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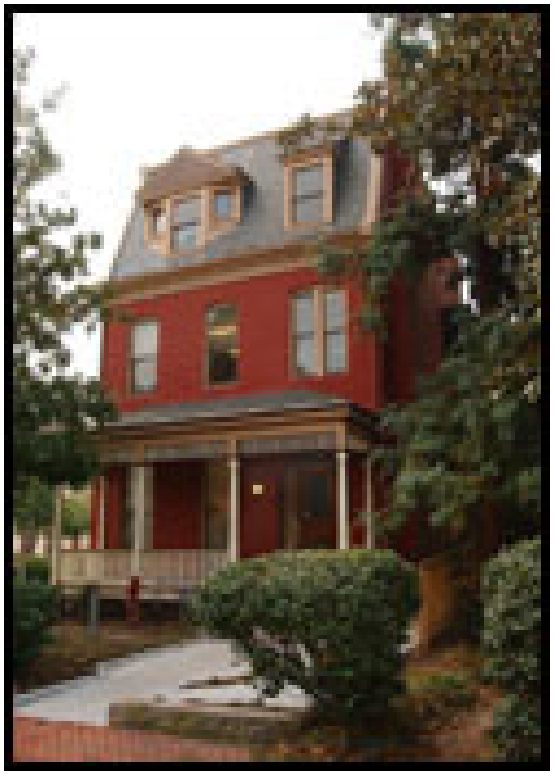

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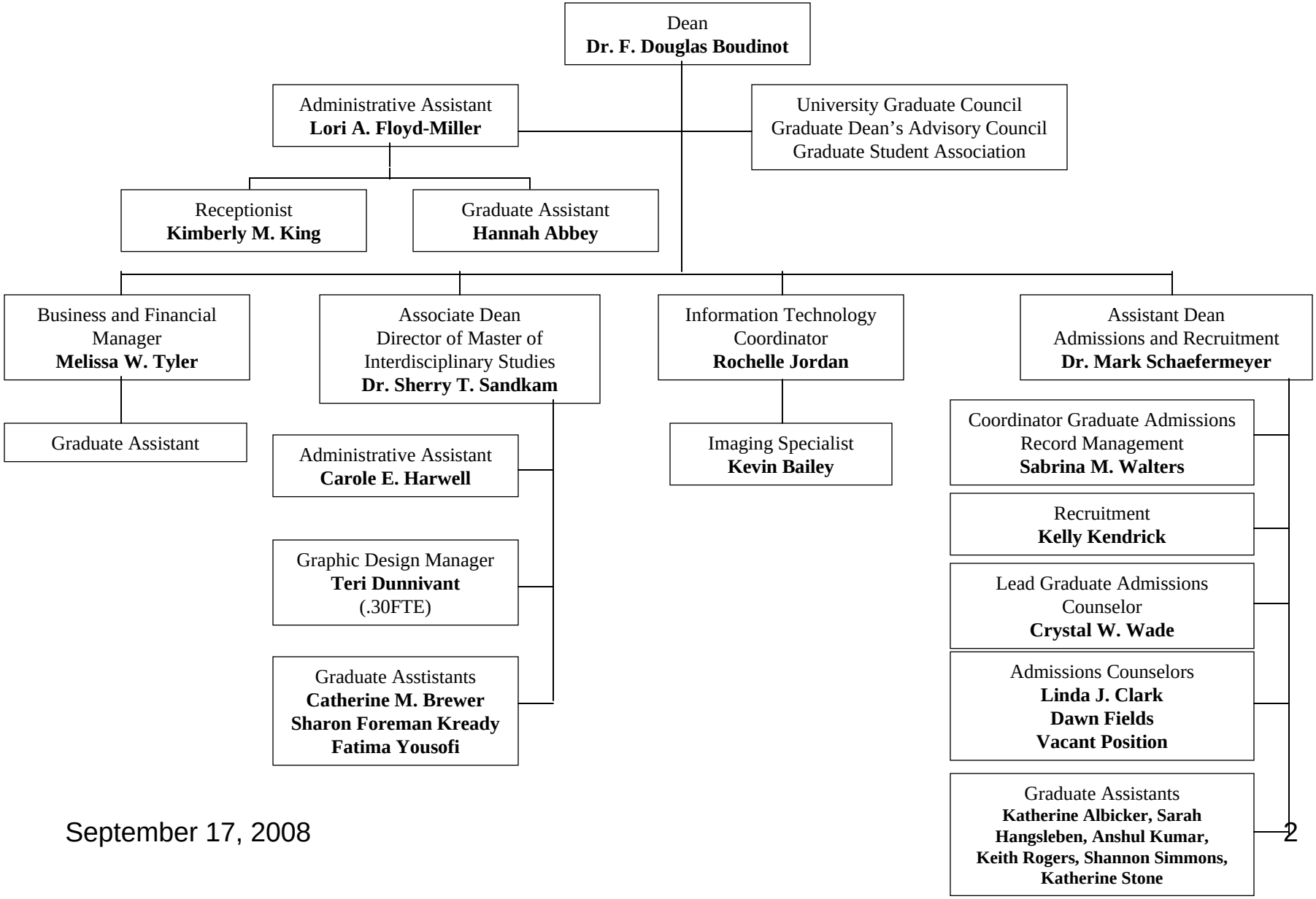

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VCU 2020

Theme II, *Initiative 4:*

As VCU develops new graduate programs, concentrating on doctoral level education, it needs to double the total number of graduate students by 2020, increase the proportion of full-time graduate students, provide funded assistantship opportunities for at least 50 percent of doctoral students

Theme III, *Initiative 7:*

Continue to strengthen the Graduate School through the addition of new graduate programs (particularly at the doctoral level), through the expansion of and increases in graduate stipends, and the initiation of developmental programs designed to increase graduate student involvement in undergraduate student learning.

