student Populations
    - Academic and Support Units



# The Graduate School's Role:

- Interconnectedness
  - External Partners
    - Nationally Recognized Organizations
  - Development and Communications
    - Director of Development – supporting units
    - Developing Narratives
  - Data and Measurement
    - GradSERU, new SIS, program evaluation





# Our engagement with you:

- Support with existing programs
  - Recruiting, Retention, Professional Development, etc.
- Support for new programs
  - Partnerships, T-32s
- Support with individual student issues
- Support with individual faculty issues



## More Information

- Strategic Plan: <https://grad.msu.edu/strategicplan>
- October 4, Chittenden:  
Graduate School Open House and Coffee for Faculty
- February 7, MSU Union:  
Graduate Program Directors Summit
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