



GRADUATE EDUCATION @ ILLINOIS

BY THE NUMBERS

**THE GRADUATE
COLLEGE**

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Celebrating Graduate Education



This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our university, including its world-renowned reputation for graduate education. The Graduate College was established in 1892 to ensure the high quality of an Illinois graduate degree and to provide fellowship support to graduate students. Our core mission remains the same. Yet, as times change, so do we. In today's rapidly changing environment, 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. As you will see, we have much to celebrate.

Sincerely,



Wojtek J. Chodzko-Zajko, PhD
Dean, Graduate College
Shahid and Ann Carlson Khan Professor in Applied Health Sciences

11,613

Graduate students

(Fall 2016, excludes Law JD, Vet Med DVM, and CITL non-degree students)

44%

International students from 101 countries

Top 10 countries: China, India, South Korea, Taiwan, Iran, Turkey, Brazil, Indonesia, Canada, Pakistan

8%

Underrepresented (URM) students from the U.S. and its territories

URM defined as: African American, Latina/Latino, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander

156

Master's degree programs

91

Doctoral degree programs

26

Fully online graduate degree programs

560

Postdoctoral scholars

61% International
32% Female

2,500+

Graduate faculty

5th

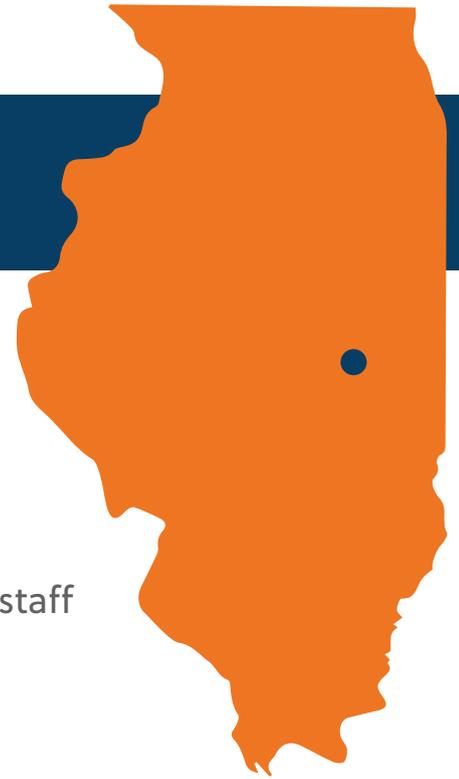
Nationally for number of earned doctorates

(Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2015)

"Show me a great research university and I will show you a university with vibrant, world-class graduate students."

~ Marybeth Gasman

Attracting & Graduating Promising Students



Top 5 reasons to choose Illinois

- Program faculty or adviser
- Academic quality/reputation of a graduate program
- Communication with faculty, graduate students, and/or staff
- Cost: tuition, health benefits, financial package
- Academic quality/reputation of the institution

(Source: Graduate College AIDE surveys)

25,786

Applications

(AY 16)

14.8%

Increase in applications

(AY 11-16)

29.9%

Increase in international applications

(AY 11-16)

40.5%

Increase in new URM enrollments

(AY 11-16)



3,394

Master's degrees earned (AY 15)



731

Doctoral degrees earned (AY 15)

Diversifying Graduate Education

Our coordinated programming and initiatives broaden participation in graduate education.

"Visiting the campus, meeting some of the faculty and graduate students and even interacting with prospective graduate students at Illinois provided valuable insight, helping me make an informed decision about my future. I know I have choices when it comes to choosing a graduate school, but thanks to the unique opportunity I was given, I am positive that UIUC is the right school for me."

ASPIRE participant

"Community of Scholars was a phenomenal experience! Perhaps the most eye-opening aspect was the research conference, where I had a chance to see and hear what current Illinois graduate students were researching and investigating. That really gave me a taste of what was possible. And the students I met at Community of Scholars who also chose Illinois for graduate school are some of my closest friends now!"

Xuxa Rodriguez - Art History,
Community of Scholars participant,
Summer Pre-doctoral Institute (SPI) fellow,
Graduate College fellow

4 CORE PROGRAMS TO DIVERSIFY GRADUATE EDUCATION

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

1,300+

Applications to our Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP @ Illinois).

169

Summer Pre-doctoral (SPI) Fellows currently enrolled in graduate programs. Since its inception in 1999, SPI has served 463 URM graduate students.

150

Undergraduates applied to participate in the Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP). 16 finalists were paired to work with 16 graduate students.

\$1M

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant for a Sloan University Center of Exemplary Mentoring (UCEM) at Illinois to broaden participation in advanced engineering, physical, and mathematical science careers. 25 Sloan Scholars will receive \$40,000 from Sloan and 25 Illinois Sloan Scholars will receive \$10,000 from Illinois.