Graduate School

Graduate Faculty – 1,103

Graduate Programs

24 Certificates; 72 Master's; 32 Doctoral Degrees

Graduate Students – 5,795

68% Master's, 25% Doctoral, 7% Certificate,

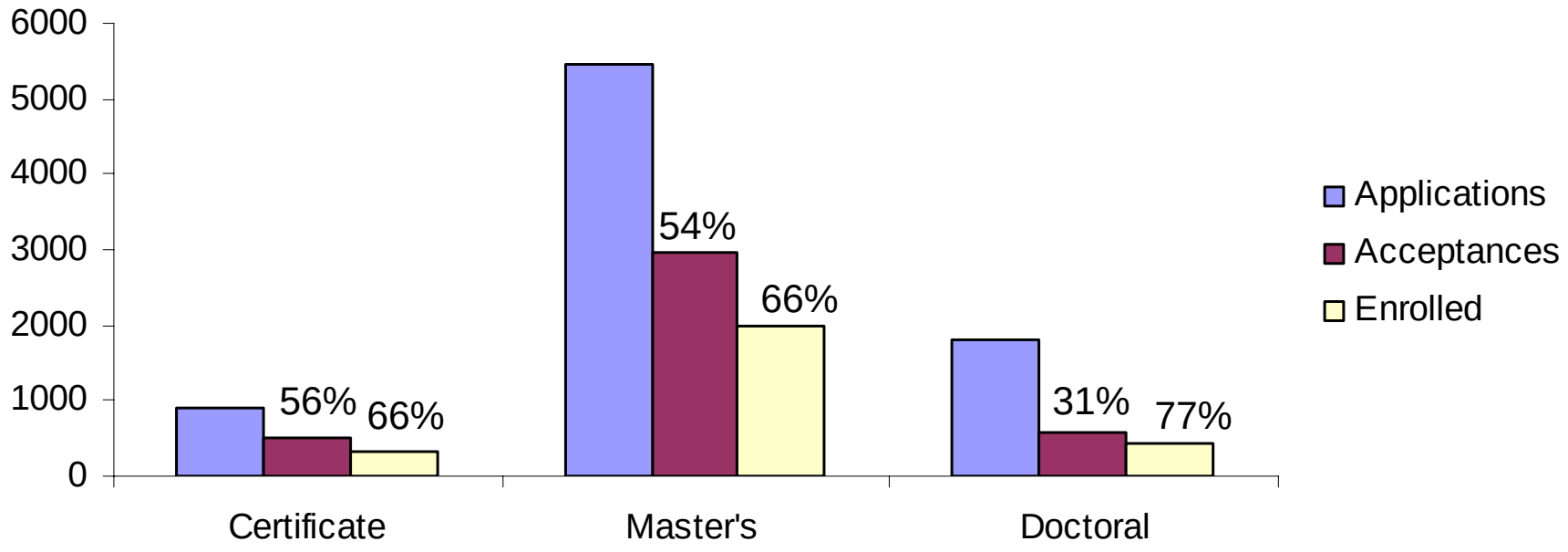
64% Female, 35% Male

74% Resident, 26% Non-resident

19% Minority, 58% White, 10% International

58% Full-time, 42% Part-time

Graduate Admissions 2008



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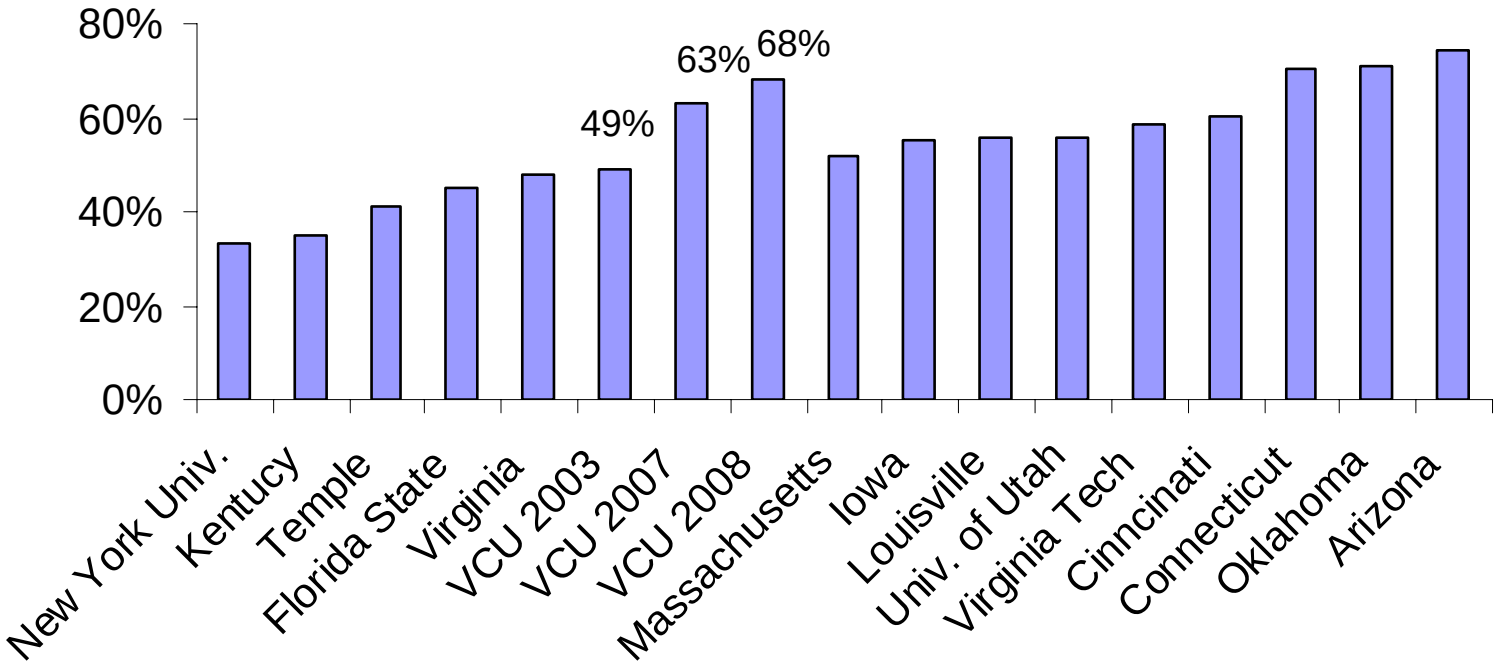
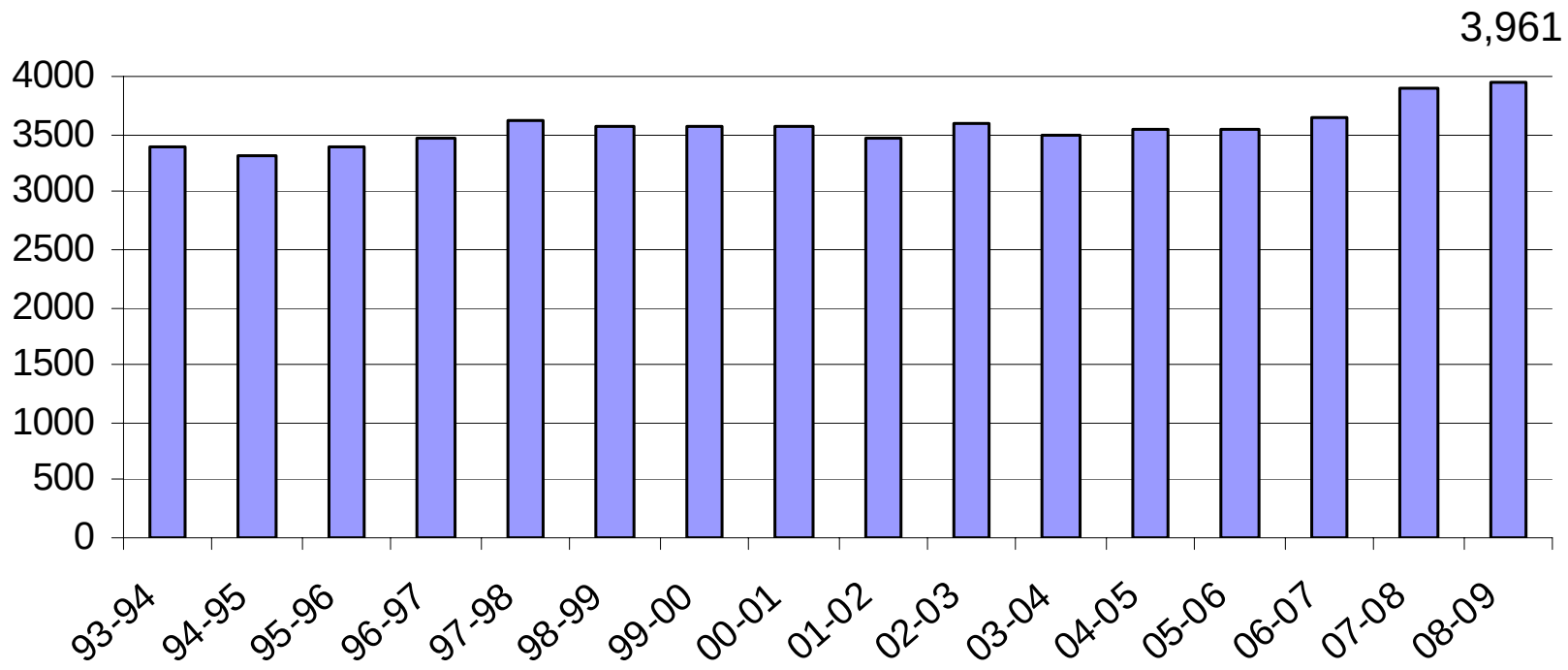


