

Suzanne Ortega – Biographical Sketch

Suzanne Ortega serves as president of the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS). The only U.S. higher education association devoted solely to graduate study, CGS has nearly 500 U.S. and Canadian members and 28 international affiliates. A sociologist by training, Ortega's research focuses on social inequality, mental health, and graduate education.

Prior to assuming her current position, she served as the University of North Carolina Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (2011-14). Previous appointments included the Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of New Mexico, Vice Provost and Graduate Dean at the University of Washington, and the University of Missouri. Ortega's masters and doctoral degrees in sociology were completed at Vanderbilt University.

She has served on review panels for NSF and NIH and has been the principal investigator or co-investigator on grants totaling more than \$12 million in state, federal, and private foundation funds. Ortega also has served on a number of professional association boards and committees, including the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), the National Academies of Science Committee on Revitalizing Graduate STEM Education for the 21st Century, and the NSF's Human Resources Expert Panel. She is currently a member of the board of American University of the Emirates, and serves on Advisory Councils for the Vanderbilt University Graduate School and the Societies Consortium on Sexual Harassment in STEMM.