

OSU Graduate College

Our Mission

To facilitate and advocate for excellence in graduate education.

Strategic objectives and initiatives

DIVERSITY: Increase the diversity of students receiving graduate degrees and graduate certificates.

- Diversity in all forms leads to the advancement of scholarship and knowledge. The Graduate College promotes diversity of thought, career paths, and a strong cross-disciplinary approach to learning that contributes to a quality education.
- Work with colleges and campuses to build inclusive communities for graduate students from under- represented populations to improve scholarly depth and excellence in our graduate programs as well as to increase recruitment, retention, and graduation rates.

BEST PRACTICES: Increase innovation of best practices in graduate education.

- Graduate education at Oklahoma State University is aligned with national best practices articulated by the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). Through the Graduate College, OSU is committed to promoting excellence in graduate education and providing opportunities for graduate students and graduate faculty to excel in teaching, research, and outreach in a manner consistent with its land-grant missions.
- By researching, sharing, and promoting innovative best practices in graduate and postdoctoral training programs, we will better prepare our graduate students for what lies ahead.
- Provide training to faculty advisors and Graduate Coordinators to improve faculty effectiveness as advisors.
- Include post-doctoral fellows in our 360 Professional Development Program.

ADVOCACY: Advocate for, recognize, support and reward excellence in graduate education. Recognition and reward are key motivators for graduate students, programs, and colleges.

- Working with the Graduate Council, the Graduate College and Graduate Faculty develop policies, procedures, and activities to promote excellence in graduate training, research and creative activities.

- Coordinates the university-wide three-minute thesis competition to help prepare students to effectively communicate their scholarship as well as to highlight our emerging scholars.
- Promotes interdisciplinary initiatives through its degree programs in environmental science, public health and interdisciplinary studies.

SERVICE: Provide consistently exceptional service to graduate students, graduate programs, colleges, and campuses

- Provide graduate students and programs our constituents with the critical information, support, tools, training, and resources they need to help them make better decisions and achieve greater success.
- Make recommendations using the data about graduate education publicly available to provide prospective and current students, faculty, and colleges with the information they need to make informed decisions.
- Work toward establishing an Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to better serve the needs of postdoctoral associates and fellows.