Master's Student Enrollment



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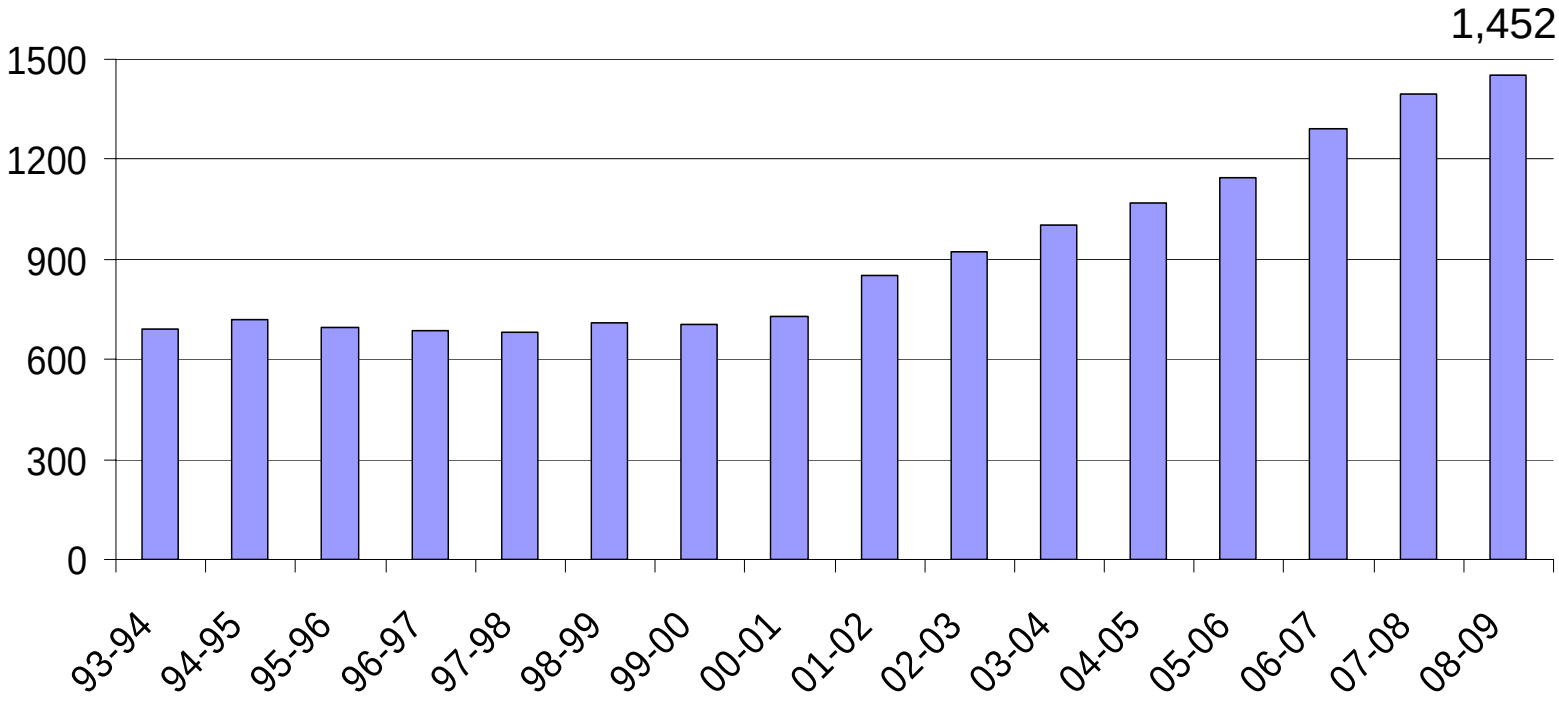

