



2026 Summer Workshop and New Deans Institute Preliminary Program

New Deans Institute

Saturday, July 11

7:30am	Breakfast
8:15am	Welcome and Introductions
8:30am	Freshman Deans' Reflections
10:15am	Managing Budgets: Planning, Prioritizing, and Allocating
11:00am	Managing Operations: Time, Staff, and Partnerships
12:00pm	Networking Lunch
1:30pm	Managing Enrollment: Recruitment, Admissions, and Funding
3:15pm	Advocacy 101
4:30pm	NDI Wrap-up

Summer Workshop

Sunday, July 12

1:00pm	Welcome and Overview of CGS
1:15pm	Plenary I: Graduate Education Disrupted: Navigating our Republic in Support of Graduate Education
3:15pm	Graduate Leader Dialogues: Designing Graduate Education for Tomorrow: Systems, Students, and Institutional Resilience Strategic Levers for Transforming Graduate Mentoring & Programmatic Innovation
6:00pm	Opening Reception

Monday, July 13

7:30am	Breakfast sponsored by ProQuest
9:00am	Plenary II: The Provost Perspective; Engaging Change Management Practices in Building a Strong Graduate Education
11:00am	Dean's Toolbox Sessions: Beyond the Faculty Track: Evolving the PFF Model for Career Success No-cost/Low-cost Strategies for Graduate Enrollment Management Building AI Literacy: Principles, Partnerships, and Practical Implementation Update on NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program
12:00pm	Networking Lunch
1:30pm	Graduate Leader Dialogues: Addressing Gaps in Graduate Student Career Development through Enhanced Faculty Mentorship Strategic Leadership in Graduate Education: Building Vision, Managing Change, and Developing Teams
4:15pm	Special Event: River Cruise

Tuesday, July 14

7:30am	Breakfast sponsored by ETS
9:00am	Plenary III
11:00am	Hot Topic Sessions: Breaking News: What's Happening in DC and the Impact on Graduate Education Supporting International Students in the Current Visa Policy Environment The 3-year Baccalaureate in North America: Are We Ready Domestic Student Recruitment: Policy Barriers and Messages that Resonate New Approaches for Doctoral Student Funding Strategies for Institutions with a Smaller Graduate Footprint
12:00pm	Networking Lunch
2:00pm	Technical Workshops Beyond the Dissertation: Holistic Approaches to Doctoral Student Success From Teaching Preparation to Career Readiness: Graduate Professional Development at Scale

Wednesday, July 15

7:30am	Breakfast sponsored by Risepoint
9:00am	Technical Workshop Being a Catalyst for Improving Graduate Assistantships: Collaborative Solutions for Strategic Change