GRADUATE EDUCATION @ ILLINOIS

BY THE NUMBERS

THE GRADUATE COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Graduate education matters. It is critically important to the success of all research universities.

In the rapidly changing environment of higher education, research, and technology, graduate education matters perhaps more than ever before. Graduate education trains students to address some of the world's most pressing problems for the future of humanity through their research, scholarship, creative work, and community engagement. The Graduate College is committed to fostering an environment that allows students to do just that by attracting and graduating a diverse and talented corps of outstanding graduate students and by promoting innovation and excellence in graduate education.

Throughout the year, we work closely with individual graduate students, faculty, and staff to provide support and expertise at all stages of graduate education from admissions through thesis deposit and degree certification. We administer fellowships for the recruitment, development, and retention of the best and brightest graduate students from many diverse dimensions and backgrounds. Our programming and workshops help students compete for prestigious fellowships and develop strong professional skills to position them well for their future careers.

The following pages provide a by-the-numbers look at graduate education at Illinois.

Sincerely,

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Graduate Students & Graduate Programs

10,113

Graduate students enrolled in degree programs

(Fall 2015, excludes Law JD, Vet Med DVM, and CITL non-degree students)

41% International students from 102 countries
Top 5 countries: China, India, South Korea, Taiwan & Iran

8% Underrepresented minority students from the U.S. & its territories

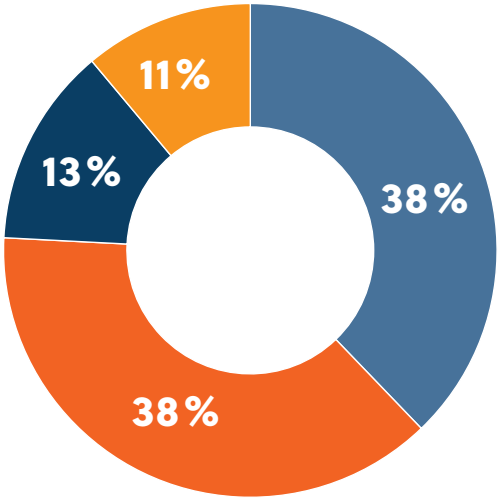
139 Master's degree programs

93 Doctoral degree programs

20 Fully online graduate degree programs

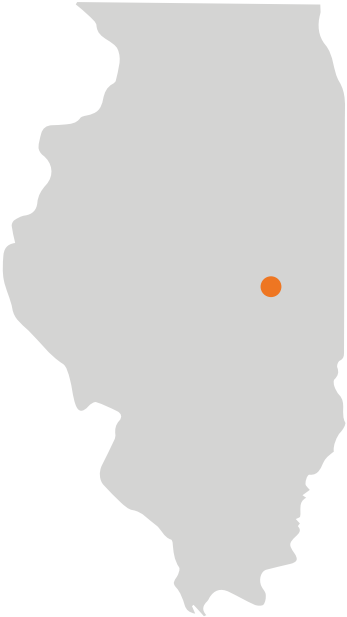
All numbers in this report are based on AY 14-15 unless otherwise noted.

Enrollment by Broad Field:



- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Engineering & Physical Sciences
- Humanities & Creative Arts
- Biological & Agricultural Sciences

Attracting & Graduating Promising Students



Top 5 reasons

graduate students choose the University of Illinois

- Academic quality / reputation of a graduate program
- Cost - tuition, health benefits, financial package
- Academic quality / reputation of the institution
- Program content, structure, or climate
- Program faculty or adviser

(Source: Graduate College AIDE surveys)

25,764
Applications
(FY 15)

14%
Increase in applications
(FY 11-15)

33%
Increase in international applications
(FY 11-15)

39%
Increase in new underrepresented minority enrollments
(FY 11-15)

Excludes Law JD, Vet Med DVM, and CITL non-degree applications and admissions. Based on DMI 10-Day Enrollment Reports.

Serving Postdocs

3,291 Master's degrees earned

834 Doctoral degrees earned

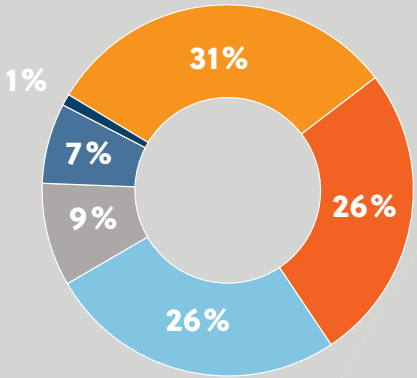
6th Nationally for number of earned doctorates
(Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2013)

600 Postdoctoral Scholars
(Fall 2015)

25% increase since 2008

Areas with postdoctoral scholars

- Health, Biological & Agricultural Sciences
- Engineering
- Math, Physical, Earth & Computer Sciences
- Multidisciplinary Institutes
- Business, Education & Social Sciences
- Humanities & Creative Arts



Graduate College Fellowships & Funding

$3.8M **Awarded in Graduate College Fellowships**
to attract, develop, retain, and graduate promising students from many diverse backgrounds