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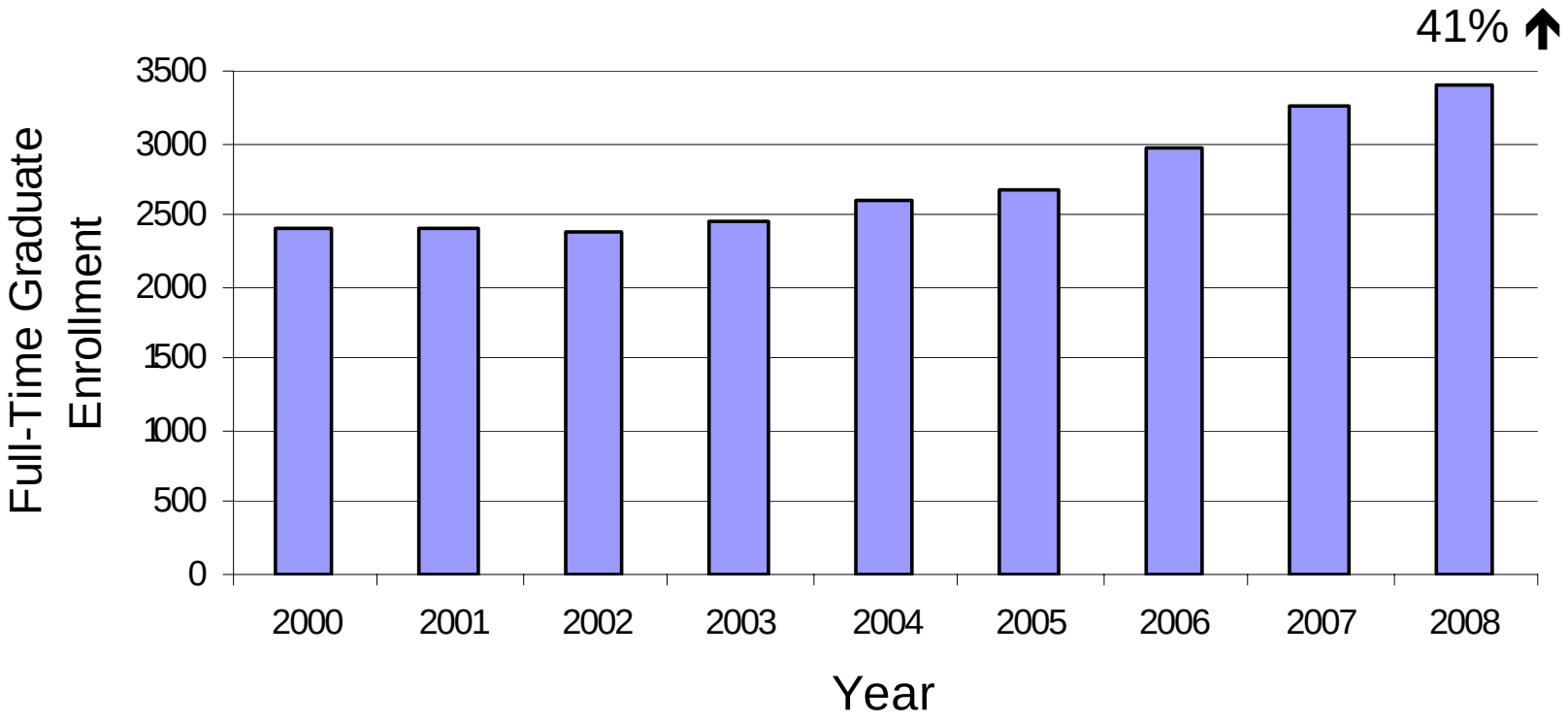

