GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES at Texas A&M University

New Faculty Orientation

Dr. Karen Butler-Purry
Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies
Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Over 268 graduate and professional degree programs including 23 interdisciplinary degrees

Fall 2019 graduate and professional student enrollment: 14,894, which is about 20% of total enrollment

Fall 2019 enrollment number represents a 64% increase in enrollment since 2009 (9,383 students).
Vision

• Strategically enhance our graduate and professional programs
• Attract, develop, support and graduate outstanding and diverse graduate and professional students
• Commit to providing multi-year competitive funding for all full-time PhD students
• Improve interdisciplinary graduate and professional education
• Deepen our engagement with graduate and professional alumni as life-long learners
• Expand professional master’s programs
• Build a culture of inclusive advising, mentoring, and professional development
• Cultivate academic innovation in graduate and professional programs
The Role of OGAPS

OGAPS

THESIS & DISSERTATION

RECORDS PROCESSING

DATA SERVICES

RECRUITING & STUDENT SUPPORT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OMBUDS

R E S P E C T

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Administrative Structure

Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President

OGAPS

Graduate Operations Committee (GOC)
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• Teaching
• Committee Service
• Service as an MP, PI, Advisor, and Mentor
• Contribution to Professional Development Initiatives
• Attentiveness to student well-being
Building Community

Events
• Community of Scholars
• University Fellows Social
• Dinner and Dialogue
• Distinguished Graduate Student and Dissertation Awards
• TAMUS Pathways Symposium
• GPSC Banquet
• New Graduate Student Orientation
• 3 Minute Thesis

Sharing
• Social Media
• Blog
• Student Success Stories

Doctoral Student Conducts International Relations through Coffee
5/08/2020
In early 2021, pandemic-permitting, Horticultural Sciences doctoral student Sarah Brinkley will travel to Columbia on a Green contact research and advance causes about which she is passionate.

By Rob Dixon, Texas A&M Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

Graduate and Professional Studies Blog

Worldly Woes and Managing Self-Talk
The world is super chaotic... still, it’s crazy to me that I can still say that in all.
Read More...
07/28/2020

Dismantle Preservation
Throughout the spring and summer sessions, I started to realize that while everything was moved...
Read More...
07/28/2020
Professional Development

G.R.A.D. Aggies

A collaboration among eight campus offices offering graduate student professional development in four areas:

- Academic Development
- Leadership and Communication Development
- Instruction and Assessment Development
- Career Development

Students can earn certificates
http://grad-aggies.tamu.edu

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning

NSF-Funded national network that provides programming to help graduate students, postdocs, and faculty advance their teaching in preparation for faculty careers

Core Ideas:

- learning through diversity
- learning communities
- teaching as research

Students can earn certificates
cirtl.tamu.edu
Diversity Excellence Fellowship
Dissertation Fellowship

Diversity Excellence Fellowships seek to increase the diversity of the graduate student population at Texas A&M by providing four years (PhD students) and two years (master’s students) of funding to support the development of high achieving scholars from underrepresented populations in their fields who show promise for distinguished careers.

Dissertation Fellowships are one-year awards given to students in the dissertation phase of their degree programs, with financial need, and whose academic and research performance are excellent.

Research and Presentation Grant

OGAPS supports academic development by awarding grants to students who need to travel for field or archival research, or who have the opportunity to present their work at domestic or international conferences.
The mental health of graduate students represents a critical issue across college and university campuses. While scholarly and public attention in the previous decade focused on the growing mental health diagnoses influencing undergraduate students, including the rise of anxiety and depression among college students, recent studies demonstrate that graduate students also experience mental health challenges and mental illness at concerning levels. These issues influence students’ trajectories through their graduate programs—and beyond, with many students reporting growing anxieties regarding career uncertainties. Increasingly, research demonstrates the need for higher education professionals, including student affairs practitioners and faculty, to recognize their powerful influence on the overall wellbeing of advisees and graduate student employees. Student affairs professionals and faculty members and others in the academic community must begin to take a more active role in addressing the mental health crisis among graduate students.
Student Wellbeing and Resources

OFFICES OF THE DEAN OF
STUDENT LIFE
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

✓ Diversity and Inclusion
✓ LGBTQ+Pride Center
✓ GPSG
✓ Student Legal Services
✓ Women’s Resource Center
✓ Student Conduct Office
✓ New Student and Family Programs
✓ Student Assistance Services
✓ Student Media

Counseling & Psychological Services
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

✓ Crisis Intervention
✓ Suicide Prevention
✓ Individual Counseling
✓ Group Counseling
✓ Workshops
✓ Self-Help Resources
✓ Outreach
✓ Referrals

Financial Aid
DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT & ACADEMIC SERVICES

✓ Emergency Aid
✓ Short-term Loans
✓ Emergency Tuition and Fees Loans
✓ Student Assistance Services
✓ Money Education Center
✓ Food Resources
✓ 211 Texas Program

Concerned about a student? Tell Somebody!
tellsomebody.tamu.edu
OGAPS provides Ombuds Services to the Graduate Community:
A safe, non-judgmental space where members of the University Community can consult or seek conflict resolution confidentially.

**Common Student Concerns**
- Conflict with faculty advisor
- Problem with course instructors/policies
- Interpersonal and cross-cultural conflict
- University policies

**Common Faculty Concerns**
- Interpersonal conflict with student
- Evaluating student progress
- Determining co-authorship
- University policies

Email [ombuds@tamu.edu](mailto:ombuds@tamu.edu) to schedule a confidential appointment.
Thank you and welcome to Texas A&M!

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