17 Illinois Distinguished Doctoral Recruitment Fellowships (AY 15-16)

45 Graduate College Recruitment Fellowships for Underrepresented Minority Students (AY 15-16)

29 Dissertation Completion Fellowships (AY 15-16)

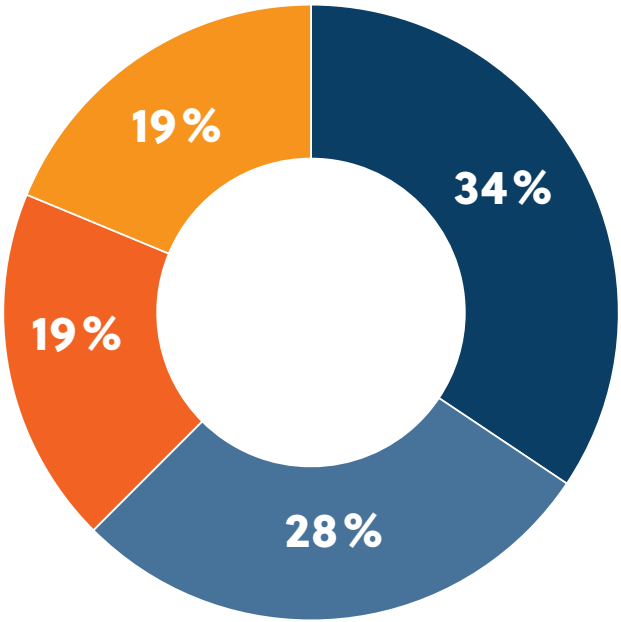
35 Travel Awards for Dissertation & Master's Projects (AY 14-15)

$756K **Focal Point Project Funding**
awarded since 2009 to promote interdisciplinary training and research experiences for graduate students

$4.8M

Block Grant Funds Awarded (AY 14-17)

- Humanities & Creative Arts
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Engineering & Physical Sciences
- Biological & Agricultural Sciences



$60K

Creative & Performing Arts Fellowship Funds
awarded in AY 15-16 in addition to Block Grant Funds for Architecture, Art & Design, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theatre, and Urban Planning

Diversifying Graduate Education

Our coordinated programming and initiatives help recruit and retain students from underrepresented populations.

Four Key Diversity Programs

SROP > ASPIRE > COS > SPI

SROP @ Illinois - Summer Research Opportunities Program for rising seniors

ASPIRE - Early Application / Fall Campus Visit Program

Community of Scholars - Spring Campus Visit Program

Summer Pre-Doctoral Institute for new doctoral students

$1M

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant
for a Sloan University Center of Exemplary Mentoring (UCEM) at Illinois

25 Sloan Scholars will receive $40,000 from Sloan
25 Illinois Sloan Scholars will receive $10,000 from Illinois

Helping Students Compete for External Funding

Our staff teach students the art of proposal writing through workshops and one-on-one reviews.

"I can't tell you how grateful I am for this process of revising my proposal. Your comments are excellent and [are] helping me to open new vistas for my project that I myself had only vague inklings of."

99

Active National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows on campus

with another 43 on reserve

(A four-fold increase since 2008)

1,200+

Fellowships listed in the Fellowship Opportunities Database

150

Intensive one-on-one fellowship proposal reviews conducted in AY 14-15

"[The proposal writing] workshop has helped me in not only preparing for proposal writing, but also in being more specific on my research topic and what to look forward to for the dissertation process as well. Invaluable experience!"

Professional Development

Students and postdocs across campus seek out our services because they are tailored to their needs.

Based on Graduate College AIDE surveys, career advising is the ***#1*** area graduate students report wanting more feedback.

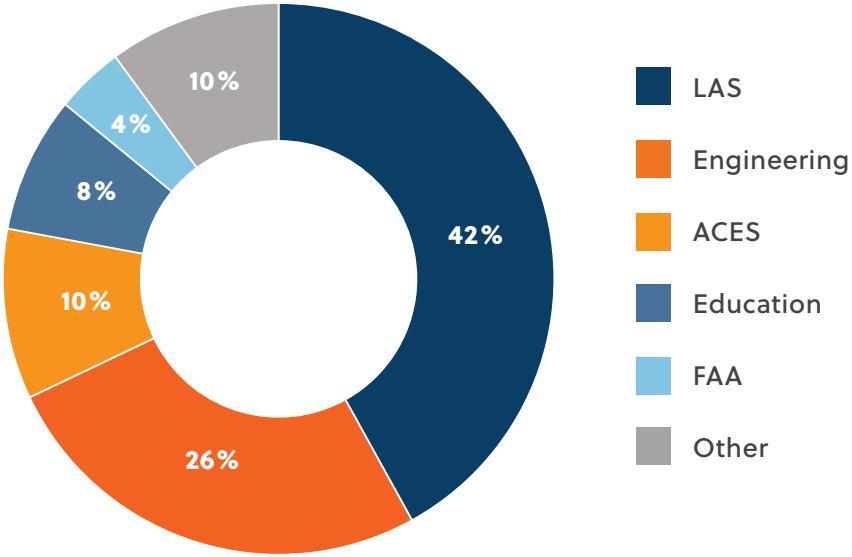
700

Career advising appointments

82

Professional development workshops reaching 1,800 students

Graduate students using our career development services come from the following colleges:



Figures based on program data for AY 14-15.

Behind the Scenes

With expertise in graduate education, we work efficiently to serve our students and programs throughout the year.

1M
Recruitment & admission emails sent

16K
Registration & record change requests processed

1,800
Preliminary & final exam requests processed

4,200
Degree certification requests processed

4M
visitors to our website annually

1-day
Turnaround time for processing domestic applications

2-day
Turnaround time for processing international applications (including issuing the I-20)

3rd
Ranked third, after Campus Recreation and the Illini Union, in overall satisfaction (*ISSS International Student Barometer Survey*)

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