



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.

Dean William J. Karpus

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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.

Associate Dean Lisa Martin

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Martin's portfolio includes diversity and inclusion, student funding, professional development, and communications.

Associate Dean Parmesh Ramanathan

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Ramanathan's portfolio includes admissions, academic services, program planning and assessment, and data analytics.

The **Office of Academic Analysis, Planning and Assessment** plays a critical role in the perpetuation 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.

Vacant, Assistant Dean

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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.

Michelle Holland, Director of Academic Services

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The **Office of Admissions** partners with over 150 academic programs to process approximately 20,000 applications for admission annually. It is a resource for applicants, students, faculty, and graduate programs throughout the admissions process, from prospect through matriculation.

Judy Bauman, Director of Admissions

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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.

LaRuth McAfee, Assistant Dean

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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. It supports the various communication platforms of the Graduate School, including website, social media, and print materials.

Alissa Ewer, Assistant Dean

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Learn more about the Graduate School at grad.wisc.edu.

Highlighted initiatives:

Office of Academic Analysis, Planning and Assessment

- Graduate School Data Explorer: an online, interactive data visualization tool
- Understanding PhD Career Pathways: a multi-institutional project to analyze PhD students' experiences and employment outcomes
- Graduate Guide: a publication listing requirements for each graduate degree
- Graduate Faculty Executive Committee: graduate education governance body

Office of Academic Services

- Graduate student issues case management: collaborative support and referral for students confronting the unique challenges of graduate education
- Degree completion: oversight of requirements and conferral of graduate degrees
- Graduate Student Tracking System: an emerging campus-wide tool for students, staff, and faculty to monitor academic progress

Office of Admissions

- Admissions systems: a suite of tools including the online application for admission, as well as Applicant Review to facilitate program admission recommendations
- High-volume admissions: the office processes 19,000+ applications for graduate admission each year, providing service to programs and applicants throughout the process
- Service to international students: certified staff create I20 forms for international applicants, which are required to obtain student visas

Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Funding

- Multicultural Graduate Network: a student-led effort to address the needs of students of color through community and relationship-building
- Graduate Research Scholars communities: support for underrepresented graduate students through faculty and peer support, as well as fellowship funding
- Fellowship support: the office advises students with fellowship appointments
- Research and travel grants: student funding for conferences and research

Office of Professional Development and Communications

- DiscoverPD: a skills framework, self-assessment tool, and database of opportunities drawn from across campus - best used with an Individual Development Plan
- Professional development programming: skill and career development opportunities
- Onboarding: orienting new graduate students to campus virtually and in-person
- Communication strategy: includes management of website, social media, student and alumni profiles, print publications, and priority messages

At a glance:

PROGRAMS (2016-17)

Master's: 156

MFA: 4

Doctoral: 109

GFEC ACTIONS (2016-17)

New programs approved: 15

Discontinued/suspended: 19

Reviews conducted: 25

ADMISSIONS (2016-17)

Applicants: 19,444

Admits: 6,015

New enrollments: 2,868

FUNDING (2016-17)

Fellowships: \$15,000,000

Travel awards: \$278,000

ENROLLMENT (fall 2016)

Total enrolled: 9,153

International: 2,619

Master's: 3,803

Doctoral: 5,540

Full-time: 7,759

Part-time: 1,396

Female: 4,469

Male: 4,684

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (spring 2017)

DiscoverPD visitors: 3,836

PD calendar events: 320

DEGREES (2016-17)

Master's: 2,071

Doctoral: 918



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