GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Organization

The Graduate School currently consists of the Dean, a Senior Associate Dean, an Assistant Dean, the Graduate Council, the Graduate Faculty, and the Graduate School staff. The Graduate School is responsible for establishing, monitoring, and enforcing minimum general standards of graduate study in the University and for coordinating the graduate programs of the various colleges and divisions of the University. Responsibility for detailed operation of graduate programs is vested in individual colleges, schools, divisions, and academic units. In most colleges, an associate dean or other administrator is directly responsible for graduate studies in that college. General policies and standards of the Graduate School are established by the Graduate Council as represented by the Graduate Council. Policy changes must be approved by the graduate dean(s) and the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council (chaired by the Graduate Dean) considers graduate education policy and policy changes, and the creation of or revisions to graduate degree programs, majors, concentrations, certificates, and other graduate education initiatives. All faculty members who serve on supervisory committees or who direct master’s theses and doctoral dissertations must first be appointed to the Graduate Faculty. University of Florida faculty members who are appointed to full-time faculty positions in tenured or tenure-accruing positions are appointed to the Graduate Faculty as a matter of course, shortly after the time of their appointment to the university faculty. For all others, a graduate degree program’s academic unit nominates faculty members for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. Nominations must be approved by the Department Chair/Director, the College Dean, and a vote of the current graduate faculty members in the nominating unit. The appointment is formally made by the Graduate Dean. The academic unit determines the level of duties for each Graduate Faculty member, though it is expected that all Graduate Faculty members should be available and willing to serve as external members of doctoral dissertation committees throughout the University of Florida.

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History

Graduate study at UF existed while the University was still on its Lake City campus. However, the first graduate degrees, two Master of Arts with a major in English, were awarded on the Gainesville campus in 1906. The first Master of Science was awarded in 1908, with a major in entomology. The first programs leading to the Ph.D. were approved in 1930, and the first degrees were awarded in 1934, one with a major in chemistry and the other with a major in pharmacy. The first Ed.D. was awarded in 1948. Graduate study has grown phenomenally at UF. In 1930, 33 degrees were awarded in 12 fields. In 1940, 66 degrees were awarded in 16 fields. In 2018-2019, UF awarded 7,208 graduate degrees in more than 140 fields, including 957 Ph.D. degrees.
Graduate Deans and Years of Service

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<td>T. M. Simpson, Dean</td>
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Mission, Vision, Values

Mission of the University
The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land grant foundation. We are The Gator Nation, a diverse community dedicated to excellence in education and research and shaping a better future for Florida, the nation, and the world.

Our mission is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural and societal benefit.

Vision of the University
UF will be a premier university that the state, nation, and world look to for leadership through:

1. an exceptional academic environment, achieved by a diverse community of students, faculty, and staff;
2. an outstanding and accessible education that prepares students for work, citizenship, and life;
3. a preeminent faculty;
4. growth in research and scholarship that improves the lives of the world’s citizens;
5. strengthened public engagement;
6. successful and appreciative alumni; and
7. a physical infrastructure and efficient administration and support structure that enable preeminence.

The environment will foster new discoveries and inventions, enabling UF to build on its excellent national ranking in technology transfer and licensing. This will spur new businesses and state economic
development to accompany UF’s emphasis on service and outreach to State citizens.

**Vision, Mission, and Values of the University of Florida Graduate School**

**Vision**
Excellence in all aspects of graduate education at the University of Florida

**Mission**
The UF Graduate School is committed to providing services to the campus community that maintain integrity and excellence in graduate education through clear and consistent policies, high standards, efficient procedures, and direct student support. We seek to support all graduate students, faculty, and staff by fostering relationships, increasing communications and collaborations, and delivering comprehensive research and data resources to inform and advance graduate education.

The Graduate School:

- **Provides** opportunities through funding support, professional development activities, support for student groups, student funding to enhance recruitment and retention, and graduate degree completion;
- **Partners** with academic units in providing underrepresented minority and international outreach and support in recruiting potential students;
- **Promotes** efficiency and effectiveness in graduate education so UF graduate students can achieve their educational and professional potential and contribute to the university, the state, the nation, and the world.

**Values**

- Excellence in graduate education
- Recruitment and graduation of outstanding students
- Ethical conduct in graduate studies and research
- Diversity among students, faculty, and staff
- Communication and collaboration throughout the graduate community
- Graduate student professional development
- Preservation of academic standards
- Maintaining accurate data and records