Graduate School

Graduate Faculty – 1,052 full; 261 affiliate
Graduate Programs
   24 Certificate; 73 Master’s; 39 Doctoral Degrees
Graduate Students – 6, 094
   89% Degree seeking (5,428)
   60% Master’s, 24% Doctoral, 5% Certificate
   63% Female, 37% Male
   72% Resident, 26% Non–resident
   21% Minority, 65% White, 9% International
   63% Full–time, 37% Part–time
Fall 2012 Master’s Enrollment

-- Bar chart showing enrollment trends from 2000 to 2012 --
Fall 2012 Doctoral Enrollment
Fall 2012 Graduate Enrollment
Changes in the federal student loan policies appear to have a negative impact on graduate enrollment

- Elimination of the federal subsidized loan program will result in higher student debt potentially limiting students’ ability to afford graduate education
- Graduate students will no longer be eligible for financial loan based incentives for repaying loans on schedule
- Effect on “academic progress”
Master’s Degrees Awarded

Year | Degrees Awarded
----|-----------------|
2002 | 1300
2003 | 1200
2004 | 1100
2005 | 1000
2006 | 900
2007 | 800
2008 | 700
2009 | 600
2010 | 500
2011 | 400
2012 | 300
Doctoral Degrees Awarded


0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350
## Doctoral Graduation and Retention

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<td>299 (100%)</td>
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Doctoral Student Enrollment and Sponsored Programs

Research Dollars (Millions) vs. Doctoral Enrollment
Graduate Assistantships: VCU Peers

Doctoral Student Enrollment vs. Graduate Assistantships

VCU 2002

VCU 2012
## Assistantship Stipends: VCU Peers

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Assistantship Tuition: VCU Peers

The majority of VCU Peer institutions allow for reduced tuition for graduate assistantships

- Full resident tuition paid: 5 Universities
- Tuition waived or reduced: 26 Universities

Effect of sequestration (NIH and NSF) on research assistantships?
Challenges

Increase stipends and number of graduate assistantships

◦ $21,000 stipend by Fall 2013
◦ Increase stipend by $1,000 and add approximately 25 new GA positions each year

Tuition restructuring for GAs, TAs and RAs

◦ Option 1. Reduced full-time tuition for all Graduate Assistantships
◦ Option 2. Reduced tuition after candidacy for all thesis/dissertation graduate students
Professional Development

- Preparing Future Faculty
- Graduate Student Mentorship
- Preparing Future Leaders and Entrepreneurs
- Research travel grants
- Thesis/Dissertation assistantships
- Career website
  www.graduate.vcu.edu/community/career.html
Graduate Student Engagement

Graduate Student Association

• Graduate student orientation
• Social functions
  o Wednesday, April 3, 2013: 11:30 am
    Graduate Student Spring Luncheon
  o Thursday, April 4, 2013: 11:30 am
    Graduate Student Spring Luncheon
  o Monday, April 15, 2013: 3:30 pm
    Grad Student Night at the Bookstore
• Graduate Student Research Symposium
  o Tuesday, April 23, 2013: 11:00 am
• Funding for 22 VCU graduate student organizations
Graduate Student Engagement

• National Association of Graduate and Professional Students
  • Reteeka Bhardwaj: Vice President
  • Travel to Regional and National Conferences
• Alpha Epsilon Lambda Honor Society