

## Strengthening Graduate Education Together

### Our Mission

For six decades, the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has been the national voice for the graduate education community. CGS is the only national organization in the United States that is dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and research.

CGS accomplishes its mission through:

- **advocacy** in the policy arena
- **innovative research**
- development and dissemination of **best practices**
- **convening leaders** to address emerging issues

### Membership Snapshot

The CGS community includes more than 400 institutions, companies, and organizations across the graduate education ecosystem. Our network is composed of approximately:

- **89%** universities and colleges in the U.S. and Canada
- **4%** international institutions
- **7%** nonprofit and corporate partners

### A Collective Force<sup>1</sup>

Together, CGS Members account for:



**79%**

of all U.S. doctoral degrees  
awarded



**1,761,023**

graduate students enrolled



**\$83.7B**

in research expenditures



**59%**

of all U.S. master's degrees  
awarded



**354,713**

assistantships supported



**\$66.2B**

in federal research dollars  
awarded

<sup>1</sup>Figures are approximate as of February 2026.

# CGS Member Resources and Benefits

*Open the Door to an Expansive Network*

## Community & Engagement

*Connect with peers. Build leadership capacity. Stay ahead of emerging issues.*

- **Annual Meeting** — Premier national gathering for graduate leaders.
- **Summer Workshop & New Deans Institute** — Leadership training and community-building.
- **Deans Discussion Board** — Private, members-only forum for real-time information exchange.
- **Governance Participation** — Eligibility to serve on advisory committees for Regular Members.
- **Presidential Office Hours** — Small-group virtual dialogues with peer institutions off the record.
- **Members-Only Webinars & Recording Library** — Timely sessions with national experts.

## Data & Insights

*Trusted analysis to guide institutional strategy.*

- **Member Library** — Publications on leadership, program design, student success, and others.
- **Federal Policy Updates** — Briefings on regulatory and legislative changes.
- **Benchmarking & Consultations** — Custom data reports and strategic guidance.
- **CGE Taskforce Resources** — Tools and action agendas on cost, value, and sustainability.
- **Subscriptions** — *GradEdge* (national trends) and *Washington Insights & Highlights* (policy updates).

## Visibility & Recognition

*Elevate your institution's impact.*

- **Awards Programs** — Recognizing institutions and student achievement through nomination.
- **Subaward Grants** — Funding opportunities for supporting inclusive research and student success.

## Enrollment & Student Success

*Strengthen recruitment pipelines and improve outcomes.*

- **National Name Exchange (NNE)** — Recruit talented domestic students at no additional cost.
- **Graduate Enrollment & Degrees Report** — Detailed national trend data.
- **Fair & Inclusive Programs Guide** — Evidence-based practices for admissions and mentoring.
- **April 15<sup>th</sup> Resolution** — Option to sign framework promoting transparency and fairness in admissions decisions.



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