Welcome & Orientation for New Students
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Graduate School

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Welcome to UWM and your Graduate School at Mitchell Hall
R1- Graduate Outstanding Learning Environment

The Graduate School embodies the Chancellor’s vision for graduate education:

To be a top-tier doctoral research university that is the best place to learn and work for graduate students, postdoctoral scholars and graduate faculty.
Vision and Mission

✓ Active recruitment of diverse graduate students with full guidance from entrance to graduation

✓ Competitive financial support for graduate assistants and fellows

✓ Enriched portfolio of graduate programs with growing recognition in nation and world

✓ Efficient and effective administrative support for all graduate students, staff, faculty, governance and administrators

✓ Graduate advocacy, development, marketing and alumni relations
Our Programs

- 37 Doctoral Programs
- 67 Masters Programs
- 39 Graduate Certificates

Graduate School + 12 Academic Schools/Colleges
Over 4,800 graduate students and ~60,000 graduate alumni fuel the knowledge-based local and global economies that demand a workforce with advanced degrees.

Students from over 80 countries come to UWM to pursue their graduate degrees.

More than $12 million in assistantships, fellowships and scholarships are awarded to graduate students at UWM each year. Assistantships offer full tuition remission, health coverage, and a monthly stipend.

Distinguished faculty and academic staff foster excellence, innovation and community engagement.

UWM is one of only two Carnegie-rated “R1” Doctoral Research Universities in Wisconsin.
Centralized student and program services for:

- recruitment, application, admission and new enrollment
- retention and continuing enrollment
- graduation

Requests for exception to program requirements or policy

Administration & student records

Graduate diversity & inclusion

Professional development

Graduate School events & public relations

For guidance contact Assistant Dean Erin Fox foxe@uwm.edu
Intramural fellowship programs:

- Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship
- Distinguished Dissertator Fellowship
- R1 Finishing Fellowship

Extramurally supported fellowship programs:

- Advanced Opportunity Program Fellowships (State)
- R1 AOP Finishing Fellowship Initiative (State)
- McNair Fellowships (Federal)
- Graduate Student Excellence Fellowships (Philanthropic)

Graduate School Fellowships require nominations from the programs and are awarded through a competitive process led by university governance.
We embrace both traditional and non-traditional students and postdocs with a variety of aspirations. We aim to inspire research and professional excellence, scholarly integrity, and a rounded professional skillset that will be valuable for both academic and non-academic careers by providing:

- **Graduate Student Travel Awards** (Present research at national or international conferences)
- **Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals** (PFFP)
- **GRAD 801 PFFP** (two topics offered online; 1 credit each)
- **Dissertator Boot Camp** (the week after Memorial Day)
- **Scriptorium for Dissertators** (with UWM Library)
- **Responsible Conduct of Research** (Office of Research)
- **3 Minute Thesis** (public speaking contest)
Advising

Is your advisor a “Yoda” or an “Emperor”?
Graduate Student Appeals & Grievances

- Academic appeals
- Academic misconduct appeals
- TA/RA/PA employment grievances
  
  **Graduate Dean**

- Graduate non-academic misconduct
- Graduate hourly employment grievances
  
  **Dean of Students**

- Research Misconduct
  
  **Office of Research**

- Complaints related to harassment, bias & discrimination
  
  **Office of Equity & Diversity**
Graduate Faculty Governance
From Fall 2019

Graduate Students Representatives are appointed on Graduate Faculty Committees through the Student Association.