Graduate College Fellowships and Funding

We provide funding to attract, develop, retain, and graduate promising students from many diverse backgrounds.

\$3.3M

Awarded in Graduate College Fellowships

11

Illinois Distinguished doctoral recruitment fellowships (AY 16-17)

28

Graduate College recruitment fellowships for underrepresented minority students (AY 16-17)

29

Dissertation Completion fellowships (AY 16-17)

30

Travel awards for dissertation & master's projects (AY 15-16)

\$60K

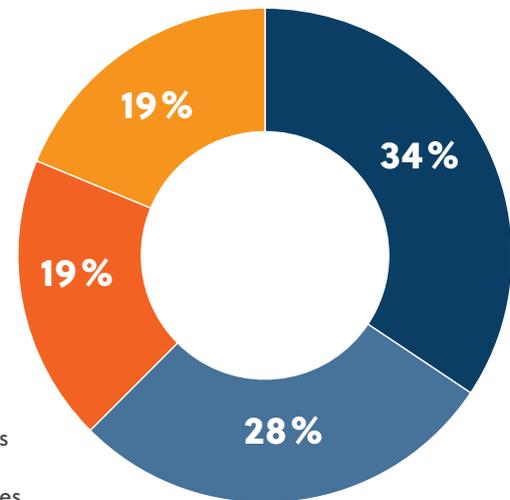
Creative & Performing Arts Fellowship Funds

for Architecture, Art & Design, Dance, Landscape Architecture, Music, Theatre, and Urban Planning

\$4.8M

Block Grant Funds Awarded (AY 14-17)

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



Our students win prestigious fellowships from agencies such as:



Helping Students Compete for External Funding

We teach the art of proposal writing to help graduate students win external fellowships.

1,100+

Fellowships
listed in our
Fellowship
Finder database

150

Intensive
one-on-one
fellowship proposal
reviews conducted

99

Active National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellows on campus,
with another 42 on reserve

Here is what our students say about our services...

“Her detailed comments [in her review of my draft] were to the point, and impressed even my adviser. I cannot thank her enough for leading me through this important process of learning how to write a proper project proposal. What she has done for me is priceless.”

“I would like to thank you SO much for your awesome presentation today. I felt a lot more prepared to apply for fellowships. As a first-generation doctoral student, seeking funding can be overwhelming due to the lack of exposure, but your workshop has definitely motivated me to apply for several fellowships.”

Professional Development

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

74

Professional development workshops reaching 1,600 students

4.2

Average career development workshop rating by participants (out of a 5-point scale)

24%

Increase in confidence regarding career development skills, according to workshop participant surveys

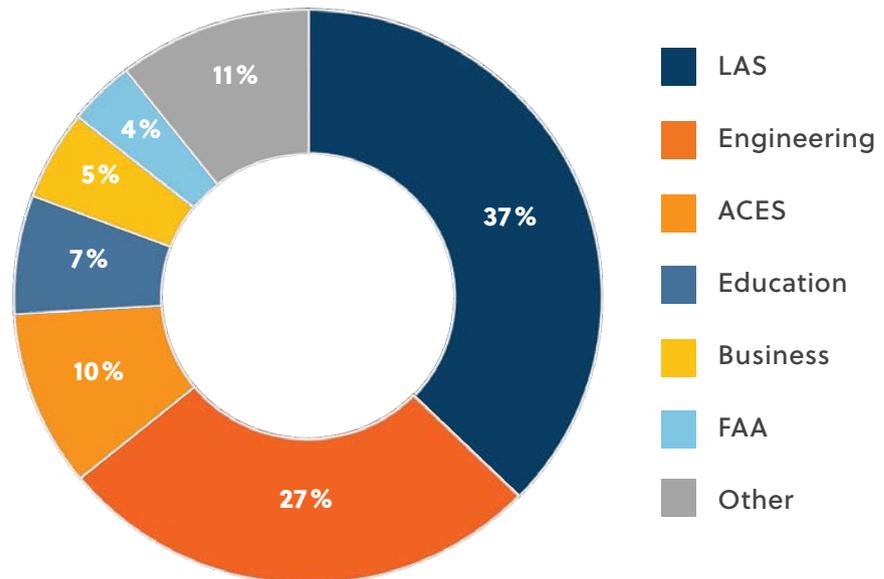
990

Career advising appointments

#1

Career development is the number one area in which graduate students want more feedback, according to Graduate College AIDE surveys

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



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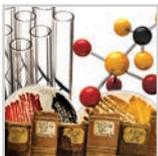
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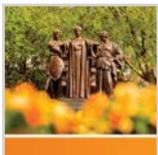
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