



# 2026 Summer Workshop and New Deans Institute Preliminary Program

## New Deans Institute

*Saturday, July 11*

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| 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*

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

## *Monday, July 13*

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

## *Tuesday, July 14*

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

## *Wednesday, July 15*

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| 7:30am | Breakfast sponsored by Risepoint  |
| 9:00am | <b>Technical Workshop</b><br>Being a Catalyst for Improving Graduate Assistantships: Collaborative Solutions for Strategic Change |