Collaborative Efforts for Student Support and Success

Supporting Students with Financial, Emotional, Social, and Other Needs

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• Flagship Institution
• Very High Research Activity (R1)
• ~2,100 Graduate Students (~ 775 Doctoral Students)
• 130+ Graduate Degree Programs (~50 Doctoral)
• 9 College/Schools Offering Graduate Degrees
• An Associate Dean and 8 Full-Time Staff
• Centralized admission, decentralized assistantships
Long History of Collaboration

• Prior Graduate School Leadership
• Student Affairs (Dean of Students, Career Services, and University Counseling Center)
• Office of Diversity and Community Engagement
• Financial Aid
• Provost Office
• Student Groups
Collaborations and Role of Graduate School

- Graduate student belongingness
- Orienting services to directly meet needs of graduate students
- Advocacy for graduate students
- Normalizing accessing services for graduate students
Financial Need Support Examples

• Emergency Fund*
• Non-Resident Fee Waiver Account*
• Recruitment Fellowships (Excellence in Inclusivity)*
• Work Study
• Subsidized Health Insurance
• Graduate Student Facebook Group
• Student Group Operated Food Bank
Emotional Need Support Examples

• Professional Development Workshops*
  • Imposter Syndrome
  • Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health Concerns
  • Coping with Stress in Academia
    with Dean as co-facilitator

• Graduate Student Support Group*
  • 7-10 students average for 1.5 hours/week
Social Need Support Examples

• Orientation with lunch by program with cohort and Graduate Program Coordinator*
• Networking event for diverse doctoral students and alumni*
• BGPSA and GSC welcome events and tailgates, social gatherings, and programming
• Graduate student floor in library
Other Need Support Examples

• Parental Leave Policy*

• Graduate Student Writing Center*
  • 123-161 appts. and 52-63 discrete clients / term
  • > 70% with first/home language other than English
  • Grammar, flow, ELL main foci

• Professional Development Programs Offered in Response to Specific Student Requests*