An Introduction to the WSU Graduate School

New Faculty Orientation

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Graduate School Mission Statement

• Service: Serve Students, Faculty, Academic Programs, Colleges, and the Institution

• Oversight: Standards of Graduate Education, Program and Institutional Review and Assessment, Administrative Support for Graduate Education

• Advocacy: For Research, Graduate Education, Diversity, Integrity on Campus, Nationally and Globally
Graduate Programs at WSU

• 67 Master's Programs
• 43 Doctoral Programs
• 23 Certificate Programs
• 4200 Graduate Students across WSU statewide

• Note: 3 Professional Programs (not under GS)
Working with Your Graduate Students

- Set clear expectations
- Understand his/her goals
- Find preferred ways of working and communicating
- Be aware of Graduate School and Program policies and deadlines
- Contact us if you have any questions or concerns!
Authorship and Intellectual Property

- Whose intellectual property is it?
- Discuss and agree upon publication rights before the project is completed.
- Put agreements in writing.
- Who can publish anew from the data?
Research and Teaching Assistantships

- Variable salaries determined by degree program.

- Most appointments are at .5 FTE (20 hours/week)-New FLSA Law.

- Domestic students MUST establish state residency in the first year of their assistantships (non-resident waivers provided only in year 1)

- Medical and dental health benefits are currently provided by WSU for state funded assistantships-New ACA has changed that

- Faculty should work with their departmental staff to process paperwork for assistantships
Policies and Milestones for Your Students

• Approved Up-to-Date Program of Study
• Updated Committee
• Preliminary Exams—Completed
• Enrolled for Research Credits (700/702/800)
• ABD Waiver Program
• Continuous Doctoral Status/Graduate Leave
• Application for Graduation
• Scheduling your final exam/interim exam
Graduate Student Scholarships and Fellowships

- 7 new scholarships last year, 38 New Awardees nominated by Colleges
- ARCS Foundation Fellowships (National Organization, STEM, 12 new 39 active fellows, top off awards for recruitment)
- RADS Assistantships (20 RA/year, matching, URM, 1st Gen)
- NSF Fellows, proposal training program (doubled number of fellows last year)- workshop this fall
Leveraging Grant Proposals with Graduate Student Support

Focus on Direct Graduate Student Opportunities, Give priority to leveraging training grants, fellowships, scholarships, graduate student internships

Requires a college/unit partnership

Emphasize recruitment and retention of top students and URM given the new WSU Strategic Plan
Reinvigorating the Individual Interdisciplinary Doctor Program

• New donor funding for this program for both students and participating faculty

• Not a substitute for existing PhD programs, or non-existing PhD programs, or for poor performing students

• Interdisciplinary set-curricular programs vs. Individual Interdisciplinary programs

• WSU’s IIDP is among the oldest in the Nation (85% academic placement)

• External and internal recruitment using participating faculty disciplinary cohorts
Thank You and Welcome to WSU!
Questions?

http://gradschool.wsu.edu/facultystaff-resources/18-2/