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CGS Applauds Bipartisan Passage of CHIPS and Science Act

Washington, DC, — The Council of Graduate Schools applauds the bipartisan passage of the CHIPS and Science Act (H.R. 4346) in the Senate, legislation that provides significant investments in scientific research that positively impact the nation's innovation enterprise.

Specifically, the bill authorizes \$81 billion over five years for the National Science Foundation (NSF), which is \$36 billion over baseline level funding for the agency. This includes \$13 billion for STEM education, including scholarships, fellowships, and traineeships for graduate students as well as increases in funding for NSF research activities for universities across the country. The bill also provides significant investments to the Department of Energy's Office of Science, including authorizing \$87 million through fiscal year 2027 for the Computational Science Graduate Fellowship. CGS encourages swift passage of the legislation in the House of Representatives and looks forward to President Biden signing the bill into law.

For the United States to remain at the forefront of scientific research, cutting-edge technology, and advancement in innovation, the nation must continue to make robust investments in all federal research agencies and provide grant opportunities to support graduate education and research. Providing research opportunities for graduate students is essential for the U.S. to solve national and global challenges and to support the growth and competitiveness of the nation's STEM workforce.

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The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of approximately 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices.