

ABOUT CGS COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS

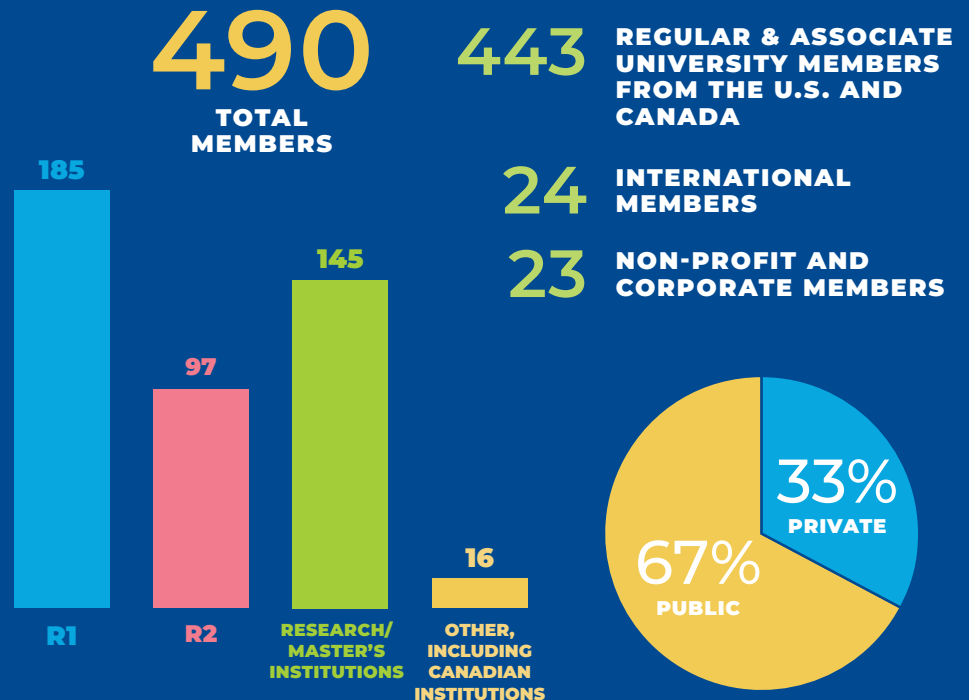
MISSION

For over 65 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.

OUR MEMBERS



The 2025 Carnegie Classifications include Research Activity Designations as separate listings from the Institutional Classification. R1 = Very High Spending and Doctorate Production; R2 = High Spending and Doctorate Production. Research/Master's Institutions are those with a Research Colleges and Universities designation or master's institutions with no research designation. Other includes Canadian institutions and U.S. baccalaureate institutions.

DEGREES

CGS MEMBERS IN THE U.S. AWARD

About
80%
of all **DOCTORAL DEGREES**

for an annual total of
65,584
research/scholarship
doctoral degrees

About
60%
of all **MASTER'S DEGREES**

for an annual total of
563,866
master's degrees



STUDENTS

1,710,118 **AGGREGATE ENROLLMENT**
(master's and doctoral students)

353,388 **ASSISTANTSHIPS SUPPORTED**



RESEARCH

R&D EXPENDITURES **\$76.9B**

FEDERAL RESEARCH DOLLARS AWARDED **\$61.4B**

Sources: Council of Graduate Schools, Membership Data and U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), Completions, Employees by Assigned Position, Finance (Fall 2023)

For more information and data sources visit cgsnet.org/about-cgs. ALL STATISTICS AS OF JUNE 2025.

CGS Regular and Associate Membership

opens the door to a network of graduate institutions across the U.S. and Canada

PEER ENGAGEMENT AND NETWORKING

- Participate in the **CGS Annual Meeting** and **Summer Workshop & New Deans Institute**, the premier professional development and networking events for leaders in graduate education where pressing issues like the rise of **AI** and **supporting master's students** are addressed.
- Access to the **Dean's Discussion Board**, a platform for information exchange dedicated solely to graduate education.
- Eligibility to participate in **governance of the Council** and serve on **advisory committees**.*
- Access to members-only webinars and the **CGS webinar recording library** with presentations on timely issues including **Fundraising for Graduate Education** and **Microcredentials in Graduate Education**.
- Connect at **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.



ACCESS TO DATA & INSIGHTS

- CGS Member Library with publications like **The Organization and Administration of Graduate Education: A Guide for University Leaders and Master's Education: A Guide to Creating and Sustaining Student-Centered Programs**.
- Resources from the **Cost of Graduate Education (CGE) taskforce** to address challenges around the cost and value of graduate degrees, including a **report, action agenda** and associated **member toolkit**.
- **47th Presidential Administration** webpage with the latest information on executive orders and regulatory changes by the administration.
- **Strategic consultations** and custom data benchmarking reports to assist in tactical decision-making about graduate education on your campus (reduced member rates).
- Subscriptions to **GradEdge**, featuring news on national issues and trends in graduate education, and **Washington Insights & Highlights**, providing up-to-date information on public policy and federal regulations that impact graduate education.



VISIBILITY & SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

- Eligibility to nominate your university, peers, and graduate students for five **CGS awards programs**.
- Opportunity to apply for subaward grants like **Scaling a Systems Approach to Inclusive Graduate Research Environments**.



RESOURCES FOR ENROLLMENT & COMPLETION

- Option to participate in the **National Name Exchange (NNE)**, a program designed to help graduate programs recruit domestic students from institutions across the U.S. The Exchange is open to all CGS members at no additional cost.
- **A guide for Supporting Fair and Inclusive Graduate Programs** offering promising practices in recruitment and admissions, inclusive program cultures, and mentoring.
- Access to **Graduate Enrollment and Degrees by Fine Field**, an annual report, available only to CGS members, which includes data on first-time and total graduate enrollment data by fine field of study.
- Option to be a signatory to the **Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants** (the April 15 Resolution).



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