MISSION
For over 60 years, the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has been the only national organization dedicated solely to advancing master’s and doctoral education and research.

CGS accomplishes its mission through advocacy, the development and dissemination of best practices, and innovative research.

The Council regularly convenes leaders in graduate education to discuss and take action on a broad range of issues affecting master’s and doctoral education. CGS collaborates with corporate and nonprofit organizations with strong investments in graduate education.

DEGREES
CGS MEMBERS IN THE U.S. AWARD
86.9% of all doctoral degrees
59.8% of all master’s degrees
for an annual total of
60,823 research/scholarship doctoral degrees
for an annual total of
476,616 master’s degrees

STUDENTS
AGGREGATE ENROLLMENT
(master’s and doctoral students)
1,849,606
348,840

RESEARCH
R&D EXPENDITURES
$19,087,293,441

FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS AWARDED
$15,794,750,464

For more information and data sources, visit cgsnet.org/about-cgs.
CGS Regular and Associate Membership
opens the door to a network of graduate institutions across the U.S. and Canada

Peer Engagement and Networking
► Member rates for the CGS Annual Meeting and Summer Workshop & New Dean's Institute, the premier professional development and networking events for leaders in graduate education
► Access to the Dean’s Discussion Board, the only online platform for information exchange dedicated solely to graduate education
► Eligibility to participate in governance of the Council and serve on advisory committees

Support for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
► Resources regarding the recent Supreme Court rulings on race and higher education admissions
► Option to participate in the National Name Exchange (NNE), a program which aims to support greater diversity in U.S. Graduate programs
► Annual access to the TRIO McNair Scholars Directory

Access to Data & Insights
► Exclusive access to the online CGS Member Library with publications on important topics in graduate education
► Subscriptions to GradEdge, our member newsletter which features the latest on national issues and trends in graduate education, and Washington Insights & Highlights, our policy newsletter which provides up-to-date information on public policy and federal regulations that impact graduate education
► Reduced member rates on strategic consultations to assist in tactical decision-making about the administration of graduate education on your campus

Webinars & Virtual Events
► Access to members-only webinars and the CGS webinar recording library
► CGS presidential office hours, free, members-only virtual events designed to promote opportunities for networking among graduate deans from universities of similar size and mission and to build a national network of trusted peers

Resources for Enrollment & Completion
► Opportunity to compete for National Science Foundation (NSF) subaward grants for Broadening Participation in STEM Graduate Degrees and the U.S. STEM Workforce and other grants
► Access to Graduate Enrollment and Degrees by Fine Field, an annual report, available only to CGS member institutions, includes data on first-time and total graduate enrollment data by fine field of study (e.g. chemistry, history, philosophy, etc.), gender, citizenship, and race/ethnicity
► Option to be a signatory to the Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants (the April 15 Resolution)

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