ABOUT COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS

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.

OUR MEMBERS

450 U.S. AND CANADIAN MEMBER UNIVERSITIES

25 INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

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DEGREES

CGS MEMBERS IN THE U.S. AWARD

80.8% of all DOCTORAL DEGREES

58.4% of all MASTER’S DEGREES

for an annual total of

64,922 research/scholarship doctoral degrees

for an annual total of

522,387 master’s degrees

STUDENTS

1,766,443 (master’s and doctoral students)

365,284 ASSISTANTSHIPS SUPPORTED

RESEARCH

$62,768,530,107 FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS AWARDED

$52,136,011,488 R&D EXPENDITURES


For more information and data sources visit cgsnet.org/about-cgs. ALL STATISTICS AS OF JANUARY 2024.
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 Deans Institute, the premier professional development and networking events for leaders in graduate education where issues like the rise of AI, fundraising for graduate education, and supporting master’s students are addressed
- 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*

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL EVENTS
- Access to members-only webinars and the CGS webinar recording library with presentations on timely issues including Building a Healthy Research Culture: Where to Start and Microcredentials in Graduate Education
- CGS presidential 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 networks of trusted peers

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. and Canadian graduate programs
- Annual access to the TRIO McNair Scholars Directory

ACCESS TO DATA & INSIGHTS
- Resources about the new gainful employment (GE) and financial value transparency (FVT) regulation that takes effect July 1, 2024, as well as the new reporting requirements for your institution
- Exclusive access to the online CGS Member Library with publications like The Organization and Administration of Graduate Education: A Guide for University Leaders
- Subscriptions to GradEdge, which features news on national issues and trends in graduate education, and Washington Insights & Highlights, which provides up-to-date information on public policy and federal regulations that impact graduate education
- Reduced member rates on strategic consultations and custom data benchmarking reports to assist in tactical decision-making about graduate education on your campus

RESOURCES FOR ENROLLMENT & COMPLETION
- Opportunity to compete for subaward grants like the National Science Foundation (NSF) Broadening Participation in STEM Graduate Degrees and the U.S. STEM Workforce and Humanities Coalition grants
- Access to Graduate Enrollment and Degrees by Fine Field, an annual report, available only to CGS members, includes data on first-time and total graduate enrollment data by fine field of study, gender, citizenship, and race/ethnicity
- Option to be a signatory to Supporting Graduate Student Mental Health and Well-being: Statement of Principles and Commitments and Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants (the April 15 Resolution)

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