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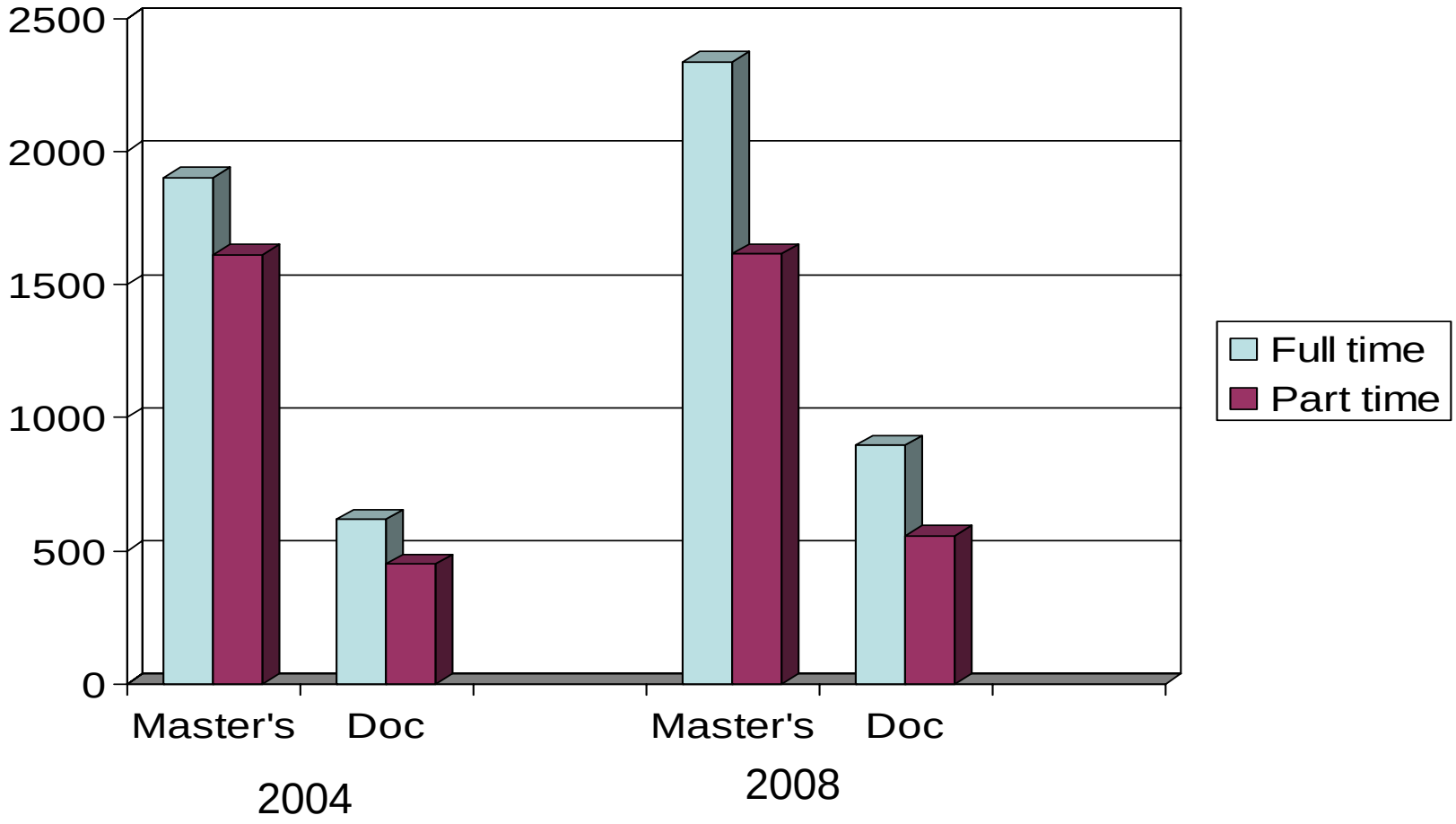
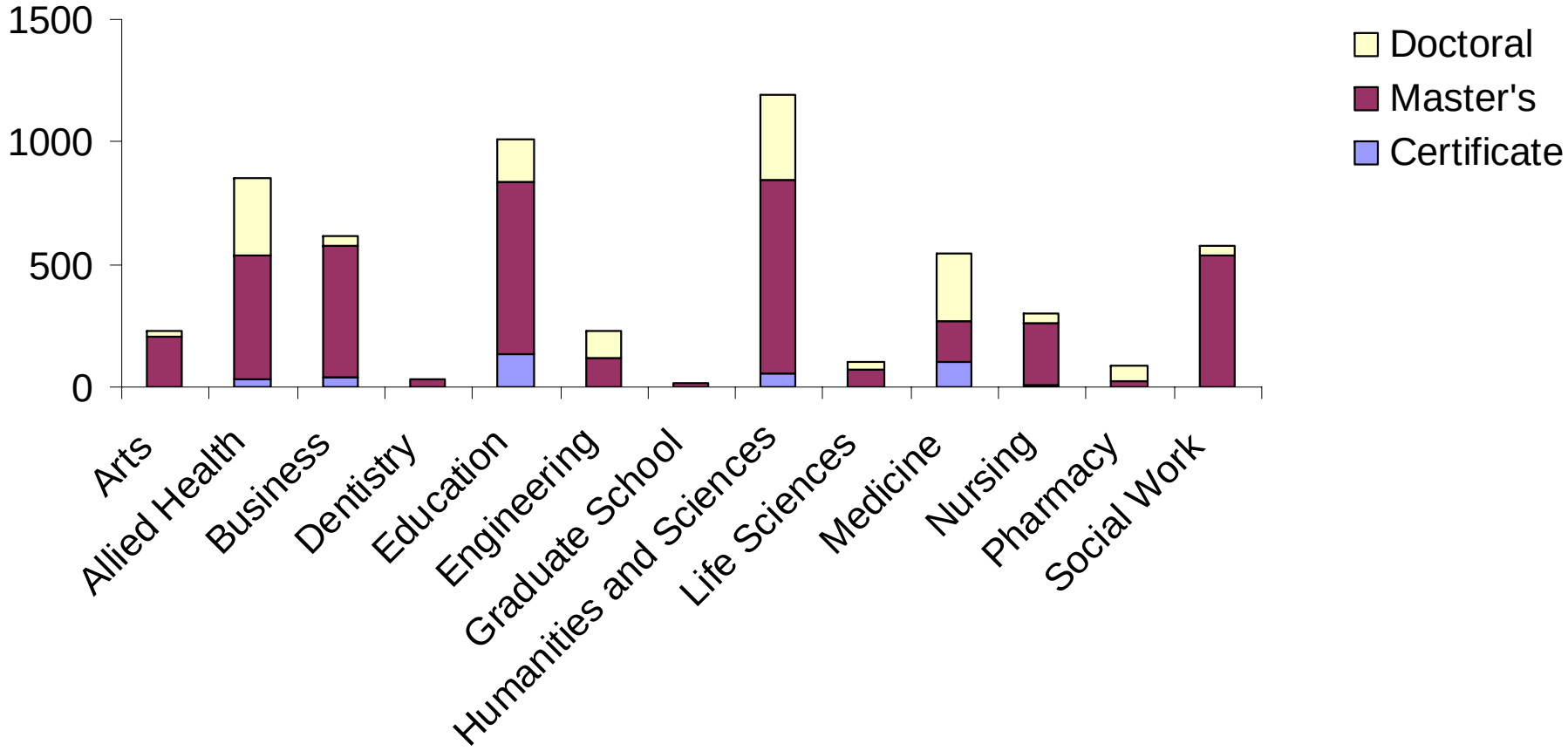


