Western Michigan University’s Graduate College is the institution’s primary advocate for graduate program excellence, providing strategic leadership and support for graduate education, within a learner-centered, discovery driven and globally engaged university.

The Graduate College works to:

• Shape graduate policy to best support quality programming
• Encourage the development and nurturing of excellent graduate programs
• Uphold standards and policies for graduate study, fostering an ethical academic community responsive to the needs of a pluralistic society
• Provide support for the recruitment, retention, and successful graduation of a diverse body of graduate students
• Integrate services that support students in becoming accomplished and ethical scholars, researchers and professionals in their disciplines of study
• Engage multiple constituents across campus on behalf of graduate education

WMU’s Graduate Programs:

• Represent points of distinction for WMU compared to other regional state institutions
• Support excellence in teaching, research and scholarship
• Provide life-long learning opportunities, advancements in intellectual creativity, and career success
• Prepare the next generation of professional, scholarly and educational leaders

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WMU Graduate Education Fast Facts

- WMU has engaged in graduate education for over 60 years, and has awarded nearly 66,000 graduate degrees to date. Each year WMU welcomes over 1,000 new graduate students.

- WMU offers 102 nationally and internationally recognized graduate programs in a wide range of disciplines, including 71 master’s programs, one specialist program, 30 doctoral programs, and 10 graduate certificates.

- For Fall 2013, nearly 5,100 graduate students are studying and conducting research at WMU, which represents 21% of WMU’s student body. This includes over 3,700 at the Master’s level, and nearly 870 at the Doctorate level.

- Over 100 doctoral degrees have been awarded annually for the past six years, with 117 awarded during 2011/12, along with nearly 1,300 Master’s degrees.

WMU’s Graduate Education Points of Pride

- U.S. News & World Report (2014) ranks 16 of WMU’s graduate programs among the top 200 in the nation, and five of these are among the top 50. Numerous other programs are highly ranked by various professional organizations and societies.

- A sample of recent awards won by our graduate students and alumni includes:
  - a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in Chemistry
  - the Flannery O’Connor Award in Short Fiction
  - the TAPPI PaperCon 2013 best student paper award
  - a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship
  - a Kosciuszko Foundation scholarship award winner in History
  - a vocal jazz group DownBeat magazine award winner
  - the Kennedy Center National Association of Partners of American Theatre Annual Playwriting Excellence Award

- WMU is part of an alliance to broaden the diversity of students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) graduate programs, and since 2004, has doubled the number of graduate students from underrepresented groups studying STEM at WMU.

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