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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