Graduate Student Enrollment
Fall 2008



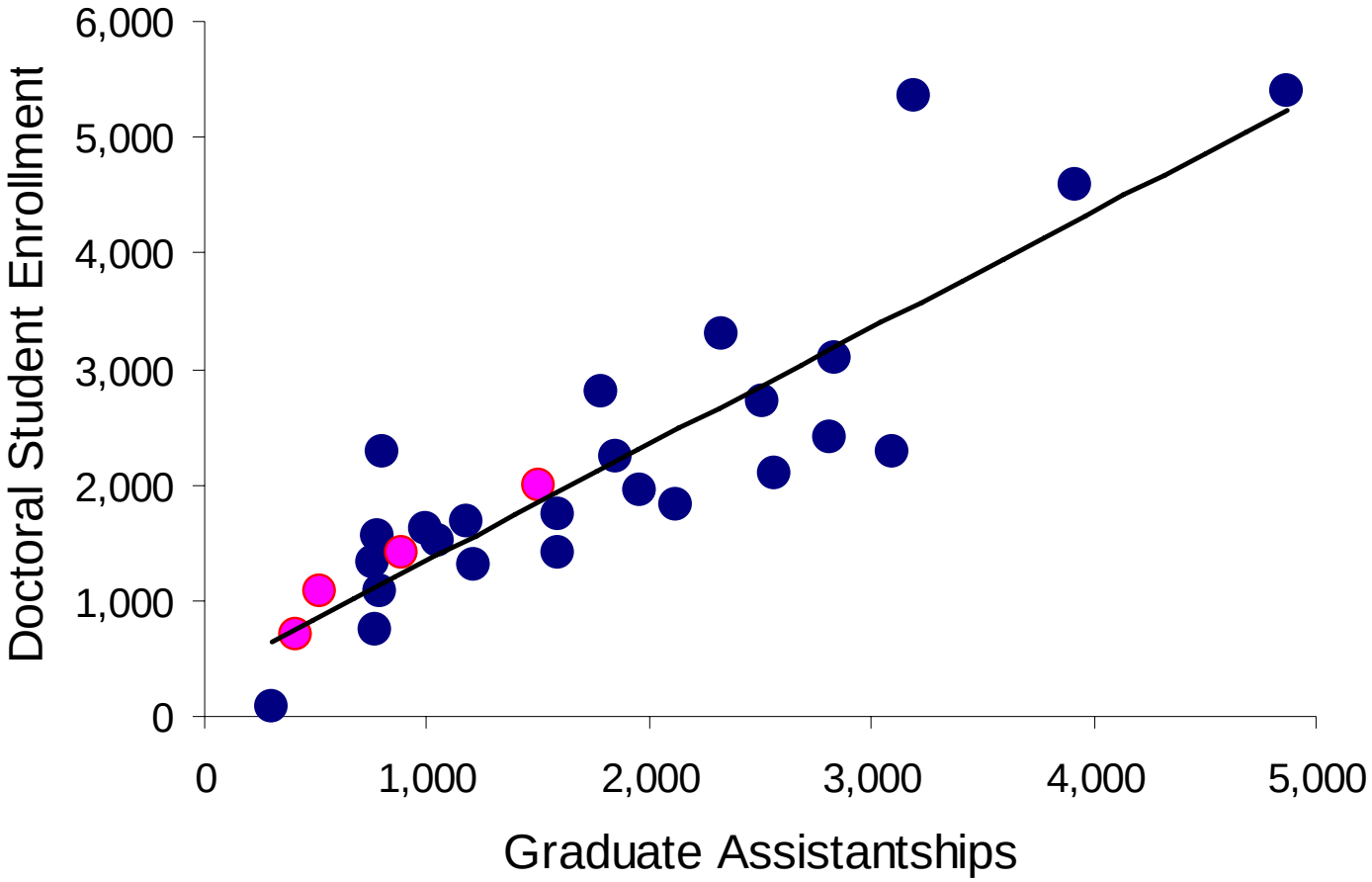
New Graduate Degree Programs

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia
- PhD in Media, Art and Text
- PhD in Clinical Psychology
- PhD in Counseling Psychology
- PhD in Health Psychology
- PhD and MS in Clinical and Translational Sciences
- MS in Athletic Training
- MS in Medical Physics
- MA in Homeland Security
- MS in Addiction Studies
- MFA Kinetic Design
- EdS in Teacher Leadership

