



Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

The University of Wisconsin–Madison Graduate School sets university-wide standards and policies for graduate education, serves a special advocacy and communication role, promotes diversity initiatives, and otherwise augments the margin of excellence.

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The dean and associate deans provide institutional leadership for graduate education across campus, administer policies governing graduate education, develop standards and guidelines for student services, and monitor educational outcomes.

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The **Office of Academic Analysis, Planning and Assessment** plays a critical role in the continuation of high quality graduate programs, and in turn, in the successful research enterprise on campus. The unit has two core functions: academic planning and program review, and data analytics and reporting.

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The **Office of Academic Services** is a campus resource to promote and facilitate excellence in graduate education for current students, from matriculation through conferral of the graduate degree, as well as to those faculty and staff across campus who also support them during this time.

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The **Office of Admissions** partners with over 160 academic programs to process approximately 22,000 applications for admission annually. It is a resource for applicants, students, faculty, and graduate programs throughout the admissions process, from prospect through matriculation.

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The **Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Funding** helps to create an inclusive and multicultural educational landscape through the retention and recruitment of diverse students. The unit oversees the school's fellowship and funding competitions, coordinates external fellowships, and assists with campus-wide funding issues.

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The **Office of Professional Development and Communications** coordinates, develops, and promotes learning opportunities to foster the academic and professional skills of graduate students, including through the Delta program for future faculty. It supports the various communication platforms of the Graduate School, including website, social media, and print materials.

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Highlighted initiatives:

Office of Academic Analysis, Planning and Assessment

- Interactive data visualization tools: enrollment data, career outcomes, and more
- Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: graduate education governance body
- Graduate Student Tracking System: campus-wide tool for students, staff, and faculty to monitor academic progress

Office of Academic Services

- Supports students facing personal and academic challenges in close partnership with programs and the Office of Student Assistance and Support
- Oversight of requirements and conferral of graduate degrees, graduate education Policy Library entries, and MyGradPortal applications related to degree clearing

Office of Admissions

- Admissions systems: suite of tools including the online application for admission and applicant review to facilitate program admission recommendations
- High-volume: processes 22,000+ applications for admission each year

Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Funding

- Diversity and Inclusion programming: events and mixers that address the needs of graduate students of color through community and relationship-building
- Recruitment and pipeline initiatives: lead on graduate partnerships and recruitment training and approaches
- Fellowship administration: resource for campus colleagues and fellows regarding graduate and fellowship appointments
- Research and travel grants: student funding for conferences and research

Office of Professional Development and Communications

- DiscoverPD: skills framework, self-assessment tool, and database of opportunities drawn from across campus, can be used to write Individual Development Plans
- Professional development programming for skill and career development, including the Delta Program in Research, Teaching and Learning
- Communication strategy: website, social media, news articles, and print materials

At a glance:

DEGREE PROGRAMS

- 161 master's and specialist
- 110 research and clinical doctoral

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

(summer 2023, fall 2023, spring 2024)

- 11,461 total
- 5,858 master's and specialist
- 6,281 research and clinical doctoral
- 3,914 international
- 1,305 underrep. students of color

DEGREES CONFERRED

(summer 2023, fall 2023, spring 2024)

- 2,626 master's and specialist
- 920 research and clinical doctoral