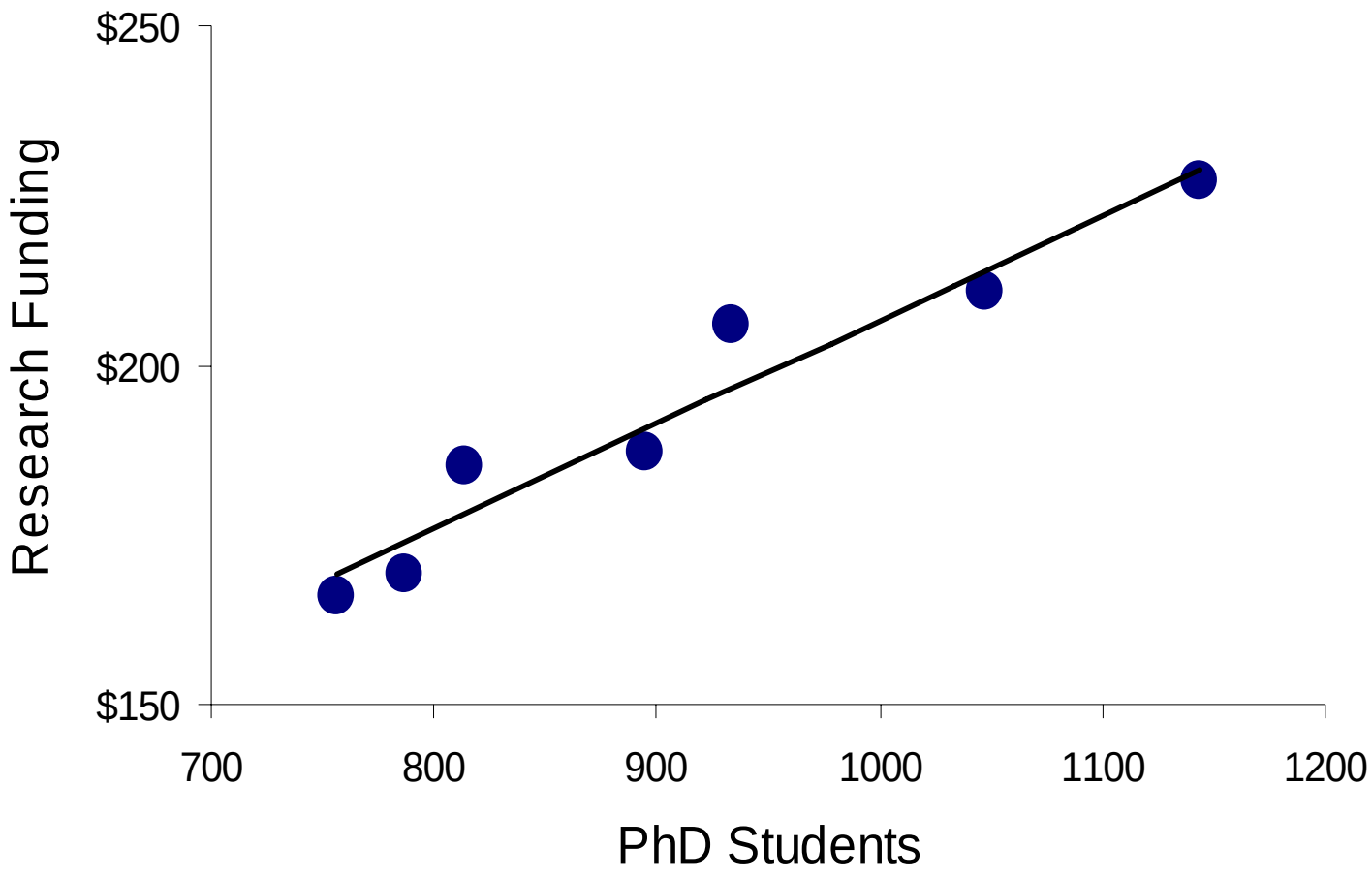
Pending Graduate Degree Programs

- PhD in Social and Behavioral Health
- PhD in Chemical Biology
- PhD in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- PhD in Systems Modeling and Analysis
- PhD in Neuroscience
- EdD in Educational Leadership
- PhD in Literacy Studies
- MS in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
- Master of Management
- MS in Computer and Information Systems Security

Graduate Assistantships - Peers



PhD Student Enrollment and Sponsored Programs Dollars at VCU



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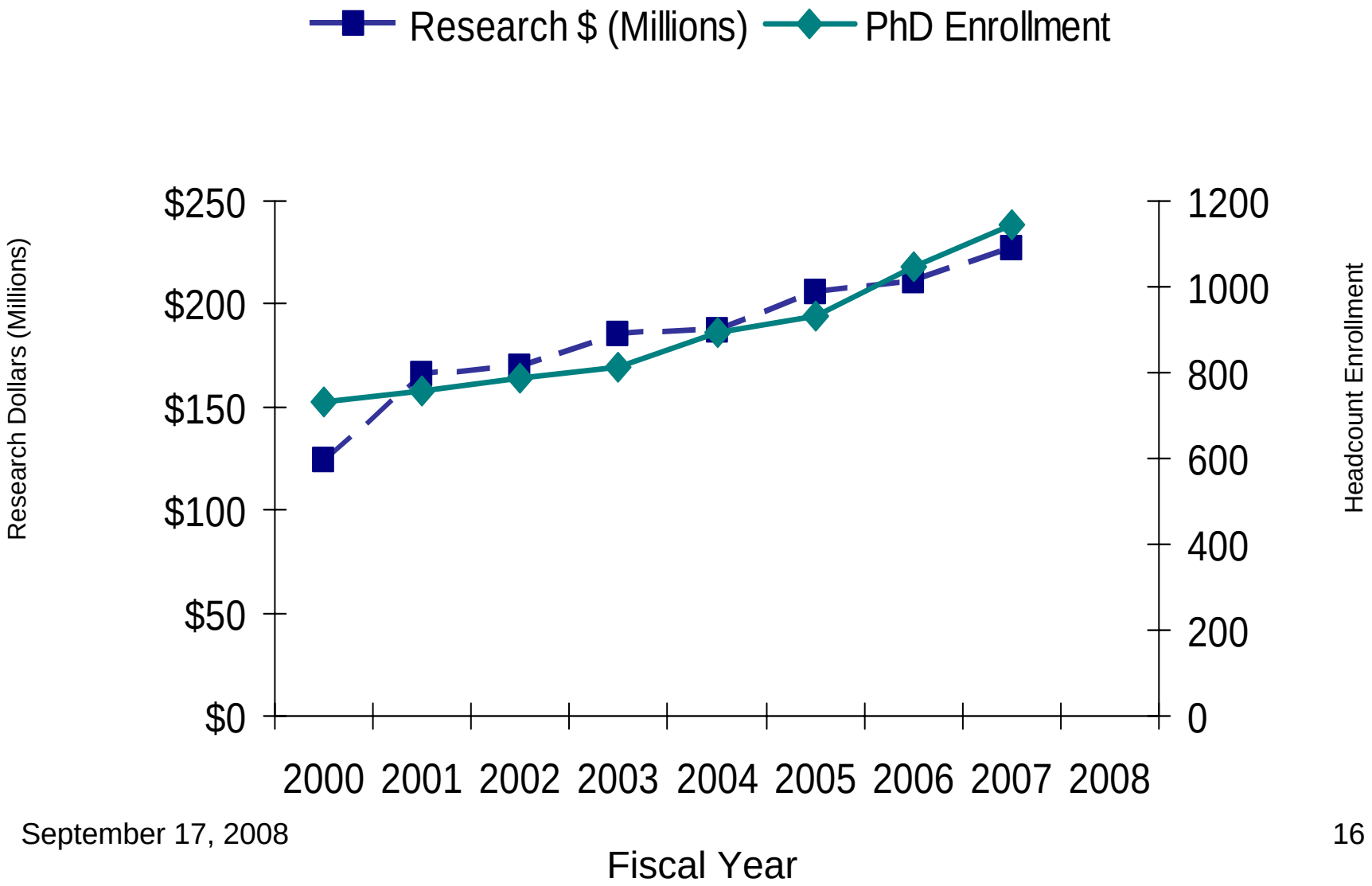

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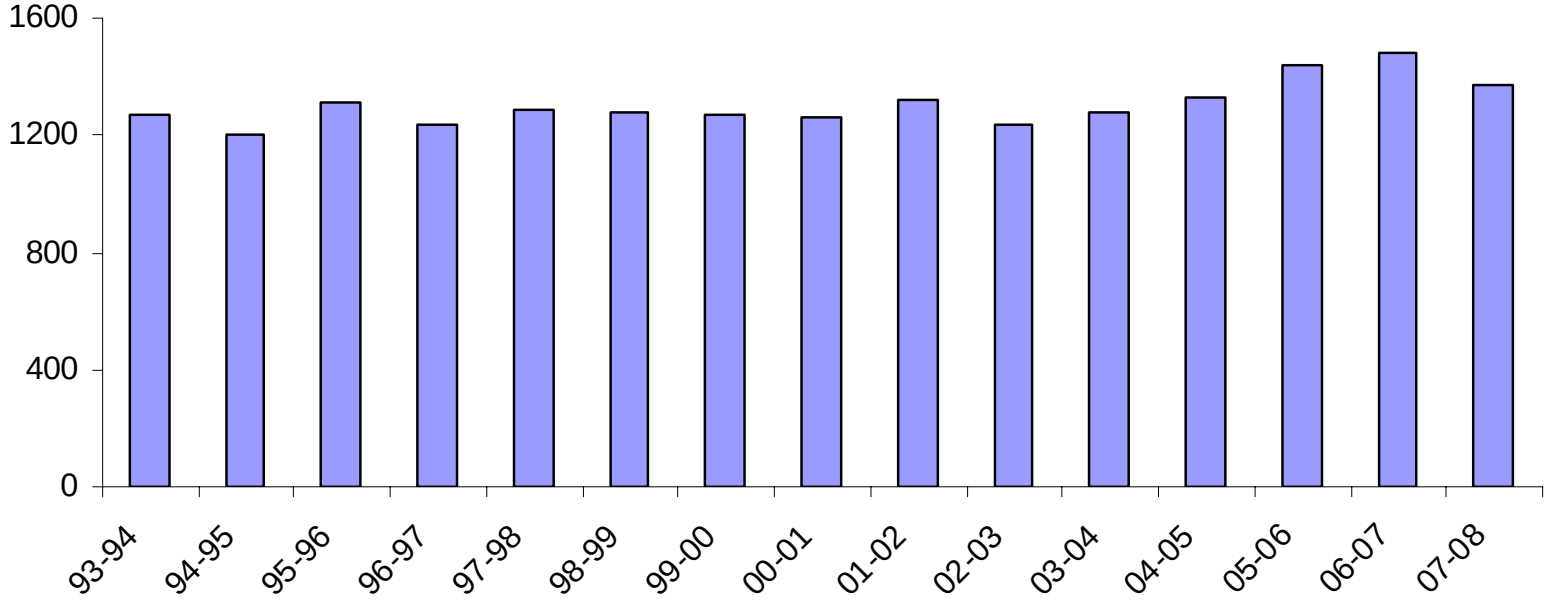

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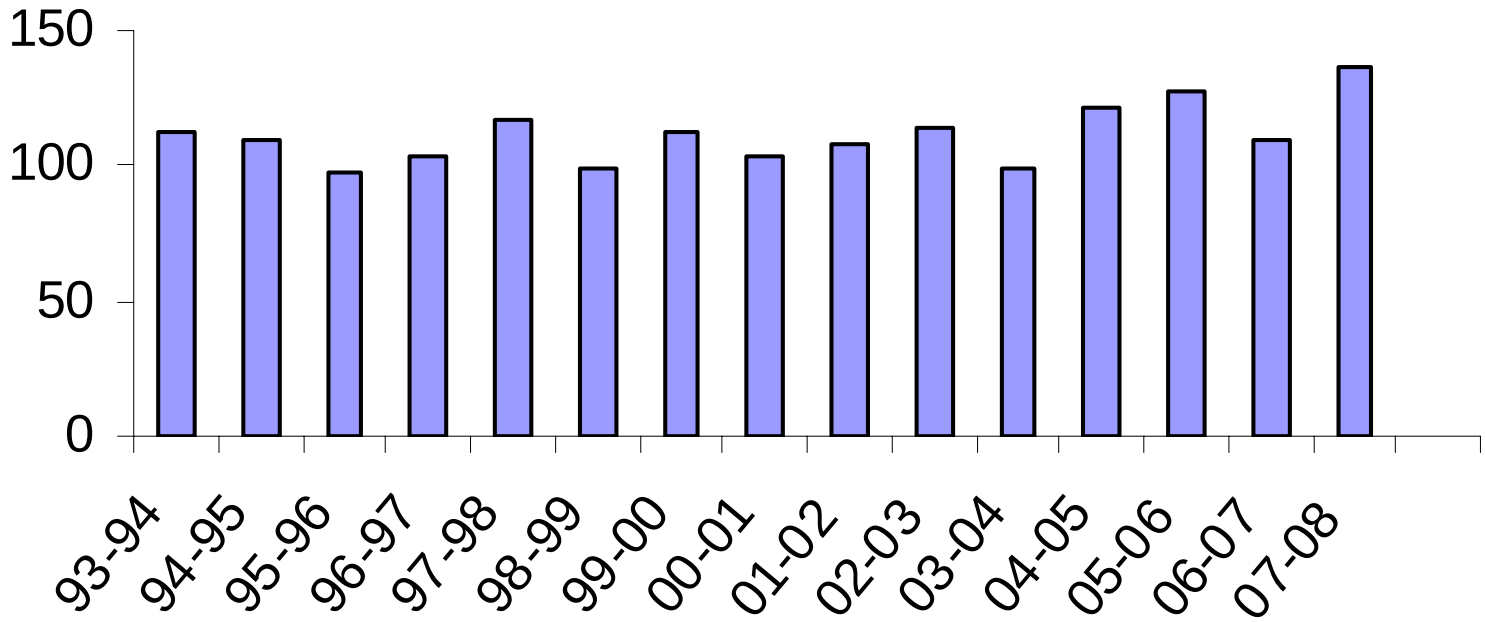

Minority Graduate Students

- VCU ranked 64th in the number of master's degrees and 32nd in the number of doctoral degrees awarded to African American students.[1]

- Over 10% of the PhD recipients at VCU were African American, while the national average for research extensive universities was 5.5%.[2]

- Currently, minority students comprise 20% of the graduate student population at VCU.

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[1] Diverse Issues in Higher Education, http://www.diverseeducation.com/Top100graduatedegreeproducers2007.asp

[2] NSF/NIH/NEH/USED/USDA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, *Summary Report 2006, Doctorate Recipients from the United States Universities*, November 2007.

Graduate School Initiatives

- Graduate Student Funding
- New Graduate Programs
    - Ph.D.
    - Professional Master's
- Graduate Student Services
    - Health Insurance, Graduate Student Housing
- Preparing Future Faculty
- Graduate School Mentorship Program
- Graduate Student Professional Development
- Policies and Procedures